

**DRAFT** MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Outside Wallon Farm, Drewsteignton  
On  
Monday 29 April 2013 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs Mudge, Hester, Dyke, Savage, Power and the Clerk.  
Apologies Cllrs Walker, Gosnay, Hardie  
In attendance 1 member of the public

**058/13 Appointment of an acting Chairperson.** Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded that Cllr Savage should act as Chairman, unanimously agreed.

**059/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The acting 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.

**060/13 PLANNING**

**Applications;**

**DNPA 0194/13 General purpose agricultural building and access track** at Wallon, Drewsteignton. A site visit just before this meeting helped Councillors understand the reasons for the proposal. The Councillors all agreed that the proposal is necessary for the continuation of hundreds of years of farming on the site. The proposed building is discreetly situated, and the essential track will also be finished to visually blend with the field it is in. There is a proven need for the buildings as livestock are currently housed on site in unsuitable listed barns in a state of disrepair. Unanimous **SUPPORT** vote.

**DNPA 0212/13 Livestock building** at Wallon, Drewsteignton. A site visit just before this meeting helped Councillors understand the reasons for the proposal. The Councillors all agreed that the proposal is necessary for the continuation of hundreds of years of farming on the site. The proposed building is discreetly situated. There is a proven need for the buildings as livestock are currently housed on site in unsuitable listed barns in a state of disrepair. Unanimous **SUPPORT** vote.

Clerk to respond to planning authority.

**061/13 Proposed Sale of Throwleigh Centre;** the four parishes (Drewsteignton, Throwleigh, Gidleigh and Chagford) concerned with this issue have met, with Cllrs Hester and Savage attending on behalf of Drewsteignton. Cllr Hester explained the situation;

Devon County Council want to dispose of the centre and have offered it to all or any of the four Whiddon Parish Councils.

**a)** Take it over and carry on with the current lease

This is a full repairing lease which produces £6000 per annum. The lease runs out in August but the tenant would like to like to renew, perhaps with a longer lease. The current Tenant is a charity in North Devon with a large income and a large cash balance in the bank (in the public domain).

This option would be through a new or existing local charity. This Charity to distribute funds to local young persons.

**b)** Have Devon County sell the property. Figures of £100k to £120k have been suggested. The proceeds to be given to a new or existing Charity to have and use the income for its Charity. No disposal of the capital would be allowed. This would give an income of about the same as rental but with reducing capital it's true value would waste away. A claw-back clause in any sale would be added if development were later allowed.

**c)** Do nothing and let Devon County do as they please.

**d)** Take option **a)** and find a new tenant. DNPA have indicated that a change of use within current use class may be allowed. No residential permission would be allowed at this time.

Councillors discussed these options and agreed that the best course is **to sell** the property and invest the proceeds in a new **independent trust fund** administered by the group of Parishes, for the benefit of local young people.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm