

REVISED DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 16 May 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Hardie, Brooks, Hunt, Hester and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllr Ridgers.
In attendance 6 members of the public

049/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON. Cllr Imrie stepped down as Chairwoman. She was re-nominated by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously elected as Chair. Cllr Imrie nominated Cllr Savage as Vice Chair, and he was unanimously elected.

050/15 Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by Cllrs Imrie and Savage.

051/15 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS,

Cllr Hardie – snow warden, Whiddon Down Village Hall	Cllr TBA – Drewsteignton Village Hall
Cllr Imrie –	Cllr Hunt – playing field
Cllr Savage – Eastern Links, Providence School Trust	Cllr Brooks – car park
Cllr TBA – DNPA	Cllr Ridgers – Eastern Links

Cllr Imrie announced the sad news of 4 deaths in the Parish in the past week: Mr Millet, Daphne Greener, Jane Ashburner and previous Clerk to this Council, Brenda Lunt. Brenda had instigated the Parish Post. A minute's silence, particularly for Mrs Lunt, was observed by all present.

052/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Unanimous approval of the minutes for Ordinary Meeting 18 April 2016 and Additional Meeting 25 April 2016

053/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Savage has family living near the Parish who are potentially affected by the Tellams Yard planning application.

054/16 MATTERS ARISING: The reply from Inspector Mark Sloman clarifying the **current policing situation** was discussed. The Inspector will be invited to attend any future meeting of this Council. Residents' communications (regarding traffic issues) with the police have been poorly answered, which is not acceptable. Clerk to request further information from the Inspector and keep the new Police & Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez informed.

Two estimates have been received for the work on the **Playing Field trees**, and the job will be awarded to Warren Dawe of South Zeal.

Tom Wood (National Trust) has offered some help with **playing field signage**, Clerk to obtain further details of costings.

055/16 PLANNING

Decisions received: DNPA 0029/16 & 0030/16 Narracott Close extension - **granted**

Applications: DNPA 0212/16 Kitchen extension at Hooperton Rise, Crockernwell. Cllr Savage explained this modest proposal through his local knowledge. Cllrs unanimously agreed to **SUPPORT** the application as it is a householder development, near the National Park boundary, does not harm the National Park and meets DNPA's DMD 24. Clerk to send response to DNPA.

DCC/3863/2016 Variation of conditions imposed on permission granted ref DCC/3660/2014 at **Tellam's Yard**, Cheriton Bishop. This facility is outside Drewsteignton Parish, however the designated heavy goods vehicle route passes through the Parish. This Council have been contacted by parishioners affected by heavy goods traffic accessing this facility. The current restrictions are to protect living conditions for local people. These are currently Mon-Fri 8.00 -17.00 and maximum volume 1500 tonnes of local sewage waste annually. The applicant has requested 24 hour access and an increase to 5000 tonnes annually. The narrow access lanes are already severely damaged, and the heavy vehicles are hazardous to pedestrians and other road users. A 700 metre stretch of road has no passing places, which causes conflict. This matter is covered by Devon County Waste Plan. This Clerk to write to Devon County Council to **OBJECT** to this application, to ensure the protection of the living conditions of parishioners living on the designated heavy goods vehicle route. Clerk also the request inspection of the records kept by Tellams Yard from DCC Waste Management Control.

Further planning matters:

The unauthorised advertising sign at Whiddon Down for the Chagford curry restaurant has been removed. The Post Inn has a large banner on site. Clerk to contact DNPA for advice.

A **LATE** application **DNPA 0239/16 & 0240/16** for ground floor alterations at Broadmeadow Cottage,

Drewsteignton has been received by the Clerk. Due to time constraints and the modest scope of the proposal no response will be sent to DNPA.

