

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 15 August 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Hardie, Brooks, Hester, Ridgers, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllr Hunt
In attendance 4 members of the public

082/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes for Ordinary Meeting 18 July 2016 were unanimously approved.

083/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None stated

084/16 MATTERS ARISING:

WC exterior works, the Clerk has not received any further quotes for this work despite seeking contractors. A request for recommendations will be put into the Parish Post.

085/16 PLANNING

Decisions received: None

Applications:

DNPA 0401/16 & 0402/16 - Conversion of outbuilding to garden room at Hillside, Drewsteignton. Cllrs have made previous site visits and know this property well. Cllrs agreed unanimously to **SUPPORT** this proposal as it a householder application, reusing an existing building and not detrimental to the National Park.

DNPA 0420/16 & 0421/16 - Stabling and extension to domestic curtilage at Furlong, Sandy Park - following a site visit Cllrs listened to the applicants thorough explanation of the proposal. They hope to enhance the original property and remove some unsympathetic additions. Cllrs unanimously agreed to **SUPPORT** the application as it will improve the impact on the National Park, reducing visual intrusion on the immediate area. Recent restoration works onsite have been of a high standard and using sympathetic local materials. Landscaping will be improved with the removal of conifers and planting of native broadleaf trees.

Further planning matters:

Peter Crawford from Wainhouse Homes has contacted this Council regarding possible development in Whiddon Down. Mr Crawford made a brief presentation to the meeting showing their ideas: an single storey office adjacent to the petrol station, to accommodate around 45 staff, and possibly a few houses between the link road and Saunders Yard. This has been their first enquiry, and the geographical convenience of the location appeals to them. Cllrs mentioned that Whiddon Down already has a high level of 'affordable' housing, and that some open market housing might help rebalance the village demographic. Wainhouse Homes will follow up this initial meeting, and keep us informed of progress.

086/16 HIGHWAYS:

Whiddon Down link road: The now obsolete sign warning of speed humps (in Turnpike Road) is blocking the 'no left turn' sign. Clerk to remind Devon County Councils Highways team that this sign needs to be removed before the police can justify any action against drivers who disobey the 'no left turn' sign.

AA 'event' signs at Whiddon Down: James Aven (DNPA) is making enquiries about the legitimacy of these signs. Clerk to chase for an update.

Speeding continues in Whiddon Down, Cllrs feel repeater speed limit signs might help reduce driver speed. These are not required when street lighting is present, but with several school buses daily, pedestrian safety is at risk. The Clerk will make the case to Devon County Council's Highways department.

The **fallen fence** on the A30, near Harepath, has been repaired.

Highways teams from Tavistock and Torrington have started the repair works on the **unsafe pedestrian protection** fence in Crockerwell, however the job is not complete, and the fence is still unsafe. Clerk to chase up Highways.

Chapel Hill bollards: Darryl Jagger will hold a site visit with Cllrs Imrie & Hester to agree the exact positioning of the bollards. Installation is scheduled for the week of 18 September 2016.

087/16 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in August 2016

Cllr Savage proposed and Cllr Hester seconded the following payments to be made;

Ms B Snook – Clerk's Salary - £398.66

Ms B Snook - general expenses - deferred

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning & hedge-cutting - £90.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Warren Dawes - lengthsmans duties & tree felling - £305.00

Broxap Ltd - Playing field climbing frame - £12027.60 - Cllrs approved this payment subject to the playing field committee's final approval of the works carried out, and a grant transfer payment will be made from that committee to this Council of the nett amount of £10,023.00. Following which the VAT amount £2,004.60 will be reclaimed promptly from HMRC to balance the accounts.

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (car park £58.69) (WCs £11.99) Total £70.68

c) **Other financial matters:** None

088/16 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda letters:

Dr Michael Hall (representing **Whiddon Down Village Hall**) has written again to Chairwoman Imrie requesting support for improvement of facilities at the village hall. Cllrs agreed that they need to see some clear ideas before they can express support. Cllr Imrie will invite Dr Hall to make a presentation to this Council. New sources of grant funding **may** be available in the future for community projects such as this.

The Clerk has researched funding for the previous **Parish Plan**, to help consider an update. The Clerk will contact Community Officers at Dartmoor National Park and West Devon Borough Council to discover what help is available for this work.

Nick Dixon had contacted this Council regarding **rubbish** left on Ford Lane, on the wrong collection day, resulting in the black bags being ripped open by animals, and the contents strewn around the vicinity. Clerk to contact West Devon Borough Council, and a reminder about collection days will be put into the Parish Post.

Community Resilience Consultation: Devon County Council's Highways department has issued a consultation opportunity regarding community resilience regarding road maintenance. The Clerk & Cllr Savage will formulate a reply, citing the fact that this Council have had to contract a private lengthsmen to carry out basic maintenance. Also that after four visits to the pedestrian safety fence at Crockernwell, by teams from Tavistock & Torrington; the fence is still unsafe; and other items such as neglected roads with multiple potholes, surface dressing over fallen branches etc. Cllrs also requested information on frequency of road inspections, and specification of potholes qualifying for repair.

LATE LETTERS:

Planning application ref. DNPA 0432/16 soil pipe on rear of house at **Middle Venton**. Cllrs agreed that 'no response' would be sent regarding this proposal.

Devon Air Ambulance Trust are seeking helicopter landing sites for their forthcoming night flights. Communities are invited to propose suitable sites for DAAT to investigate. Cllrs agreed that a mention in the Parish Post would alert the local community to this opportunity.

West Devon Borough Council have offered some **training for Clerks** on the planning process, Clerk to obtain further details before deciding whether to book a session as there are travel costs to consider.

089/16 Delegates Reports: None

090/16 Comments on information circulated – None

091/16 Future agenda items - Rumours of revised access to planned solar array at Whiddon Down,

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS–

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 19 September 2016** at Whiddon Down at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.07 pm