

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 19 September 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies None

In attendance 0 member of the public

095/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes for Ordinary Meeting 15 August 2016 & Additional meeting 12 September 2016 were approved.

096/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: The applicant at planning application ref DNPA 0477/16 is a customer of Cllr Savage's business.

097/16 MATTERS ARISING:

WC exterior works, the Clerk has had no success getting quotes for the works required. We will try contacting neighbouring parishes to seek a suitable contractor.

Devon Air Ambulance Trust are still seeking night landing sites, the Clerk has put DAAT in touch with Peter Crawford of Wainhomes, so a landing site could be incorporated into their possible development at Whiddon Down.

098/16 HIGHWAYS:

Whiddon Down link road: Drivers are still ignoring the 'no left turn' signs leaving the village opposite the Post Inn. A retired police officer counted at least one vehicle every 5 minutes breaking the law in this way during a morning one hour period, and the same frequency in the evening. Clerk to write to Inspector Sloman at Devon & Cornwall Police. The Clerk has continued communication with Devon County Council Highways department regarding the slightly obscured signage. It was also suggested that a change of pavement shape might make the illegal left turn less attractive.

AA 'event' signs at Whiddon Down: James Aven (DNPA) has not sent any update since our last meeting. Clerk to follow up again.

Highways have still not completed the repairs to the **unsafe pedestrian protection** fence in Crockernwell, Clerk to chase up Highways, again.

Chapel Hill bollards: Simon Phillips (Highways) says the bollards will be installed this week.

The turn to Hittisleigh has a new direction sign. Clerk to chase up the **missing direction signs** in our parish.

The graffiti on the underpass at Harepath Straight will be removed by the Okehampton based highways team led by Darryl Jagger, Cllr Hunt to monitor.

Dartmoor National Park ranger team are offering training and support to volunteer teams to help **maintain footpaths**. A mention in the Parish Post will promote this opportunity.

Works for the **lengthsman** will be forwarded to him, including the gully between Hooperton Cross & Greystone.

099/16 PLANNING

Decisions received:

DNPA 0266/16 - Garage at Tordown - **granted**

DNPA 0346/16 - Variation of hard surfacing at Woodland Springs, Venton - **granted**

Applications:

DNPA 0477/16 - Listed Building Consent for Replacement windows (retrospective) **at 2 Fulford Cottages**, Crockernwell. The windows that were replaced were between 30-40 years old, so not original. They have been replaced with like for like timber, and similar detailing. There is no detrimental effect on the property, street scene of conservation area. From an environmental viewpoint the double glazing reduces energy consumption. Cllrs voted unanimously to **SUPPORT** the application.

Further planning matters: Unauthorised signs at Whiddon Down have been removed.

Also at Whiddon Down there are some **large temporary event signs** on the wrong side of the road, Clerk to contact the relevant organisation to highlight the concerns raised.

At Crockernwell Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society regularly affix a **large sign obscuring** the official Crockernwell sign. Clerk to request a more suitable location is found.

The Clerk has received a message objecting to Wainhomes **possible development** at Whiddon Down. As published in the current issue (No. 125, September 2016) of The Parish Post, page 1, this idea is at a very early stage and will go through due process.

100/16 FINANCE;**a) Payments to be made in September 2016**

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

Ms B Snook – Clerk's Salary - £398.66
 Ms B Snook - general expenses - 2 months - £35.10
 Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning & hedge-cutting- £100.00
 Drewsteignton Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00
 Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00
 South West Water - playing field tap - £10.04
 Trilan IT - website domain renewal fee - £12.00

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (car park £60.57) (WCs £16.69) Total £77.26

c) **Other financial matters:** The Drewsteignton Parish Council **Playing Field Committee** have paid the Parish council the nett amount for the climbing frame. As soon as the works are completed to the satisfaction of that committee the Clerk will release the Parish Council's cheque for the gross amount to the supplier and reclaim the VAT from HMRC.

The criteria to allow Parish Councils to apply for **Town & Parish** (TAP) funding has changed and we can now apply for some funding towards our private lengthsman for ditching & drainage works. Clerk to complete the online form.

101/16 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda letters:

The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England are hosting a forum at Bridestowe to discuss access to the area, including the possible reinstatement of the **Exeter to Okehampton rail link**. Clerk to request a summary of the talks after the event.

LATE LETTERS:

The Clerk will attend a free update and **training event** held by West Devon Borough Council in Okehampton. Cllrs agreed to purchase and plant some daffodil bulbs around the parish, to enhance settlement entrance areas in particular. Cllr Hunt to progress this project.

10216 Delegates Reports: Cllr Savage circulated notes from Eastern Links meeting.

103/16 Comments on information circulated – None

104/16 Future agenda items - repeater speed limit signs at Whiddon Down, car-park information board.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS–

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 17 October 2016** at Drewsteignton at 7.30 pm.

The agenda will be published a few days earlier than usual due to the Clerk's holiday

There being no further business, the Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.53 pm