

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 17 October 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Hunt, Hardie, Hester, Ridgers, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Savage (Vice Chairman) & Brooks
In attendance Peter Crawford (Wainhomes) Pete Rich (DNPA ranger)

105/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes for Ordinary Meeting 19 September 2016 were unanimously approved.

106/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None stated

107/16 MATTERS ARISING:

WC exterior works, the Clerk has contacted nearby Parish councils and got 2 contacts to request estimates for the works needed.

Speed limit repeater signs: Darryl Jagger, (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) tells us these signs are not legal in our situation, however we are told they are installed in several nearby locations. Clerk to continue the communication.

Car-park information board, the Clerk has made some enquiries of the National Trust & Woodland Trust, and now has some more leads to follow up to get some costings.

Peter Crawford (Wainhomes) recently held a site visit in Whiddon Down with Cllrs Imrie, Savage & Hester present. At this Parish Council meeting he updated the Council on their **development ideas**. Negotiations regarding the initial site have stalled and they are now considering another site, between Barn Close and the roundabout, and are in discussion with landowners.

108/16 HIGHWAYS:

Whiddon Down link road: The Clerk has written to Inspector Mark Sloman (Devon & Cornwall Police) about the **traffic illegally turning left (towards North Tawton) in Whiddon Down**, but received no reply. Clerk to re-send the message, pointing out the peak hours of repeat offenders so the police can use their limited resources wisely and easily issue tickets. Devon County Councils Highways team have agreed to amend the signage at the 'no left turn' sign with funding from the original RES budget.

AA 'event' signs at Whiddon Down: James Aven (DNPA) is making enquiries about the legitimacy of these signs. Clerk to chase for an update, again. Cllr Hester asked if we can set up a bylaw to prohibit this type of signage, Clerk to investigate.

The **unsafe pedestrian protection** fence in Crockernwell is still unsafe. Clerk to chase up Highways.

Chapel Hill bollards have been installed and are slowing traffic. This may help justify a more substantial permanent solution.

The Council team reported to Pete Rich (DNPA ranger) on the condition of the **Parish footpaths**. Some problems are already recorded, others now logged.

Devon County Council highways have said they will only **refill grit bins** as requested, their website facility can be used to report a depleted or damaged bin. Cllr Hardie can continue as snow warden for this winter.

DCC highways are also hosting **local conferences** for Councils to attend. Clerk to request an agenda to ascertain the relevance to our Parish.

109/16 PLANNING

Decisions received:

DNPA 0420/16 & 0421/16 - Stabling and extension to domestic curtilage at Furlong, Sandy Park - **granted** with conditions.

Applications:

DNPA 0503/16 Change of Use to annexe at Middle Venton Farm, Venton: Cllrs discussed this application and agreed to a **NEUTRAL VIEW** response.

Further planning matters:

Appeal DCC/3863/2016 at Tellams Yard, Cheriton Bishop: Cllrs agreed to restate the original objections to this application.

DNPA 0401/16 & 0402/16 - Conversion of outbuilding to garden room at Hillside, Drewsteignton. Dartmoor National Park have deferred a decision on this application and are holding a site visit, Cllrs Imrie & Hester to attend, and speak on behalf of this Council.

110/16 FINANCE;

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

Cllr Ridgers 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 - £80.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

EDF - WC electricity - £42.39

Cllr Hunt - expenses for daffodil bulbs - £18.89

Drewsteignton playing field - grant for bonfire night event (to facilitate match funding) - £250.00

British Legion - poppy wreath - £17.00

D Douglas - community gardening donation - £80.00

The Parish Council agreed, for the second year running, to match fund a donation of £250 from a generous member of the local community, towards the fireworks.

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (car park £54.71) (WCs £11.75) Total £66.46

c) **Precept payment** received from West Devon Borough Council £6561.50

d) **Other financial matters:**

The Clerk has filled in the Town and Parish (**TAP fund**) grant application to help fund the lengthsman project.

Cllrs approved the wording. Clerk to process.

The Clerk has received a **donation** of £100.00 for **community gardening projects in Whiddon Down** from a visitor who wishes to remain anonymous. £20 will cover the daffodil project and Cllrs agreed that Dee Douglas should receive the remaining £80.00 to support her voluntary gardening works in Whiddon Down. The Clerk will write to thank the donor on behalf of this Council.

111/16 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Correspondence:

The proposed closure of Okehampton Hospital: Cllrs agreed to **support** the campaign to oppose this proposed closure. Clerk to write a letter mentioning the growth of Okehampton, the ageing population, the recuperation facility taking pressure off the acute beds in main hospitals, the lack of transport in the rural reducing visiting options, patients' overall wellbeing may be reduced being far from home, family & friends.

Dartmoor National Park Consultation on Local Plan; the 24 page initial document sets out the timeline, and scope for this consultation. Responses to the first round of consultation are due by 16 December 2016. Clerk to distribute paper copies to Cllrs, and put on November agenda. There are public drop in events; our nearest in Chagford at Endecott House on Thursday 10 November 4.30pm to 8.00pm. Other dates and venues will be posted on notice-boards and our website for residents information.

Remembrance Sunday is 13th November, Cllrs Imrie, Ridgers and possibly others will attend the service at Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton.

LATE LETTERS:

British Telecom are planning to remove more phone boxes across Dartmoor. Whiddon Down has had 12 calls in 12 months, and Crockernwell has had 1 call in 12 months. As no-one came forward previously to 'Adopt a Kiosk' Cllrs agreed this is not worth fighting. Individuals may object via Dartmoor National Park by contacting Forward Planning: email forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk before 31 October 2016. A further consultation period will be possible when the draft recommendations are published.

Tony Thomas has repaired and painted the **Drewsteignton bus shelter**, which looks much better. Clerk to write a letter of thanks.

Mid Devon Council are consulting about domestic waste storage in new builds. No response required.

112/16 Delegates Reports: Cllr Hunt attended a **playing field committee meeting** where plans for the bonfire night event were completed.

The Clerk attended an **Okehampton Town Council Mayor's meeting**, Mayor Jan Goffey is seeking support from local Parishes regarding the traffic congestion in Okehampton. Cllrs agreed to a letter of support being sent by the Clerk. The proposed closure of the Okehampton Hospital was also discussed.

The Clerk also attended an **update for clerks** held by West Devon Borough Council in Okehampton, which covered development management processes, website, joint local plans, Local Authority Controlled Company, and Localities services. Both events were useful, and will be repeated a few times annually.

113/16 Comments on information circulated – None

114/16 Future agenda items - Sandy Park Inn future.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 21 November 2016** at Whiddon Down at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.13 pm

