

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

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Brooks, Hardie, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Ridgers, Hunt, and Brown
In attendance None

124/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING;

Unanimous approval of the minutes for Ordinary meeting held on Monday 19 October 2015

125/15 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. None stated.

126/15 MATTERS ARISING;

Car park misuse, the new 'No Camping' sign will be installed shortly. Apparently abandoned vehicles will be reported to West Devon Borough Council, and untaxed vehicles will be reported to DVLA; white BMW F153 TGV, Citroen N817 TFJ, and a trailer WG57 EBZ.

Whiddon Down illegal travellers site follow up; The Council have received a reply from Steve Jordan, Head of Paid Services at West Devon Borough Council apologising for the poor service received by residents in relation to the noise complaints made about the illegal travellers site. This communication has been forwarded to the relevant parties by the Parish Clerk.

Public WC's; Ben Pell has carried out the gardening work and now Mike Rowe has agreed to maintain the greenery and add his charge to his cleaning invoice on an 'as and when' basis. Cllrs agreed to delay the internal decorating until the spring and see how the damp problem manifests itself over the winter.

Council owned **benches** - Volunteers have purchased some paint and are waiting for a weather window to carry out this work.

Churchyard lamp post; DNPA ranger Pete Rich, along with his volunteer rangers, will repair the lamp post. It will be removed for a short period for refurbishment.

Whiddon Down; **Barn Close open space**. the residents group are unhappy with the suggestion of a short lease, and have asked to get a price to buy the land. The clerk has spent a lot of time on this matter, and Rob Sekula of WDDBC has agreed to have direct dealings with the residents group to try to progress the project. This Council can step back in when necessary.

Nomination for **Community Assets** - defer to a future meeting

127/15 HIGHWAYS:

Chapel Hill, Whiddon Down; traffic calming measures; Steve Dawe, (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) attended a site visit with Cllr Imrie and has returned to the traffic calming option at the junction of Chapel Hill and Turnpike Road as he would like to move this project on. Funding is possible from Highways and Devon County Cllr James McInnes' Locality fund. A contribution may also be required from this Council.

A resident has contacted a business whose van drivers have been **illegally using Chapel Hill as a rat run**. Cllrs thank the resident for taking action, and this council will also write to the business concerned to back up the complaint. A resident complained about the bus using Chapel Hill. When this was discussed previously the police were unwilling to follow this up. Previous minutes from 20 May 2103 item 066/13 show '*... Okehampton police say buses (178) using Chapel Hill are within the law if a Hail & Ride service is available.*'

After several messages between the Clerk and Phillip Townsend, (Devon County Council's Senior Highways Development Management Officer) it is now agreed the residual road resulting from the **Whiddon Down link road** will be 'No Entry' at the south (village) end and 'Access Only' at the north end. A Traffic Order is being advertised to this effect. This should give maximum protection against rat run traffic.

The **temporary closure of A3124** will start on 30 Nov, for a few days of a 3 week period. This Council would like to mark the completion of this relief road with an event, and will ask for a potential completion date.

Road repairs needed; Hannaford Lane has a large branch hanging, which could be dangerous. Several finger posts are missing or damaged. Couples Corner to Preston is full of potholes.

128/15 PLANNING

Decisions received; DNPA 0442/15 & 0443/15 - Knowle Cottage, Drewsteignton - granted

Applications; DNPA 0535/15 & 0536/15 internal alterations, new porch, velux window, re-render and PV panels at **8 Stonelands, Crockernwell**. Cllrs have visited the site and unanimously agreed to **SUPPORT** the application because; it shows a high standard of design, it is a sympathetic way to bring a listed building to a condition for 21st century habitation, the alterations will not harm the listed building or conservation area, the porch is in keeping with nearby properties. Cllrs are aware that a high standard of work is likely to be carried out at the

property by the applicants. Clerk to respond.

Further planning matters.

Advertising sign on Venton straight, Clerk to notify DNPA.

Advertising sign at Whiddon Down for Chagford restaurant. Clerk to contact owners.

Mobile home at Dunn's Dairy, Whiddon Down. The Clerk has contacted DNPA and this development does not have planning permission, and the authority will follow this up.

129/15 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in November 2015

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

Ms B Snook – Salary - £379.16

Ms B Snook - general expenses - deferred to next month - £00.00

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Ben Pell - WC building gardening work - £160.00

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (car park £39.71) (WCs £7.62) Total £47.33

c) Transparency Code **grant application**, the digital form cannot be opened by the Clerk, who has requested technical help from Devon Association of Local Councils. This grant may help fund the new website, and help the Council abide by the new Code. Clerk to continue the application.

d) Cllrs agreed to raise Mike Rowe's fee for his WC cleaning, to £80.00 monthly, from December as he has not increased his charge for several years.

130/15 General correspondence

Agenda letters;

The gardeners club have asked for sign to say no dogs (except assistance dogs) for the public garden as there is a problem with dog waste. The Clerk has obtained one small sign and Cllr Brooks has another on order. Cllr Brooks explained that assistance dogs must be allowed to comply with equality legislation.

LATE LETTERS;

West Devon Borough Council have written regarding the **reduction in Council Tax Support Grant** from central government.

131/15 Delegates Reports – Broadband update - the Clerk attended a meeting at Dartmoor National Park HQ, Parke, on Wed 28 October to get an update.

There is also a public meeting about this

Superfast Broadband at Whiddon Down Village Hall on Tues 1 December 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

132/15 Comments on information circulated – None

133/15 Future agenda items – Chagford expansion, DALC Local council Awards, data protection, Chapel Hill expenditure for traffic calming, Public garden signage 'no dogs', road closure measures on A3124, website progress report, winter pothole repairs, carpark signage update, budget and precept planning.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –Monday 14 December 2015 at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.