

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 18 April 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Hester, Hunt, & Brooks and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllr Ridgers
In attendance Three members of the public

031/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Cllrs approved the minutes for the Ordinary Meetings of 20 February 2017 & 20 March 2017

032/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Imrie declared a non pecuniary interest as she has had contact with Jackson-Stops regarding a charity event she is organising.

033/17 MATTERS ARISING:

Anti social behaviour at Lamb Park, Drewsteignton. The Clerk has contacted the RSPCA, West Devon Borough Council's Environmental Protection unit, DCH housing association and Devon & Cornwall police. Each organisation has been contacted 4 times, finally resulting in agreement that a meeting of the relevant authorities might help find a resolution. The RSPCA will not do anything unless the dog is in immediate danger, and it appears impossible to make a complaint about their work. Local MP Mel Stride has been kept up to date with the matter and the Clerk will contact him to help with the RSPCA. It appears the dog is currently unattended again. Residents will monitor & record events, and report as appropriate.

A diary of events in & near Lamb Park (supplied by a resident) has been circulated to all concerned and this seemed to help clarify the seriousness of the situation. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the authorities concerned, available Cllrs and a representative of the residents. The residents have agreed to submit their questions and comments in advance of the meeting.

WC exterior works, Julian Mesling will carry out this work in the next few weeks.

Car park information board. Clerk to seek some non local suppliers to quote, and ask Dartmoor National Park for support & advice.

The **Sandy Park Inn** has been purchased and re opened by Romilly Stuart-Jervis. He is happy for the Sandy Park Community Association to continue with the pub's registration as a Community Asset with West Devon Borough Council.

034/17 HIGHWAYS:

Unauthorised signs: the agreed policy has been published locally and will be sent to nearby parishes and organisations.

Following a Freedom of Information request a summary of the **speeding survey** data (from Whiddon Down) has been supplied. The data from Crockernwell had a digital failure, and the survey is being redone currently. The Clerk will request the full details from John Fewings DCC Highways Manager.

The response to the Clerk's request for training for a **volunteer road warden** from Devon County Council Highways department was password protected email with no password issued yet.

Darryl Jagger (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) has sent an initial programme of planned road works.

035/17 PLANNING

Decisions received:

DNPA 0075/17 & 0076/17 Two storey extension at rambler Cottage, Crockernwell - **refused**

DNPA 0099/17 & 0100/17 Extension at The Old Smithy, Sandy Park - **withdrawn**

Applications:

DNPA 0171/17 Amendments to porch at **Middle Venton Farm, Venton**. Cllrs agreed to make no comment on this proposal.

Further planning matters: James Gibbs of Jackson-Stops has contacted this council regarding the possibility of developing land at Whiddon Down. Cllrs agreed that suitable development would be considered, particularly a rebalance of the existing high level of affordable/ social housing at approx 65% of domestic properties. It appears that Wainhomes have decided to relocate to Exeter instead of Whiddon Down.

036/17 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in April 2017

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

Community First Trading - Insurance - £341.02
 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 - £82.18
 SW Water - playing field tap - £15.13
 Cllr Imrie - expenses - £5.00
 Devon Association of Local councils - membership - £179.05
 Drewsteignton Gardeners Club - maintenance of public garden - £200.00
 Holy Trinity Church - burial grant - £350.00
 Whiddon Down Methodist Church - burial grant - £100.00
 Whiddon Down Village Hall - grant - £150.00
 Drewsteignton Village Hall - grant - £150.00

b. Income in:

* Income from honesty boxes - Car Park £53.17 WC: £9.71 TOTAL: £62.88

037/17 Other financial matters:

Financial Year End paperwork has been prepared by the Clerk. The situation is comfortable, with some surplus allocated to local road signage improvements. This also means the grants to some local organisations have been raised a little for this year. Full information is available from the Clerk on request. Cllrs approved Tony Thomas as the internal auditor.

Cllrs confirmed the replies to the Annual Governance Statement (including assessing risks to the Council, such as liabilities, fidelity, covered by a policy provided by Zurich Insurance) and then the Accounting Statements as required by auditors. Cllrs checked the Bank Reconciliation. The Chairwoman & Clerk (as Responsible Financial Officer) then signed all these documents. Clerk to forward all relevant documents to the internal auditor.

038/17 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda Correspondence:

Cllrs approved Roger Burrige of Sandy Park as a representative of the Parish on the **Providence School Charity** board. Clerk to forward contact details to the boards Chair, Gay Hill.

LATE LETTERS: None

039/17 Delegates Reports: None

040/17 Comments on information circulated – None

041/17 Future agenda items - Sandy Park notice-board, churchyard lamp-post

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 15 May 2017** at Whiddon Down at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.48 pm