

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 19 January 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Power, Imrie, Dyke, Riches, Brooks, Hardie, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllr Ridgers
In attendance None

001/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllrs unanimously approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Monday 15 December 2014.

002/15 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 Brooks' husband has written an open letter regarding Dartmoor National Park Authority under LATE letters.

003/15 MATTERS ARISING;

Car park - policy, no progress

Car park – abandoned vehicles will be reported to the police and DVLA. The car-park is owned by the Parish council and maintained at public expense. The Road Traffic Act has been updated. It is not private land and a SORN is not valid there. There are 4 vehicles which have not moved since November 2014.

Car park – replacement trees Philip Evans has written to this Council offering the Drewsteignton Gardeners Club services to plant the replacement trees, as suggested by Stephen Emanuel before he died. The Council thank the Gardeners Club for their offer, and suggest a site meeting to ensure suitable siting to allow for any future plans on the site.

004/15 HIGHWAYS:

Road repairs outstanding

Blocked drains from Crockernwell to Hooperton Cross, and from Crockernwell to Greystone, Crockernwell to Preston, which has caused a puncture to a bus.

Road surface from Couples Corner to Preston

Crockernwell to Greystone to Drewsteignton, previous repairs failed

Hask Lane has 100mm deep large hole (new)

Whiddon Down roundabout

Pothole on A382 near France Hill at SLOW sign painted on road surface

New pothole at Rushford Road, Sandy Park at the gate into the field.

New pot holes on the entrance to the Drewsteignton car park

Snow warden update, Cllr Hardie now has the information for the snow warden, but may need some training to ensure compliance for insurance purposes. More salt is available free to registered Snow Wardens from Devon County Council. Clerk to follow up.

There is no progress on **Chapel Hill**, Clerk to chase Steve Dawe (Neighbourhood Highways Officer)

Parking at Whiddon Down, at 5.00 pm drivers meeting school bus, are parking illegally and inconsiderately which is causing problems and potential danger for residents and pedestrians. Alternative parking options should be encouraged. Chairman to contact Whiddon Parishes magazine, Clerk to contact Whiddon Down Village Hall committee, and the police.

005/15 PLANNING

Decisions received;

WDBC 01354/2014 Replacement **Communication pole** at the Communication Station, Whiddon Down, granted

WDBC 01333/2014 Change of Use for an agricultural building to a dwelling at **Mellish Martin Farm**, Whiddon Down. Refused.

Clerk to research specification of 'Prior Notification' applications.

Applications;

WDBC 01422/2014 Retrospective Hobby shed at High Wynds, Martins Farm, Whiddon Down. Some Cllrs have visited the site, and studied the photographs supplied in the application. Cllrs raised concerns about the scale of the building, noise issues for neighbours in this residential area, including tourism facilities (B&B and Dartmoor View holiday park). Also the possibility of the site turning to business use. The planning history of 2 neighbouring properties showed that other proposals were considered 'sporadic development in the open countryside'.

The vote was 1 x Neutral View and 6 x Object. Clerk to respond **OBJECT** to WDBC.

Further planning matters.

The unauthorised field shelter in Shoot Lane, Drewsteignton; Clerk to ask DNPA what their course of action will be now.

006/15 FINANCE;**a) Payments to be made in January 2015**

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

Ms B Snook – Salary - £379.16

Ms B Snook - general expenses – 2 months – £37.50

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning & materials - £73.50

Mr M Rowe – anti frost heater for WCs to avoid burst pipes- £9.99

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

EDF – WC electricity - £61.32

South West Water – playing field tap - £2.87

b) Income from honesty boxes - (WCs £3.75) (car park £23.19)

c) **Precept Request paperwork;** following Decembers Budget planning session the Clerk completed the form from West Devon Borough Council which was signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The amount requested is the same as last year. £13825.00. Band D property equivalent is £ (to be confirmed.) This has changed due to the change in Council Tax Support Grant.

007/15 General correspondence**Agenda letters;**

WDBC have sent nomination forms for **Mayoral Awards**, but Cllrs could not suggest any suitable recipients.

Late letters; Alan Brooks has written an **open letter to parishioners** regarding Dartmoor National Park Authority, in particular their planning department. He poses questions about whether the authority are fulfilling their role, who they are answerable to, and more. There will be a public meeting at Fingle Bridge Inn on Friday 30 January at 7.30pm. This Council will keep a watching brief on this matter, and provide any information required.

Cllr Imrie suggested we send thank you letters to the National Trust and William Anelay for their work creating the **Commemorative Stone**. Clerk to prepare and send.

The Clerk has just received a revised application for the **signage at the Drewe Arms**, ref DNPA 0019/14 & 0020/14. Cllrs inspected the application and agreed that a site visit and additional meeting were required to assess this proposal properly. The clerk is in touch with English Heritage on this matter and will invite them to attend the meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Monday 2 February at 10.30 am, outside the Drewe Arms. Clerk to issue agenda.

008/15 Delegates Reports – None

009/15 Comments on information circulated – None

010/15 Future agenda items –Chapel Hill, Denbrook Wind Farm & WD link road, Car-park policy, furniture and effects stored at the Drewe arms

011/15 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 16 February 2015 at Drewsteignton.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25 pm