

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 15 July 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman) Power, Imrie, Riches, Hardie, Ridgers and the Clerk. Cllr Walker arrived at 7.42 pm
Apologies Cllrs Hester and Dyke
In attendance 5 members of the public

094/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Savage seconded approval of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17 June 2013.

095/13 NEW COUNCILLORS ADMINISTRATION; Cllrs Imrie and Riches have completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms and their Registers of Interests. Also the council approved the changes of signatories for the bank account. Clerk to continue administration connected with new councillors.

096/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

097/13 MATTERS ARISING

A site visit to **Chapel Hill**, Whiddon Down has been booked with Steve Dawe (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) and DCC Cllr James McInnes for Friday 30 July, to investigate the options for traffic calming. A councillor is needed to attend, and explain residents concerns.

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

098/13 HIGHWAYS:

Turnpike Road closure; still no invoice received.

Councillors received their **allocation of footpath inspections**, to be completed by the October meeting for report to DNPA Ranger. List and maps to be provided by the Clerk.

Hester	2, 3, 4	Ridgers	1, 6	Imrie	13, 14
Walker	16, 17	Riches	10, 11, 12	Hardie	5, 21, 25
Dyke	19, 20	Savage	8, 9	Power	58, 59

099/13 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0095/13 – granted

DNPA 0245/13 – granted

DNPA 0246/13 – granted

DNPA 0239/13 – granted with amendments

Applications;

WDBC 00638/2013 Martins Park Farm, Whiddon Down – Timber dwelling for agricultural worker – three councillors made a site visit on Sat 13 July. The applicant spoke to the meeting and explained that she was selling produce locally and orders are currently outstripping supply. The 22 acres give enough space for the business to grow. The applicant has not sought another site. Neighbours spoke in support of the application. Concerns were raised about 'sporadic development in the open countryside' The vote went **SUPPORT X 4 & OBJECT X 3**. The Clerk will collate the reasons for the **SUPPORT** response to WDBC. Cllr Ridgers said that he would refer the proposal to WDBC committee and not use his delegated powers on this matter.

100/13 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in July 2013.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £396.98

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £78.45

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire x 2 - £16.00

b) Income from honesty boxes (car park £40.24) (toilets £18.55)

The Clerk has sent out a **summary of the year's figures**, which will be forwarded to DNPA to publicise the project to other Parishes. The total income August 2012 – July 2013 (inclusive) was £563.52. Car park £427.82 (76%) Toilets £135.70 (24%). There was a high in August of £112.98 and a low in December of £13.54. The data suggests the majority of the income is from visitors.

c) **VAT reclaim**, of £280.41 has been paid from HMRC to the council

101/13 General correspondence

Late letters;

DNPA 0194/13 and DNPA 0212/13 – Wallon, Drewsteignton. Cllr Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest as she knows the applicants. Amendments to the original application for agricultural buildings. These applications were previously supported. As a late letter the council can only send 'no response'.

The complaint 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.) was reported to the police. The response was that should the drivers refuse to move if a resident needs access they should call the police who will attend and deal with the matter. A note to the Whiddon Parishes magazine may help publicise the issue.

Agenda letters;

Mr Dines of The Old School House, Drewsteignton has written to the Council requesting an investigation into the **weed-killing** carried out on the verges near his property. The Clerk has replied saying that the Council are not responsible for the verges. Councillors have visited the site, and Mr Dines has supplied photographs. It was mentioned that modern weed-killers are subject to EU legislation, and are rendered inert on contact with soil. Mr Dines has been referred to the Environment Agency and other relevant organisations.

Cllr Savage proposed a motion to discuss an item confidentially, as public knowledge of the matter at this time could be to its detriment. Cllr Ridgers seconded, and the motion was carried.

102/13 Delegates Reports – None

103/13 Comments on information circulated – None

104/13 Future agenda items – bus shelter graffiti

105/13 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 19 August 2013 at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.02 pm