MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 21st April 2008

Present: Cllrs Ridgers (Chair), Savage (Vice), Power, Mudge, Hardie, Hester, Chadney and the Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Gosnay and Cllr Dyke

In attendance: No members of the public

41.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
Cllr Savage pointed out an amendment to the minutes that it was the Chair that closed the meeting and not the Vice Chair. Cllr. Power proposed and Cllr.Hardie seconded, the Minutes of 17th March 2008 subject to this amendment and these were signed by the Chair as a true record.

42.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Ridgers declared a personal interest on the planning application at Cross Farm – 0244/08 due to family connections. Cllr Savage declared a prejudicial interest in the same application due to business interests with the Agent. Cllr Savage stated that he had taken advice from WDBC in respect of this application and advised the Clerk that she did not have to declare an interest as she was not a Councillor but it might be advisable to declare a prejudicial interest in the same application as she was acting as Agent for this application. The Clerk was happy to take this course of action.

43.08 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
Clerk has received confirmation that the minutes can be displayed in the Church Porch subject to the PCC approval.

Cllr Savage has received a telephone call from James Anstey from DCC to arrange a meeting to view the various highway issues around the Parish. Cllr Savage to arrange.

A letter has been received from Cheriton Bishop Parish Council in respect of Pulford Dip. Cllr Savage requested the Clerk write to Cllr McInnes and asks for a joint effort with his counterpart who covers Cheriton Bishop Parish to try to resolve the problem. The Chair requested that the Clerk send a copy of the letter received from Cheriton Bishop Parish Council to Cllr Savage in order that he can take this up with James Anstey at their forthcoming meeting.

No reply has yet been received regarding the Horse Box at Venton from DNPA. Clerk to include on Agenda for next meeting.

44.08 PLANNING
Decisions Received:
DNPA 0089/08 Castle Drogo Temporary Interpretation Hut – granted
WDBC 11526/2008/OKE Chapple Farm Drewsteignton Roof and Walls – granted
WDBC 11428/2008/OKE Flood Cottage Drewsteignton – granted
DNPS 0005/08 Church View Crockernwell - refused
DNPA 0222/08 Weir Mill Drewsteignton. The application was in respect of demolition of cottage and replace with single storey timber framed cottage. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

DNPA 0265/08 Bailiffs Cottage Furlong Sandy Park. Listed Building consent. Again Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

DNPA 0244/08 Cross Farm Drewsteignton. Cllrs Ridgers and Savage having previously declared an interest left the room together with the Clerk. Cllr Mudge took the chair. The Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case. Cllrs Ridgers and Savage together with the Clerk then returned to the room.

Clerk to advise all the relevant authorities.

45.08 FINANCE
a) Proposed by Cllr. Power and seconded by Cllr.Chadney, the following payments were authorised:

Mrs. J Bowden - Salary £299.00
Community First - Insurance £427.60
M.J. Rowe - Toilet Cleaning £105.32
EDF – Electricity re WC’s £26.06
Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00
Mrs J Bowden – Expenses £59.87
Cannon – Sanitary ware £58.66
EDF – Church Clock electricity £10.02
SWWA – Trough Lamb Park £7.33
DAPC – Membership/Local Council Review £141.50
W D Methodist Church – Burial Grant £65.00
Holy Trinity Church – Burial Grant £305.00
Drewsteignton Village Hall - Grant £700.00
Drewsteignton Gardeners Club – Maintenance of Gardens £200.00

- The Chair approved the Bank Reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2008.
- Precept of £4,450 together with £206 burial grant had been received in April 2008.

46.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

WDBC Local Government Review and Special Parish Link Committee correspondence received. There will be a meeting Tuesday 22nd April 2008 at Whiddon Down Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Several Cllrs expressed an interest to attend.

Chagford Parish Council will be beating the bounds on Sunday 4th May 2008 and would like to meet up with some representatives from Drewsteignton Parish Council along our boundary. Cllr Ridgers and Savage agreed to meet them at Sandsgate at 11am.

Next Eastern Parish Links meeting at The Church House South Tawton on 5th June 2008.

47.08 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Hardie attended and chaired the Standards Training at Meldon Village Hall and updated Cllrs on the revised code of conduct. Cllr Hardie advised Cllrs that if they were ever in doubt regarding declaring an interest, to declare an interest rather than not say anything.

48.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

None

49.08 WEBSITE

In the absence of Cllr Gosnay the Clerk requested that Cllrs submit the information requested of them to Cllr Gosnay as soon as possible to enable the website to be released to the general public.

50.08 HIGHWAYS

Parish Lengthman due to visit on 1 May 2008. Cllr Power reported the bottom end of Venton, water was not draining away correctly. Cllr Mudge reported culvert blocked at Preston. Cllr Savage reported the potholes previously reported at Bowden Cross had still not been filled. Clerk to advise relevant authorities.

Cllr Savage requested the Clerk also write to WDBC to enquire into the possibility of having a dog mess bin installed at the end of Lambert Lane and another at Fingle Bridge, Drewsteignton side near the donation box. Clerk to enquire.

51.08 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Charitable Giving Policy

52.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 28th April 2008 at 7.30pm at Castle Drogo for Annual Parish Meeting. The Property Manager for Castle Drogo has offered to provide light refreshments for a small fee. Cllrs agreed to accept. Clerk to respond to Castle Drogo.

Monday 19th May 2008 at 7.30pm to incorporate AGM.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.