056/16 HIGHWAYS:

Whiddon Down link road: The communication continues between this Council and Devon County Council's Highways department; Phil Townsend tells us the stone verges at Hole Farm Bend are part of the drainage system. Other areas further north on the same road have kerbing on bends. The 30 mph speed sign obscured by vegetation will be removed as it is now legal to have signage on one side of the carriageway only. Several drivers ignoring the new signage appear to be doing school runs. Clerk to contact local schools to ask for a reminder in the school newsletters.

Lengthsman project: Parishioners are invited to suggest works needed: ditch & drain clearing, sign maintenance, verge cutting etc. Cllrs have provided a starting list of works needed. Please contact the Clerk with any suggestions or requests.

West Devon Borough Council have handed their **verge cutting** responsibility to Devon County Council. The cutting will be limited to that required for road safety reasons: at junctions and on the inside of bends. The Clerk has requested further details from Rob Turner (Highways Asset Officer).

Damaged **direction signs** have been removed. Clerk to request their return by highways for DIY re-installment. Cllr Hunt mentioned a **fallen fence** by the A30, Clerk to contact Highways England.

The A382 appears to have varying levels of **white lining** to denote the edge lines of the carriageway, with minimal lines in our area. Highways have replied saying they will reconsider this when the next resurfacing is due, which is not this year.

Road markings in Crockernwell, Cllr Savage said that 4 or 5 years ago it was suggested that the central lines be removed to enhance road safety as in Sticklepath. Experienced Cllrs agreed that this can slow vehicles as drivers are less confident about their priority. At the previous discussion it was agreed by Highways that this would be considered. The Crockernwell road surface is now deteriorating, and the Clerk will remind Highways of this suggestion.

Also there is an unsafe pedestrian protection fence in Crockernwell, Clerk to report to Highways.

Chapel Hill bollards: Paul Taylor (Highways Accounts) says the bollards have been ordered and will be installed in due course. This Council will be invoiced for 50% of the cost, with Devon County Cllr James McInnes providing the other 50% from his Community Fund. Cllr Hester has asked to see the plans and safety audit for this project. Clerk to chase up this information.

057/16 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in May 2016

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

Ms B Snook – Salary - £398.66

(This represents a salary increase to £9.20 per hour from April 2016)

Ms B Snook - general expenses - 3 months - £50.55

Ms B Snook - Annual Parish Meeting expenses (Section 137) - £33.52

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £80.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Dee Douglas - bus shelter paint expenses - £23.99

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (car park £53.46) (WCs £9.36) Total £62.82

c) **Other financial matters:** None

058/15 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda letters:

Chagford Cricket Club have written asking for a £300 grant to support their work in local schools. Cllrs agreed that this was not an appropriate use of Drewsteignton PC public money, and mentioned other organisations who may be able to help. Clerk to reply.

Unauthorised works on behalf of the Parish Council: Cllrs do appreciate voluntary works, but would prefer to know in advance of Council property that is going to be subject to works.

Further development at Chagford; another substantial residential area in Chagford has achieved planning permission. Concerns were raised about the potential additional traffic passing through our parish. It is believed that this was considered by planners when the proposal was approved.

West Devon Borough Council are working on further **neighbourhood plans**, with an event at Kilworthy House, Tavistock on 2 June. One or two Cllrs will attend, as we may need to produce a development plan at Parish level in the future.

LATE LETTERS: West Devon Borough Council have created an online link to **report dog fouling** issues. Clerk to add link to Parish website, and promote this facility in the Parish Post.

059/16 Delegates Reports: Cllrs Savage & Hester attended a **Providence School Trust** meeting, discussing the investment options for the capital sum, which is protected, and will circulate the minutes to Cllrs.

The Clerk & Cllr Brooks attended the **Playing Fields fund raising** skittles night, which made nearly £500.

060/16 Comments on information circulated – Devon Association of Local Councils sent an offer of **voluntary labour** provided by South West Water: Cllr Savage suggested some projects in Crockernwell that would benefit from a team effort. Clerk to follow up.

061/16 Future agenda items - None

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS–

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 20 June 2016** at Drewsteignton at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.24 pm