

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 9 September 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman) Power, Imrie, Hardie, Hester, Dyke, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Walker and Riches
In attendance 0 member of the public

118/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Hester proposed and Cllr Imrie seconded approval of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19 August 2013.

119/13 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.

120/13 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk has asked the Highways team how any counted traffic data at **Chapel Hill**, (Whiddon Down), will be interpreted to allow for legal usage. No reply yet.

No further news about the **Travellers Site**. Clerk to thank Devon County Councillor James McInnes for his work on this over many years, and to acknowledge the legal department at DCC.

No news on the sale of the **Throwleigh Centre**.

Weed-killing in Drewsteignton, Mr Dines has further updated the council on his progress. Clerk to thank Mr Dines for his letter, and keep a record of the contents.

Speeding in villages; the speed data has been collated, and drivers travelling at 42 mph were 'talked to' by Neighbourhood Beat Officer Nadine Wilson. No further action could be taken because the equipment used was for monitoring not enforcing. Clerk to request some more discreet monitoring as has been successfully done at Crockernwell.

121/13 PLANNING

Decisions received; None

Applications;

DNPA 0431/13 Permitted development application for **Change of Use of barn at Wallon Brake, Drewsteignton**

This application is for change of use from agriculture to sculpture storage. It falls under the new national permitted development policy, and Councillors agreed to a **NEUTRAL VIEW** response.

The Council have received notification of a Certificate of Lawfulness issued for **Bigport Farm, Dunsford**, for non commercial shooting. DNPA informed us about this because this site neighbours our parish. Any landowner may carry out non commercial shooting on their land. Clerk to thank DNPA for keeping the Council informed.

Dartmoor National Park Authority have now issued their approved **Development Management Document**, Cllr Imrie to check for any relevant policies.

West Devon Borough Council has replied to the **complaint** sent to Richard Sheard on 11 July, regarding the breach of planning at **Martins Park Farm**, Whiddon Down. However the summary of the site sent does not match the Councillors local knowledge. Clerk to request clarification.

WDBC will send all Parish/Town Councils confidential details of any **enforcement issues** within their area each month.

122/13 HIGHWAYS:

Potholes & problems to be reported;

None of the problems reported in August have been addressed, Clerk to re-send as below

Clifford to Preston, Couples Corner, Upperton

Woodbrook to Wallon

Wedesden Hill edges are failing (Higher Fingle to Veet Mill)

Also it was noted that on the old A30 from Crockernwell to Hooperton Cross the **double white lines** are not reinforced by 'throwing' arrows to direct the traffic back to it's own side of the carriage way.

The white lines at the junction of Chapel Hill and Turnpike Road are very faint.

The signage going up the hill at Sandy Park is overgrown.

123/13 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in September 2013.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £395.99

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning & materials - £130.46

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire - £8.00

EDF – WC electricity - £152.76 (This higher amount was due to heating in cold weather to avoid frozen pipes)

b) Income from honesty boxes (car park £37.49) (toilets £17.80) this is from a 3 week period

c) Precept payment received from WDBC - £6844.50

124/13 General correspondence

Late letters;

Whiddon Down Cllrs will monitor the state of the **bus shelters**.

Tom Wood (National Trust Ranger) has sent details of a **larger rubbish bin** for the car park, for a nominal fee.

Councillors are delighted to accept the offer.

Cllr Imrie has followed up the idea of a War Memorial to commemorate the centenary of the start of World War One next year. Tim Camborne (National Trust's Project Manager at Castle Drogo) has offered granite and apprentice labour for the project. Cllr Imrie to check with local British Legion contacts for their input.

Devon Heartland have sent a **definition of 'local person' for affordable housing** purposes. Clerk to keep a copy for meetings.

The Boundary Commission have asked for consultation about the number of borough councillors required. Clerk to send to Parish Post.

Agenda letters;

West Devon Homes have sent an invitation to their AGM on Thursday 19 September, no one is available to attend.

125/13 Delegates Reports – Cllr Imrie said the attendance at the recent Playing Fields fundraiser was disappointing. The committee will review their next plans accordingly.

126/13 Comments on information circulated – None

127/13 Future agenda items – Bus shelters, War Memorial, Speeding.

128/13 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – **Monday 21 October 2013 at Drewsteignton**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Following the meeting Cllr Hester resigned as a Councillor. His thorough research and intelligent contribution will be missed. The Chairman and the whole team thanked Cllr Hester.

During the Clerks holiday there will be an automatic 'out of office' email response.