

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 18 August 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Walker, Power, Hardie, Imrie, Dyke, Riches and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Brooks, Ridgers
In attendance 1 member of the public

088/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Walker approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 21 July 2014.

089/14 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.

090/14 MATTERS ARISING

Mike Rowe is unable to quote for the westbound **bus shelter** at Crockernwell.

The **commemorative stone** should be ready for 11 November

091/14 HIGHWAYS:

Road repairs are currently underway along Long Lane, and from Wallon to Preston

Potholes outstanding

Hask lane has failed edge, 8 ft x 2ft 4in deep

Between Netherton and Veet Mill Cross, pothole reappeared.

Hooperton Cross to Greystone failed edge 17 yds 2ft wide 6 in deep

Couples Corner to Preston, with forthcoming extra tourist traffic this will become a serious problem.

Long Lane, just west of Spinsters Rock, again.

A382 just north of France Hill.

Veet Mill road washed away

There is still serious **surface damage** on the roundabout at Whiddon Down

Clerk to forward to highways.

The police have said they cannot attend regarding illegal traffic speeding on **Chapel Hill**, Whiddon Down. Clerk to contact Highways, local police and Devon County Cllr James McInnes to push this matter on.

The **bund closing Turnpike Road**, Whiddon Down has been **demolished** by an unknown vehicle, some time between approximately 8.00pm 6 August and 8.00am 7 August. The damage was spotted by the Clerk who informed Cllrs, Highways and the police. The police have stated they will not even record the event. No response from highways. Clerk to take the matter further up the line. Quotes for repair works will be sought.

A South West Water pipe **inspection hatch** has been damaged on the verge at Turnpike Close, WD. Clerk to report to SWW, as it is a safety hazard to pedestrians.

Footpath inspections, to be carried out by the October meeting for reports to DNP Ranger Pete Rich;

Power 2,3,4 Dyke 1,6 Savage 13,14 Brooks 16,17 Ridgers 10,11,12 Imrie 5,25

Walker 9, 20 Riches 8,19 Hardie 58, 59

092/14 PLANNING

Decisions received; DNPA 0332/14 – Middle Venton Farm - refused

Applications;

DNPA 0383/14 & 0384/14 Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent for **signage at Drewe Arms**, Drewsteignton. The Cllrs discussed the matter at length and the **OBJECT** response was agreed as follows;
Sign A is not relevant as the building is sited within a small historical village square, the cited 'visibility from a distance' is not possible. The previous lettering shown on the photograph goes back many years, and is part of the original listing. This appears to have been removed without the appropriate consent. This may well have been made locally and is part of the building's fabric and story.

Sign B is irrelevant and does not help traffic flow as it is not near the entrance.

Sign C for menus is necessary and suitably designed.

Sign D for the carpark is also necessary and suitably designed.

Light E is also useful and of acceptable appearance.

The buildings façade has been virtually unchanged for over 100 years. The floodlighting fitted under the eaves (not mentioned in this application) is intrusive and negatively impacting on both residents and the historic appearance and character of the pub; neighbouring church; and the whole square.

The WDBC application ref **00880/2014** for an extension to an agricultural building at **Great Dower Park** was noted, but Cllrs were unable to comment in the short time allowed for the Prior Approval application. Cllrs

commented that the WDBC website was difficult to use. Clerk to forward feedback to WDBC.

093/14 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in August 2014.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary - £379.16

Ms B Snook - general expenses – deferred to next month

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £108.40

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

Fenland Leisure Products - playing field equipment - £183.30

(An incoming grant from the playing field committee will cover this cost, less VAT which will be reclaimed later)

DD Public Works Loan Board – car park loan - £1021.51. This should be the last payment for this loan and the direct debit will be cancelled by the Clerk.

b) Income from honesty boxes - (WCs £11.24) (car park £61.06)

094/14 Works

Crockernwell notice-board; a replacement in oak will cost £884.94, and a manmade (maintenance free) wood will cost over £1000. Clerk to enquire the maker of the community notice-board at Castle Drogo for comparative quote.

095/14 General correspondence

Agenda letters;

Solar Array at Martins Farm, Whiddon Down. Murex have written to nearby residents and the Council for preliminary consultation regarding this proposal. Cllrs had mixed opinions, but agreed that it was a large area of good agricultural land. Cllrs also agreed that the information supplied was not detailed enough for comment, and await a full planning application.

Review of polling district and Polling places; no changes within our area.

Late letters;

Planning **DNPA 0451/14** ring arena at Budbrooke Cottage, Crockernwell, deferred to September meeting. Site visit to be arranged by Clerk.

096/14 Delegates Reports – The Clerk attended a Clerks' Social event organised by Devon Association of Local Councils, to enhance the Clerks experience. There has been high turnover amongst Clerks in Devon in the past year.

097/14 Comments on information circulated – None

098/14 Future agenda items –Crockernwell notice board, Chapel Hill, Denbrook Wind Farm & WD link road.

099/14 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Monday 15 September at Whiddon Down

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.16 pm