

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 19 December 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Hardie, Hester, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Hunt, Ridgers & Brooks
In attendance Roger Burridge (Sandy Park Community Association)

127/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes for Ordinary Meeting 21 November 2016 were unanimously approved.

128/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None stated

129/16 MATTERS ARISING:

WC exterior works, the Clerk has obtained 1 quote for the works needed. The roof has a small split and will need attention. We need further quotes to make an informed decision.

Speed limit repeater signs: Darryl Jagger, (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) tells us these signs are not legal in our situation, however we know that they are installed in several nearby locations. Cllrs agreed to request the installation of a recording device by highways to get some data on speeding traffic, to help the case.

The future of the **Sandy Park Inn**; Kevin Bishop (Chief Executive Dartmoor National Park Authority) has replied to the letter sent expressing concern over the pubs future. He is willing to support an application to have the pub registered by West Devon Borough Council as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). The newly formed Sandy Park Community Association (SPCA) has just submitted an application for ACV status and WDBC advised that a PC application would duplicate work but not further the cause. The Clerk has sent a letter supporting the SPCA's application (based on the original letter to Kevin Bishop). Mel stride (MP) has also replied sympathetically. The Clerk has forwarded the offers of support to SPCA. Roger Burridge spoke to this meeting on behalf of SPCA saying they appreciate the support given by this Council, and that the case will be decided on 7 Feb 2017. The Clerk will re-contact Kevin Bishop as not all the points raised in the original letter were answered, in particular about pub's market value, and the length of time on the market.

The Drewsteignton **church yard lamp-post** is secure but needs some expert attention from a blacksmith. Clerk to get some quotes. The glazing work should be quite straightforward.

The Council owned **benches** are gradually being painted by a local volunteer as weather & time allow.

The **no dog signs** in the public garden are not now considered necessary as the problem has eased.

The **Sandy Park notice-board** still needs renovation. Clerk to contact Greenspace who made the Crockernwell board for a quote.

Car-park information board, the Chair suggested contacting Chagford PC for advice as there is an information board in their car park. Greenspace may also be a suitable local supplier for this project. Local businesses offering suitable services could be invited to help support this project.

The Clerk has trawled the archives and located the **Land Registry** details for the Playing Field, which all appear in order.

The damaged/missing **footpath signs** at Long Lane, and Spinster's Rock still need sorting out. The Clerk has contacted Pete Rich (DNP ranger) who is away at present. Cllr Savage will check the current situation.

Funding to update the Parish Plan may be available from various sources. The 2009 plan was compiled by a team of parishioners, not by this Council. A review of the existing plan will be carried out, and advice sought regarding the timing of any updated version.

130/16 HIGHWAYS:

Whiddon Down link road: **traffic illegally turning left (towards North Tawton) in Whiddon Down**, the clerk has asked the police for an update on this problem, but received no reply. Many drivers are still disobeying this signage, including drivers working for Highfield Garage. Clerk to contact them, and continue requesting police support for this matter.

The **Chapel Hill bollards** are getting mixed reviews, the installation will be reviewed next year.

AA 'event' signs at Whiddon Down, Clerk to check validity of the signs and get authorised dates from Devon County Council (DCC).

Unauthorised signs: DCC Highways have supplied a note of Section 132 of the Highways Act detailing restrictions. This could help form a Parish Council policy to clarify what is acceptable.

The **unsafe pedestrian protection** fence in Crockernwell now has some temporary barriers. The works are due in the next financial year.

List of works for the **lengthsman:** Sands Cross & Pixies Corner, sign cleaning along verges of A382, collect sign at Preston to Drewsteignton. Collect fallen signs. Specify materials needed to repair and replace signage as

needed. The gradient sign going down to Fingle Bridge will be reported to DCC.

131/16 PLANNING

Decisions received:

DNPA 0565/16 Dwelling at Beacon View Farm - **refused**

DNPA 0578/16 Change of Flue at Castle Drogo visitor centre - **granted**

Applications: DNPA 0627/16 New building at Chagford School - **deferred to January meeting**

Further planning matters:

Dartmoor National Park Consultation on Local Plan; Cllrs Imrie, Savage & Hester collated a response which has been submitted to DNPA. The clerk has a summary of the comments.

West Devon Borough Council have made an unsatisfactory response regarding the lapsed planning permission at **Martin Park Farm**, Whiddon Down. Clerk to contact Building Control to obtain the information required.

Myra Spalding at DNPA says 2 Great Tree Bungalow is on her list of sites to check. Clerk to check with WDBC for further information on this matter.

132/16 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in December 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 - £80.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Warren Dawes - lengthsman duties - £181.50

Zurich Insurance - additional cover for Playing Field climbing frame - deferred to clarify cover details

Information Commissioner's Office - Data protection registration - £35.00

b. Income in:

* Income from honesty boxes - Car Park £ TBA WC: £ TBA TOTAL: £ TBA

* VAT reclaim payment received from HMRC - £261.58

c) **Other financial matters: Budget Planning;** the Clerk distributed budget planning spreadsheets. Full discussion to be held at the next meeting.

d) Eastern Links meeting approved the **TAP funding** applied for the help support the lengthsman's work.

133/16 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Correspondence: None

LATE LETTERS: None

134/16 Delegates Reports: None

135/16 Comments on information circulated – None

136/16 Future agenda items -

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 16 January 2017** at Whiddon Down at 7.30 pm

Cllrs agreed the April 2017 meeting should be held on Tuesday 18 April as the Monday is Easter Bank Holiday

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.11 pm