MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Wednesday 3rd December 2008

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

Apologies: Cllr Gosnay

In attendance: 2 members of the public

160.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Power seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 17th November 2008.

161.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
The Chairman reminded the Cllrs present of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in respect of any items included on the Agenda. Cllr Savage declared a personal interest in item 164.08 - 12398/2008/OKE on the Agenda.

162.08 MATTERS ARISING
A response had been received from DNPA in respect of the Post Inn. To be discussed in detail at the January meeting.

The Clerk has received confirmation from Sanctuary Housing that a member of their staff would be visiting Turnpike Road on 4 December, in respect of the grass verges outside the affordable housing in Turnpike Road.

No response received from David Bailey in respect of the state of the road at Long Lane. Clerk to chase.

A response has been received from WDBC in respect of Martins Farm. The response was deemed to be in adequate, and Cllrs requested that the Clerk respond asking why no action has been taken on their enforcement order and when action will be taken. Copy of letter to be sent to Cllr Ridgers as WDB Councillor.

Following an inadequate response from the Police it was agreed that a further letter would be sent to the new Chief Constable stating the Parish Councils concerns over speeding issues in the Parish.

163.08 HIGHWAYS
Cllr Hester asked for the sides of the road approaching France Hill from Venton could be cleared of leaves.

Lines in the road at Venton have been erased. Clerk to investigate.

Potholes outside Drewsteignton Toilets and in the square to be reported.

Streetlights which shine upon Church and Church clock not working.

Weeds and brambles require removing around the Drewsteignton sign from Whiddon Down. Also brambles growing around the green metal bench along the road out of Drewsteignton towards the Castle. Jobs for the Parish Lengthsman in February 2009.

164.08 PLANNING
DNPA – 0722/08 The Old Rectory Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of the restoration of garage roof to incorporate studio/games room. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in the case.

DNPA – 0734/08 This application was in respect of enlargement of garden with reopening of historic driveway and revision of split access to the House. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

WDBC 12398/2008/OKE This application was to construct 2 static holiday units and associated parking, turning and amenity space and fencing. Cllrs decided to support this application as it was a good use of disused land and a useful update of derelict land. It is the policy of this parish council to support farm diversification in so far as possible. There will be negligible addition to traffic.

Clerk to notify relevant authorities.

An appeal has been registered in respect of the refusal of new house at Netherton Hill. The Parish Council previously objected to this application and Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to The Planning Inspectorate detailing the previous objections and stating that the Parish Council comprises of 9 Cllrs all from different backgrounds with different views, all of which attended the
meeting when the objections were discussed and all agreed to object to the application.

165.08 FINANCE
Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the following payments to be made;
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Salary £299.00
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Expenses £15.83
Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50
Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00

166.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
Chagford Recreational Trust Meeting Tuesday 2nd December 2008.
WDBC Boundary commission update dated 19.11.08 placed in the circulation pack.
DAPC will be running training courses for new Councillors in the new year. Clerk to investigate if these are to be held in the evenings.

167.08 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Parish Plan - February
WPC Nadine Wilson - January
Turnpike Road - January

168.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING
Monday 12th January 2009 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.