

**DRAFT** MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 20 June 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Hardie, Brooks, Hunt, Hester, Ridgers, and the Clerk.

Apologies None

In attendance No members of the public

**062/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

The minutes for Ordinary Meeting 16 May 2016 need further revision. Clerk to process this for the next meeting.

**063/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None stated

**064/16 MATTERS ARISING:**

A recent wedding party using Holy Trinity Church installed signs in the **Parish Council car park**, saying wedding guest parking only, without requesting permission from any of the Parish Council team. Clerk to check if the church authorised this action.

**WC exterior works**, the Clerk has received a quote from Jake Rowe for this work, we need comparison quotes to ensure prudent use of public money. New barge boards over the doors are needed before the cosmetic work can be carried out. Clerk to make enquiries.

The Drewsteignton **bus shelter** also needs some works, the Clerk will seek quotes for this.

**065/16 HIGHWAYS:**

**Whiddon Down link road:** some drivers continue to ignore the signage, Cllrs will monitor and review the situation. Highways have agreed that the sign warning of speed humps (in Turnpike Road) is blocking the 'no left turn' sign. The speed bump sign is no longer relevant and can be removed. The problem with stones on the carriageway at Hole farm bend is reducing, but will be monitored by Cllrs. The Clerk has contacted neighbouring Parish Councils and nearby schools asking them to publicise the new requirements at this junction.

**AA 'event' signs** at Whiddon Down: South Tawton Parish Council have made contact with comments that these signs are on display for 9 months of the year. The Clerk has contacted Dartmoor National Park planning department and James Aven (DNPA) has replied agreeing that the signs need investigation.

Rob Turner has replied to the Clerk's enquiry about **verge cutting**, saying they do not have a map showing where rural verges will be cut to ensure road safety.

**Lengthsman project:** The Clerk will forward the list of jobs (sent to the lengthsman) to all Cllrs so they can check the works carried out, and suggest further works needed.

The new Neighbourhood Highways Officer Darryl Jagger cannot find the **missing direction signs** at his Okehampton depot. Clerk to follow up, so the signs can be re-installed.

Some **footpath signs** are also missing, (at the junction of the Venton path on Long Lane, and at Spinsters Rock) Clerk to contact National Park ranger Pete Rich.

The **fallen fence** on the A30, near Harepath, is on contractor Kier's urgent work-list. Cllr Hunt to monitor.

The A382 **road edge white lining** between Moretonhampstead and Whiddon Down will be reviewed by Highways when the next resurfacing is due, which is not this year. However the additional cost of the review will also have to be considered. However recent central white lining work has been done in close proximity to faded existing white edge lining, which was not updated.

**Road markings in Crockernwell**, the Clerk has reminded Highways about the possibility of removing the central white lines, to enhance road safety. Again the cost implications of carrying out any changes are a deterrent. Highways have started the repair works on the **unsafe pedestrian protection** fence in Crockernwell, however the job is not complete. Clerk to chase up Highways.

Cllr Savage will raise these issues at the forthcoming Eastern Links meeting with Peter Brunt (of Neighbourhood Highways).

**Chapel Hill bollards:** Simon Phillips (Highways) says the bollards have been ordered, but not yet arrived. He also explained that as this is a trial project there is no safety audit or official plans available.

There is a **fallen tree** in the informal parking area near Mill End hotel at Sandy Park, Clerk to report to DNPA.

**066/16 PLANNING**

**Decisions received:**

**DNPA 0194/16** - Extension at North Down, Crockernwell - **granted**

**DNPA 0199/16** - Alterations at Inner Hillside Cottage, Sandy Park - **granted**

**DNPA 0212/16** - Extension at Hooperton Rise, Crockernwell - **granted**

**DNPA 0259/16** - Agricultural building at Winscombe Farm, Crockernwell - **granted**

**Applications:**

**DNPA 0266/16** - Garage/store at Tordown, Venton: following a site visit and discussion Cllrs agreed unanimously

to **SUPPORT** this proposal as it is discreetly sited, a householder application and not harmful to the National Park. Clerk to send the response paperwork to DNPA.

**DNPA 0251/16** - Agricultural workers dwelling at Venton Farm, Venton: following a site visit and thorough discussion Cllrs agreed unanimously to **OBJECT** to this proposal as it is development in the open countryside and harmful to the National Park. Clerk to send the response paperwork to DNPA.

**Further planning matters:**

The Post Inn has removed the **large banner** on site.

Devon County Council's Barnaby Grubb made a site visit to **Tellam's Yard**, Cheriton Bishop (**application ref DCC/3863/2016**) which Cllr Savage attended as an observer. Cllr Savage reported that the Devon County Council highways representative present at the site visit said it was his sole job to deal with Highways matters which are affected by planning applications.

The Clerk has asked Mr Grubb for a check on the record keeping of the operator at Tellam's Yard, and Mike Deaton of Devon County Council's Waste Planning Authority has told Mr Grubb he is satisfied with the records supplied by the operator. The **decision** on this application reached by DCC is to **approve** the variation on Condition 8 relating to the hours of use, but **refuse** the variation on Condition 9 relating to increased capacity. (These conditions were imposed at the original application ref 14/00172/FULL).

**067/16 FINANCE;**

**a) Payments to be made in June 2016**

Cllr Brooks proposed and Cllr Hunt 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 & materials - £136.34

Whiddon Down Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

David Endacott - replacement light fittings in public WCs - £81.78

Trilan IT - laptop computer for Clerk's use - £310.80 (funded from Transparency Code Grant)

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (car park £79.59) (WCs £14.00) Total £93.59

c) **Other financial matters:** None

**068/15 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Agenda letters:** Devon County Cllr James McInnes has sent an update on the County Council's situation. Clerk to upload on to this Council's website.

**LATE LETTERS:** West Devon Borough Council have written saying they can **no longer subsidise events** that they enable, and will have to charge accordingly.

West Devon Borough Council have also written with information about Regen opportunities for **community energy projects**.

Devon County Council have written regarding the new bridge for the Wray Valley trail. The works are starting now, and there is a **planned road closure on the A382** (just south of Moretonhampstead) from 6pm Thursday 22 September until Sunday 25 September. The official detour using A roads is long, and local traffic will be inconvenienced.

**069/16 Delegates Reports:**

Cllr Hunt attended a **playing field committee** meeting; their safety requirements are up to date, finances healthy, and the build of the new climbing frame progressing. A review of the insurance situation is needed. The Family Fun Day is on Saturday 9 July. The committee hope for a grant from this Council for the fund raising bonfire night event.

Tom Wood (National Trust) has made the **direction signs** for the playing field, and these have been handed to the playing field team for installation.

The Clerk has found copies of the **land registry documents** relating to the car park, and is now seeking the location of similar documents for the playing field.

Cllr Imrie noted that Spreyton PC have TAP (Town & Parish) **funding** for their lengthsman, something we will investigate in future.

**070/16 Comments on information circulated** – None

**071/16 Future agenda items** - Footpath check allocations. The agenda for the July meeting will be issued a few days earlier than usual due to the Clerk's holiday.

**DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS–**

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 18 July 2016** at Whiddon Down at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.01 pm