

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 17 June 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman) Walker, Hester, Dyke, Power, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Hardie and Ridgers
In attendance 4 members of the public

Before the meeting opened officially the Chairman Cllr Savage presented the framed original of the Commemorative Jubilee Parish map to Hazel Craddock, secretary of the Parochial Church Council, for hanging in Holy Trinity Church.

079/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Walker seconded approval of the minutes of the Annual meeting and Ordinary meeting held on 20 May 2013.

080/13 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

Cllr Savage read out the resume from **Anna Imrie** as she was unable to attend this meeting. She has lots of experience of committees and is particularly interested in road safety and small businesses.

Cllr Savage read out the resume sent in by **Mike Riches**, who also added a little more in person. Mike has previous experience on Whitestone Parish Council, only leaving when he moved to Drewsteignton.

Nick Boustead spoke to the meeting, outlining his experience farming, finance and other sectors.

The Councillors discussed the candidates, who all had plenty to offer the council. Anna Imrie has attended several recent meetings, and her experience meant she was unanimously voted for co-option. Mike Riches' experience as a local councillor will be invaluable, and he was also unanimously voted for co-option. The Council thanked Nick Boustead for his interest and time, and he left the meeting.

The Clerk will update the new councillor's pack, and arrange Register of Interest forms and contact details.

081/13 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Power - DNPA

Cllr Savage – Eastern Links

Cllr Ridgers - Eastern Links

Cllr Dyke - Whiddon Down Village Hall, & Heartlands

Cllr Walker - Snow Warden & Car-park

Cllr Riches - Drewsteignton Village Hall

Playing Field – TBC

081/13 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.

082/13 MATTERS ARISING

The Okehampton College late bus issue has again been raised as not all the Carmel drivers are meeting the Colleges requirement to drop the students at the Whiddon Down bus stop. Cllr Hester to attend a meeting with parishioner Alan Brooks on Friday 21 June.

There is no report from Devon County Council on the **Travellers Site**. Clerk to chase.

A meeting with DCC and the 4 Parish group has resolved the type of constitution needed for the **Throwleigh Centre** proceeds. An agreement is in place, but will take time to process.

The police will follow up the **graffiti criminal damage** on the bus shelters at WD. They will contact Okehampton College, meet students at the bus stop, and make local enquiries for any witnesses.

A resident has complained that parents dropping students for the early bus to Exeter School are **parking across private driveways** to wait for the bus (often from 7.15 – 7.30 am.) Clerk to contact police.

083/13 HIGHWAYS:

Turnpike Road closure; still no invoice received. Traffic using **Chapel Hill illegally** continues to be a problem, Cllr Hester has canvassed opinions from residents affected. Traffic calming may be an option. Clerk to arrange site visit with Ian James, (Highways design office) and DCC Cllr James McInnes.

Whiddon Down Link Road footpath, no news yet.

The **damage to the verge** at the south junction of Turnpike Road and A382. The waste collection vehicle was spotted mounting the verge by a resident. When asked the operatives said they had not been informed that this was causing a problem. The Clerk contacted WDBC to complain that their internal communications were not effective. The following visit was carried out correctly.

084/13 PLANNING

Decisions received; None

Applications;

DNPA 0262/13 Certificate of Lawfulness for ancillary building at Hunters Lodge, Drewsteignton. The applicant spoke to the meeting, he said on purchasing the property in 1997 the building concerned had domestic fittings. Several Councillors know the building to be used as ancillary accommodation since at least 1990. The Council have no reason not to grant and respond to **SUPPORT** the application. Clerk to respond.

Development Management team at WDBC have replied saying they are waiting for an application for a dwelling at **Martins Park Farm**. The illegal siting and residence of the mobile home has now been continuing for nearly 12 months. The Clerk has written to WDBC reminding them that these are two separate issues, and that progress on the planning breach is not satisfactory. No proper reply has been received. Clerk to write to Richard Sheard, Chief Executive at WDBC.

085/13 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in June 2013.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £395.99

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

b) Income from honesty boxes (car park £33.28) (toilets £15.50)

DNPA would like a summary of the years figures (when we have them,) to publicise the project.

c) VAT reclaim, of £280.41 has been submitted

086/13 General correspondence

Late letters;

The new committee of the **playing field** have sent their minutes and would like a minor change to the constitution; to read 'the committee will be responsible to ensure that the buildings are only used for recreational purposes, and the storage of equipment associated with such use'. This accommodates the use of the building during bad weather, which the previous wording did not mention. Cllrs unanimously agreed to ratify this.

Alison Chapman, new chair of **Drewsteignton Village Hall** has written asking for clarification on where responsibilities lie. Clerk to respond. Cllrs raised the issue of the plant growth on the building. Clerk to follow up.

Agenda letters;

087/13 Devon County Council have instructed South West Highways **not to fly-tip** gulley waste and scrapings onto any verges. Monitoring by locals may be needed to ensure this is adhered to.

088/13 Following complaints about **dog mess**, WDBC's dog warden Murray Cowley has said that within a 30 & 40 mph speed limit dog owners are legally required to pick up their dog's waste. Other areas can operate a dog warden scheme. Clerk to investigate. Neighbouring parishes use unofficial signage which appears to help. Cllr Hester to enquire.

089/13 Retention of documents will be dealt with as an ongoing project.

090/13 Delegates Reports – Cllr Savage attended a recent **Eastern Links** meeting and met the new Okehampton Inspector Andy Oliver, who seems pro-active.

Cllr Dyke attended a **Senior Voice** meeting featuring RNID, a summary will be forwarded to the Parish Post. Cllr Dyke also attended a **Heartlands** forum.

Cllr Hester mentioned a public meeting about the **future of the Moretonhampstead hospital** on 17 July.

091/13 Comments on information circulated – None

092/13 Future agenda items –

093/13 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Monday 15 July 2013 at Whiddon Down, and advance notice that the September meeting will be a week earlier than usual on Monday 9 September.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm