

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 15 April 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Gosnay, Mudge, Hardie, Hester, Dyke, Savage, Power and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Walker, Ridgers
In attendance 3 members of the public

042/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Hardie proposed, and Cllr Mudge seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 18 March 2013.

043/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded the Cllrs present of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in respect of any items included on the Agenda. None stated.

044/13 MATTERS ARISING

The Council has used the Parish Post to ask residents for feed back regarding **buses (178) using Chapel Hill**.

The Clerk will ask Okehampton police for a comment on the legality of the current usage.

DCCouncillor James McInnes will update the Council regarding the **Travellers Site** at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk has asked DCC Highways Road Safety Officer Michael Newcombe to advise on the **drop off point of the late bus**. Mr Newcombe says it is outside his remit as the bus is arranged directly between the College and Carmel coaches. Clerk to telephone Mr Newcombe to ask for clarification, and to copy in DCCouncillor James McInnes on the correspondence so far.

Sanctuary Housing have responded confirming that the 106 agreement requirements were adhered to when selecting a tenant for the recent vacancy at Turnpike Close.

045/13 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0082/13 – Ford House - approved

DNPA 0045/13 – North Down – Approved

DNPA 0632/12 – 2 Great Tree Bungalow – approved

DNPA 0633/12 – 2 Great Tree Bungalow – approved

The Old School House, Drewsteignton – Tree works - approved

Applications;

DNPA 0160/13 Three banners on the drive at Castle Drogo. (for 3 years). Concern was raised that the banners would be visible from various places in the parish. Several councillors recognised that Castle Drogo needs to work hard during its 5-year waterproofing project, to maintain visitor numbers and income for itself and neighbouring businesses. The Vote went **SUPPORT X 2, OBJECT X 1, NEUTRAL VIEW X 4**. Clerk to respond to the authority **Neutral View**.

DNPA 0161/13 Statue of Julius Drewe fishing, on the bank of the Teign. A Councillor noticed that the site proposed is on the south side of the river and therefore in Moretonhampstead Parish. Clerk to notify the officer at DNPA.

Tree work at Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton, the councillors unanimously **SUPPORT** the proposal. Clerk to respond to DNPA.

The Clerk has contacted the Development Management team at WDBC about the continued planning breach at **Martins Park Farm**, but no proper response has been received. Clerk to chase.

046/13 HIGHWAYS:

Whiddon Down Link Road footpath, the Clerk has received a response from Daniel Leahy of RES, saying that the footpath is outside the planning boundary, but will be discussed at a meeting at the end of April about the whole development. Cllr Hester has some useful information that the Clerk can use to try to move this issue on. WDBC have only acknowledged the complaint about the **damage to the verge at the south junction of Turnpike Road and A382**. Clerk to chase.

Road repairs required;

Wedesden Hill (Higher Fingle – Veet Mill) - potholes

Sandy Park to Drogo drive – potholes

Greystone – Preston – Upperton - potholes

The **lay-by** opposite Martins Park Farm has chippings falling into the road, this area is unlit, and could be dangerous.

More stones have fallen into the road north of the **Sandy Park** crossroads, making this narrow section extra hazardous.

Clerk to contact authorities, again.

047/13 FINANCE;**a) Payments to be made in April 2013.**

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the following payments to be made;

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £402.99

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire - £9.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall – grant - £200

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Drewsteignton Gardeners Club – grant - £200

Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton – burial grant - £305

Whiddon Down Methodist Chapel – burial grant - £65

DALC – Association membership - £165.68

b) **Income from honesty boxes** (car park £20.79) (toilets £8.78)

c) **Precept from WDBC** paid 2 April £6844.50

d) **Financial Year End**; Councillors unanimously approved the bank Reconciliation, and the accounts for auditing purposes. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the relevant paperwork.

The Clerk was asked why the assets' declared value stays the same. This is done on advice from Devon association of Local Councils. Clerk to obtain further information on this matter. The year end has also been completed for HMRC.

e) **VAT reclaim**, will be completed in the forthcoming month.

048/13 General correspondence**Late letters;**

DALC has sent a digital survey about localism, the councillors authorised the clerk to complete it on their behalf.

The **National Cycle Network** plan to install some small signs covering the recommended route from Exeter to Okehampton. This will help promote tourism, and outdoor, sustainable recreation in the area. Clerk to respond.

DNPA 0194/13 Agricultural building and access track at Wallon, Drewsteignton. This planning application requires a site visit and extra meeting to respond within the time required by DNPA. Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Hester has attended a meeting regarding the **proposed sale of the Throwleigh Centre** with representatives from DCC and other affected parishes. DCC have been accepting £6,000 annually for a 'repairing lease' which means all costs are borne by the tenant. The current tenant would like to continue using the building. The 4 parishes concerned will meet again on 24 April, Cllrs Hester and Savage to attend. The ideal plan is to have an 'agreement in principle' drawn up before the DCC election on 2 May to avoid duplicating the work done to get this far. The Council may need to meet again before this date to agree the way forward.

Agenda letters; None

049/13 The Chairman cannot attend the **Annual Parish Meeting** on the date booked. The date has been revised to **Wednesday 15 May**, time and venue to remain the same. Clerk to inform all delegates, and the guest speaker. Councillors agreed this would be an ideal opportunity to present the framed original of the Parish Map to the Holy Trinity Church, for display therein. Clerk to arrange framing.

050/13 Very little progress on **Flytipping**. Clerk to contact WDBC.

051/13 Councillors agreed that the **time limit for members of the public speaking** at meetings should be 3 minutes.

052/13 Councillors responsibilities within the parish were discussed. It was agreed that a larger bin in the car park would result in less frequent emptying, (fortnightly by the Clerk when doing the notice-boards.) Clerk to enquire costings for WDBC to empty.

053/13 Further discussion is needed about the **retention of documents**, and advice will be sought from DALC by the Clerk. The Shoot survey responses will be kept in line with policies to be agreed.

054/13 Delegates Reports – It was suggested that the **Drewe Arms** could become a Community Asset, this will be a future agenda item.

DNPA are proposing shorter response times for **planning applications** which is likely to make more PC meetings necessary.

055/13 Comments on information circulated – None

056/13 Future agenda items –

057/13 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Monday 20 May 2013 including the AGM at Whiddon Down

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.39 pm