

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 21 October 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman) Power, Imrie, Ridgers, Hardie, Walker, Riches, Dyke, and the Clerk.
Apologies None
In attendance DNPA ranger Pete Rich, 0 member of the public

129/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Hardie proposed and Cllr Walker seconded approval of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 9 September 2013.

130/13 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. Cllr Ridgers declared a pecuniary interest as he is the applicant for planning application reference DNPA 0491/13 & DNPA 0534/13, at his home.

131/13 MATTERS ARISING

Cllrs gave their reports on the **state of footpaths** within the Parish to DNPA Ranger Pete Rich. There are some problems with signage, stiles and dog waste, but overall the paths are usable. Pete Rich explained that the Ranger budget has been cut again, and that the National Parks are hoping to recruit volunteers to cover the short fall. Pete Rich then left the meeting.

Steve Dawe from Highways has said that the **traffic counting at Chapel Hill**, (Whiddon Down), will be carried in November, and he will forward the results in due course.

The new litter bin has been installed in the car park, courtesy of the ranger team from the National Trust at Castle Drogo. This has been at no cost to the council. Clerk to write and thank Tom Wood and his NT team.

Cllr Imrie updated the meeting about the proposed **commemoration of the start of World War I**, with a stone. Cllr Imrie has met with Angela Thomas (Church warden). Further discussions are needed with representatives from the local British Legion. Castle Drogo are happy to supply stone and labour.

The **Remembrance Sunday** service is on Sunday 10 November, Cllr Savage will lay the wreath on behalf of the Council, all members of the Council team are invited to attend.

DNPA have responded regarding the **breach of advertisement control** at the Drewe Arms with lighting and signage. Enterprise Inns have been asked to either remove the lighting and signage, or to apply for listed building consent. DNPA will keep the Council informed of progress.

There has been no further graffiti at the **Whiddon Down bus shelters**, the **Crockernwell bus shelter** has been damaged, possibly by a vehicle backing into it, local Cllrs to monitor. The **Drewsteignton bus shelter** needs repair and decoration, this has been offered free of charge by Tony Thomas as it is adjacent to his house which he is currently renovating.

The repair to the **collapsed wall** between the Church yard and the car park will cost the Parochial Church Council £4000, most of which is covered by insurance, however the PCC would greatly appreciate any grant from this Council.

Cllr Hardie will follow up previous plans to renovate the Whiddon Down **notice board** and re-site it within one of the bus shelters to better protect it from the weather.

Estimates have been sought to repair the **damaged well head** at the corner of Knowle Lane. Clerk to chase.

132/13 HIGHWAYS:

The damaged road surface at Venton is on Highways' list.

There are a few repairs needed in the Parish, but Highways are more likely to **prioritise cases which are reported by more people**.

Potholes at Wallon to Preston to Fingle Bridge are still a problem. Clerk to chase. Damaged surface on A 382 near Pixie's Cottage.

133/13 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0398/13 - Hillside House - approved

DNPA 0399/13 - Hillside House – approved

WDBC 00638/2013 – dwelling for agricultural worker at Martins Park, Whiddon Down – approved

Mid Devon 09/01764/DCC Small incinerator at Tellams Yard - approved

Applications;

DNPA 0491/13 & 0534/13 Extension on kitchen to conservatory and associated listed building consent at **Higher Parford Farm**, Sandy Park.

The applicant is Cllr Ridgers, who addressed the meeting as a member of the public, and then left the room while the discussions took place. Most of the Cllrs visited the site on Sat 19 October. The extension is clearly a new part of the building. The Cllrs unanimously **SUPPORTED** the proposal because;

it is not harmful to the National Park (COR 1)

it is a householder development (COR 2)

its scale and layout are sensitive to the listed building (COR 4).

Cllr Ridgers returned to the meeting.

DNPA 0535/13 Listed building consent for remedial works to the structure of the first floor at **Primrose Cottage**, Drewsteignton. Unanimous **NEUTRAL VIEW**.

Clerk to respond to the authority

A late application (**DNPA 0541/13**) has been received and the clerk has requested a delayed response date, however there has been no reply yet from DNPA. Clerk to arrange a site visit and an additional meeting.

134/13 FINANCE;**a) Payments to be made in October 2013.**

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £403.44

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning & materials - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

EDF – WC electricity - £45.47

Community First - Insurance - £353.21

South West Water – playing field tap - £7.86

b) Income from honesty boxes - (toilets £21.90) (car park £57.60) this is from a 6 week period

c) Income from map print sale - £6.00

135/13 General correspondence**Agenda letters;**

WDBC have asked for Parish input for their **Strategic Housing Planning Policy**. They want to know of any possible future sites for groups of houses. The Parish only contains a very small area within WDBC control, so it is difficult specify anything suitable.

Cllr Savage will attend the **Remembrance Day Service** and lay the wreath on behalf of the Council. All the Councillors are invited to attend.

The **website Cllr profiles** need updating.

Late letters;

The **Playing Field committee** have completed the form for **insurance cover for the bonfire event**, which is covered under the Council's policy. The Clerk has forwarded the information to the insurer.

Cllr Imrie was interested in attending the **Broadband training** event but the travel costs make this difficult to justify. Both South Zeal and Moretonhampstead now have super-fast broadband, geographical logic informs the team that our area should be next. Clerk to request an agenda to evaluate the benefit to the Parish of attending the training.

WDBC have written saying the **Council Tax Support Grant** will be reduced next year by 13.66%. This is an element of the Parish Council income paid (indirectly from central government) to each Parish Council based on the number of residents claiming welfare payments. **Precept requests** from Parish councils to WDBC may be **cappped** for the forthcoming financial year. The Council will pay off the car park loan next year, so have some minor financial leeway.

136/13 Delegates Reports – The Clerk attended the **Teignton Fayre AGM**. Adrian Bowden has resigned as Chairman after over 10 years service. The beneficiaries received their cheques from this years event. A new committee will be formed, and support was offered from the new landlords at the Drewe Arms. Use of the PC website, notice-boards and Parish Post were offered as ways of getting messages to the community.

137/13 Comments on information circulated – None

138/13 Future agenda items – None

139/13 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – **Monday 18 November 2013 at Whiddon Down**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm