

**DRAFT** MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND ORDINARY MEETING  
 Of **DREWSTEIGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
 Whiddon Down Village Hall  
 On Monday 19 May 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage, Hardie, Walker, Power, Dyke, Imrie, Riches and the Clerk.  
 Apologies None  
 In attendance 4 members of the public and Pete Rich DNPA ranger

**048/14 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON.** Cllr Savage stepped down as Chairman. After some discussion Cllr Savage was nominated by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Power and elected as Chairman. Cllr Walker was elected as Vice Chair. Declarations of acceptance of office were signed.

**049/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Unanimous approval of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting 22 April 2014.

**050/14 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. Cllr Savage stated that his wife is related to a parishioner present in regard to the planning application at Fursham Cross.

**051/14 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS,**

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| Cllr Dyke – Whiddon Down Village Hall, Heartlands | Cllr Hardie – snow warden    |
| Cllr Riches – Drewsteignton Village Hall          | Cllr Imrie – Playing Fields  |
| Cllr Savage – Eastern Links, Playing Field        | Cllr Walker – car park       |
| Cllr Power – DNPA                                 | Cllr Ridgers – Eastern Links |

**052/14 MATTERS ARISING**

**Drewe Arms breach of planning**, no progress from DNPA.

**Bus shelter repairs**, estimates have been received from Mike Rowe and Simon Ekins, after careful consideration Simon Ekins will be asked to carry out the works to the eastbound bus shelter at Crockernwell. The westbound shelter needs further research.

As there have no complaints about the **well head** and pump at Knowle Lane only the works to ensure safety will be carried out.

The **Whiddon Down link road** has again been discussed with Highways at Devon County Council in particular with regard to the remaining part of the current road past Saunders Yard. We have requested an 'Access Only' designation, but have been informed there are legal costs of about £3000 associated with this. We have asked RES if they can include this in their plans. We await further details.

The faulty **handwash units** in the public WCs have been repaired by an engineer from Wallgate. He also advised Mike Rowe on maintenance to avoid call out fees.

Cllr Imrie updated the meeting on the **Commemorative Stone**, with a sketch of a design, with a Lutyens influence as he designed the cenotaph, and has local connections, and some possible wording. Cllr Imrie to continue with a meeting with the local British Legion group.

The Clerk has confirmed a 3 year fixed price with EDF for the **public WCs electricity**, at a lower rate than previously.

**053/14 PLANNING**

**Decisions received; DNPA 0126/14 & 0127/14 Roof material at Hillside House - approved**

**APPLICATIONS**

**DNPA 0171/14 Revised** roof design on the garage at **Hollydown, Venton**. Cllrs agreed to **SUPPORT** the changes to the proposal as it reduces the volume of the building.

**DNPA 0237/14** Demolish outbuildings and erect **timber frame garage** and garden store at **Coombe Hall**, Drewsteignton. Following a site visit Cllrs heard from the applicant at this meeting. Cllrs agreed to **SUPPORT** the proposal at it will remove derelict sheds and the replacement will be built by a local contractor known for high quality workmanship. The proposal meets COR13 for access and FD3 for relating to its immediate landscape.

**Mid Devon District Council 14/00409 extension to agricultural building at Fursham Cross**

**Mid Devon District Council 14/00413 new dwelling at Fursham Cross**

This Council have been asked to comment on both these applications as the land concerned neighbours 3 Drewsteignton Parish farmers, and is highly visible on the skyline from here.

Concerns were raised in 2008 when the existing building was erected in a prominent position on the horizon from and towards Dartmoor National Park.

A neighbouring farmer outlined the concerns, road access is next to a crossroads and increased traffic would be hazardous, the site has only 22 acres, so does not warrant further agricultural building space, and certainly not a dwelling. The proposed use as a TB isolation unit is not appropriate in this area, as infected cattle would have to be transported. The siting on the skyline is intrusive, and the addition of walls to the existing open sided structure would add to the negative visual impact. Cllrs unanimously agreed to **OBJECT** to these applications. Clerk to write to MDD Council and cc Hittisleigh PC, and local Cllrs.

The proposal at **Torr**, Drewsteignton (DNPA 0024/14) has been **approved on appeal**.

A LATE application for an extension at **Crossways, Crockernwell (DNPA 0264/14)** will involve a site visit and Additional Meeting. Clerk to arrange.

**054/14** As he was unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting **DNP ranger Pete Rich** distributed a report on the National Park's situation and plans for the near future, which involve further cuts and reviews. There is not enough funding from DCC to maintain Public Rights of Way.

**055/14 HIGHWAYS:** Some potholes have been filled, the road surface on A382 near France Hill is in poor condition. Visibility at Hooperton Cross is obscured by overgrown verges. Clerk to request cutting.

#### **056/14 FINANCE;**

##### **a) Payments to be made in May 2014**

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

Ms B Snook – Salary - £379.16

Ms B Snook – general expenses (2 months) £ 42.78

Ms B Snook - Annual Parish Meeting expenses - £40.47 (Section 137 payment)

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire - £8.00

Devon Association of Local Councils – membership fee - £ 167.54

Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton – burial grant - £305.00

Whiddon Down Methodist Church – burial grant - £65.00

Drewsteignton Gardeners Club – grant - £200.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall – grant - £100

b) **Income from honesty boxes** (car park £56.18) (toilets £12.90)

#### **057/14 General correspondence**

##### **Agenda letters;**

Western Power have written offering advice on how to prepare for **power cuts**.

**Electoral Review Consultation** has been sent regarding boundary changes, but does not affect our parish.

**Vodafone** have written regarding an upgrade to their site at Blue Lane, Whiddon Down, this involves a new mast of the same height, but with more antennae on it, and should give better mobile phone reception. Clerk to reply expressing support for the works.

A local sports massage therapist would like to **advertise on our website**. Cllrs agreed. These requests will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Clerk to forward details.

##### **Late letters;**

**WDDB** have sent proposed **dog control** orders for consultation. Most of these are common sense to any responsible dog owner. However the item that says that any dog mess in any area open to the public in the WDDB area must be picked up or the owner fined £80 appears unworkable. Cllrs would like to know how this will be policed and if WDDB will provide and empty enough bins to handle the additional waste. It was noted that Dartmoor National Park encourage dog waste to be allowed to decompose naturally rather than have hundreds of dog waste bags hanging from trees!

**058/14 Delegates Reports** – Cllr Imrie reported from the **Playing Fields AGM**. The committee would like some changes to the constitution; to change the timing of their AGM, to 'by the end of June', for practical reasons, and the accounts to be sent to the PC Clerk by the end of July. Cllrs also agreed a change of wording regarding the Parish Council representatives who 'liaise with the committee' not 'serve on it'.

The Playing Fields **Fun Day is 21 June**, all are welcome.

Cllr Savage and the Clerk attended a Playing fields meeting regarding their plans to build a verandah on the existing shed. The Clerk was able to ascertain from DNPA that no planning permission is required for this under the Local Authority permitted development allowance. The insurance situation is being updated.

Cllr Riches attended a **Drewsteignton Village Hall** committee meeting, they are gradually progressing repairs, and are considering increasing their charges.

**Teignton Fair is 7 June**

**059/14 Comments on information circulated** – None

**060/14 Future agenda items** – abandoned cars in car park, Sale of Throwleigh Centre,

**061/14 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS** –

**Wednesday 4 June 2014 6.30 pm outside Crossways, Crockernwell, EX6 6NP**

**Monday 16 June 2014 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.42 pm