

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 16 March 2015 at 7.30pm

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

027/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Hardie proposed and Cllr Power seconded approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 16 February 2015. Carried unanimously.

028/15 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 been in correspondence with Dartmoor National Park Authority regarding planning matters.

029/15 MATTERS ARISING;

Car park - policy, no progress

Car park – untaxed vehicles are not permitted. The costing of some signage will be investigated.

Car park – replacement trees; no news

Denbrook wind farm and **Whiddon Down link road** – Clerk to request an update from WDBC Cllr Ridgers on this matter for the Annual Parish Meeting taking place on Tuesday 28 April at Drewsteignton Village hall.

Correspondence has been taking place between Alan Brooks and **Kevin Bishop, Chief Executive of DNPA**, regarding planning issues. This Council are keeping a watching brief on this matter, but have not been asked to get involved.

Parish Post issues have been raised by a parishioner to a delivery volunteer. The comment, regarding advertising, was not official. In future adverts will be checked by the editorial team.

030/15 PLANNING

Decisions received;

WDBC 01422/2014 High Wynds, Whiddon Down hobby shed, **granted for private use only**

DNPA 0635/14 West Ford Farm, Drewsteignton, **Change of Use** of part of agricultural building to holiday accommodation **Refused**. This decision will be monitored by this Council, Clerk to thank DNPA for the Decision Notice and ask how they will proceed with the follow up required.

DNPA 0019/15 Drewe Arms Signage, Cllr Power attended the committee at DNPA, Parke, and spoke on behalf of this council to further object to the works carried out. Cllr Power outlined the content of the meeting and the decision reached which was to grant permission for the signage but not the lighting.

Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should contact DNPA asking for justification. In particular regarding the listed building reports by Listed Building Officer Keith McKay; DNPA ref 0383/14 which states 'The overall size of the sign boards together appear quite dominant in relation to this principle elevation of the property, and should be reconsidered...Reinstatement of the original name lettering for the property which has recently been removed would be preferable'. The listed building report ref DNPA 0019/15 contradicts this statement. Cllrs feel passionately about this matter and have spent a great deal of time working on it.

Applications; None

Further planning matters.

Clerk to research specification of '**Prior Notification**' applications.

A parishioner has asked about the future of the **green space at the top of Barn Close**. Alex Rehaag, Affordable Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer for WDBC replied that; this land has been submitted for consideration through the vanguard self build project but this is at a very early stage – submission only', and will keep us informed as necessary.

031/15 HIGHWAYS:

There is no progress on **Chapel Hill**, Clerk to chase Steve Dawe (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) and Devon County Councillor James McInnes, again.

Parking at Whiddon Down, at 5.00 pm drivers meeting the school bus, are still parking illegally and inconsiderately. Whiddon Down Village Hall have agreed that these parents can use the hall car park. An item in Whiddon Parishes magazine will publicise the problem and solution.

Some **potholes** have been filled when reported online by members of the public. It was suggested that all the council team report the long term road repairs needed individually. In particular Preston to Couples Corner which has been a problem for well over a year.

032/15 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in March 2015

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

Ms B Snook – Salary - £379.24

Ms B Snook - general expenses – £40.00

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning & materials - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

Greenspace Design – Crockernwell notice-board - £600.00

Cllr Power – travel expenses - £11.25

b) Income from honesty boxes - (WCs £5.38) (car park £27.73)

033/15 General correspondence

Agenda letters; None

LATE LETTERS

BT have written offering an ‘Adopt a Phone Kiosk’ opportunity, but do not say which kiosks are available within the Parish. Clerk to request further details.

034/15 Delegates Reports – None

035/15 Comments on information circulated – None

036/15 Future agenda items –Denbrook Wind Farm & WD link road, car park railings, bus shelter graffiti, car park railings

037/15 Date of Annual Parish Meeting confirmed for Tuesday 28 April, 7.30 pm at Drewsteignton. Clerk to issue invitations and agendas to the organisations of the Parish.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20 April 2015 at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm