

**DRAFT** MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 16 January 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Hardie, Hester, Hunt, Ridgers & Brooks and the Clerk.  
Apologies None  
In attendance None

**001/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

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

**002/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None stated

**003/17 MATTERS ARISING:**

**WC exterior works**, the Clerk has obtained 1 quote for the works needed. Another possible contractor has now said he cannot do the works required. The roof has needs some repairing. We need further quotes to make an informed decision.

**Speed limit repeater signs:** Darryl Jagger, (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) tells us a brief speed monitoring session showed minimal speeding, however the 7 day black box recorder (promised by Highways) should give better data.

The future of the **Sandy Park Inn**; the Asset of Community Value application submitted by the Sandy Park Community Group will be considered by West Devon Borough Council on 7 Feb 2017. All the signage relating to the pub has been removed from the building and this could negatively affect its marketing as a going concern. Clerk to point this out to Dartmoor National Park and West Devon Borough Council.

**004/17 HIGHWAYS:**

Whiddon Down link road: **traffic illegally turning left (towards North Tawton) in Whiddon Down**, Highfield Garage have reminded their drivers that this signage is legally binding. The situation will be monitored and reviewed.

**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. Clerk & Cllr Imrie to draft wording.

List of works for the **lengthsman**: to check all village entry signs, and car-park signs at Drewsteignton, which are overgrown. Collect fallen signs. Specify materials needed to repair and replace signage as needed, hardwood posts may be more expensive, but be longer lasting option. Local suppliers include Pennymoor timber. Clerk to ask the lengthsman to photograph signs that need attention so a rolling programme can be put in place.

The new **Communities Enhancement Fund** may help with material costs. Clerk to check eligibility. It may also be possible to get training or tools from this fund for other community enhancement works.

**005/17 PLANNING**

**Decisions received:**

**DNPA 0613/16** - garden studio, Windrush, Stone Lane - granted

**DNPA 0589/16** - electricity cable route at Castle Drogo - granted

**Applications:**

**DNPA 0627/16** New building at Chagford School - Cllrs discussed the application, which has attracted a lot of public attention. As a catchment area Parish this Council has been invited to comment. Cllr Ridgers supported the proposal but all the other Cllrs voted for a NEUTRAL VIEW.

**Further planning matters:**

West Devon Borough Council have now clarified the planning permission requirements at **Martin Park Farm**, Whiddon Down, which are for the applicant to supply detailed plans before commencing the works. The Clerk has contacted Building Control who say the foundation excavations have been dug and inspected. Clerk to contact WDBC again to follow up

Cllr Imrie declared a possible non pecuniary interest as she is a neighbour to this property. James Aven at Dartmoor National Park Authority says 2 **Great Tree Bungalow** will be visited by West Devon Borough Council's Building Control Officer to check for final sign off, and completion certificate. Dartmoor National Park Authority will then expect the original building to be demolished to comply with the planning permission granted ref DNPA 0475/11. The Clerk will thank James Aven for his response and request a further update for our next meeting.

Stephen Belli has resigned as **Head of Planning** at Dartmoor National Park, Clerk to write to thank him for his work and wish him well as a freelance planner in the West Country.

#### **006/17 FINANCE;**

##### **a) Payments to be made in January 2017**

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

Ms B Snook – Clerk's Salary - £398.66  
 Ms B Snook - general expenses - 2 months £32.60  
 Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £80.00  
 Drewsteignton Hall - Hall hire - £10.00  
 Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00  
 Drewsteignton Playing Field - VAT reclaim - £2004.60

##### **b. Income in:**

\* Income from honesty boxes - Car Park £17.06      WC: £5.79      TOTAL: £22.85  
 \* VAT reclaim payment received from HMRC - £2004.60

##### **c) Other financial matters:**

**Budget Planning;** the Clerk distributed budget planning spreadsheets. Cllrs discussed the current expenditure, and planned expenditure for the forthcoming year. Cllrs unanimously agreed to precept for the same amount as last year (£13825.00) from West Devon Borough Council. The Chairwoman and Clerk signed the paperwork. Clerk to forward to WDBC.

#### **007/17 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Agenda Correspondence:** Cllr Hunt raised the issue of the uninspiring parish website. There are some Council documents missing, Clerk to check with site administrator on the process required. Cllr Hunt & Clerk to encourage small businesses to forward some more inspiring content for inclusion.

**LATE LETTERS: None**

#### **008/17 Delegates Reports:**

Cllr Imrie reported that June Rowe had contacted our Devon County Cllr James McInnes complaining about the **bollards** outside the Whiddon Down Methodist Chapel. Cllr Imrie explained that this was a trial road safety project, and would be reviewed during 2017.

Cllr Savage reminded Cllrs about the launch of the **Providence School Charity** on Saturday 21 January at Throwleigh Village Hall at 7.30pm. Cllr Hester who is treasurer for this charity expressed his serious disappointment at the slow progress of decision making in the organisation.

**009/17 Comments on information circulated – None**

**010/17 Future agenda items** - Information board, Sandy Park notice-board, churchyard lamp-post, defibrillator for Whiddon Down,

#### **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –**

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 20 February 2017** at Drewsteignton at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.54 pm