DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 21st November 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Gosnay (Vice Chairman), Walker, Mudge, Power, Hester, Hardie, Dyke (arrived 7.35pm) and the Clerk

Apologies

In attendance: 5 members of the public

202.11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Walker seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 17 October 2011.

203.11 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. Cllrs Hardie and Hester declared personal interests, as they are both neighbours of the Post Inn. Bill Savage declared an interest regarding the planning application at 1 The Granary, Budbrooke, as the applicant had contacted him prior to making the application.

204.11 MATTERS ARISING
The clerk has written twice since the last council meeting to Royal Mail regarding the missing post box, and a reply (received 19.11.11) says the Royal Mail are investigating the issue and will report back in a few weeks. Clerk to update Cheriton Bishop PC who are having similar problems.

Fingle Shoot; DNPA have written a more positive letter saying they will monitor shooting days and review the situation before the next season.

SWW have issued the revised bill giving the one off allowance of 75% against the bill. The playing field committee are monitoring the meter regularly.

Barn Close play area; Cllr Hardie has prompted a few residents, with a mixed response, but mainly positive. ‘Last chance’ note to Parish Post.

Froggy Lane; Cllrs Mudge and Gosnay to arrange meeting with Devon Rural Skills Trust. (Commercial cost for the job in the region of £1500.) A supervised working party was suggested. Tree work permission will be required. Cllr Mudge to initiate procedure.

205.11 TRAVELLERS SITE; New contact details for Highways Agency received by the Clerk and new letter sent 11.11.11. Clerk to ask WDBC to check on Environmental Health issues at the site.

206.11 HIGHWAYS:
Drewsteignton Post Office parking has been chased, Clerk to chase again via Cllr James McInnes of DCC.

Turnpike Road closure; a letter has been received (9.11.11) saying that the design and legals are in progress and expect to be completed in a few weeks. Clerk to chase for copy of Traffic Order.

Sandy Park Wall; a letter has been received (9.11.11) saying that Highways cannot enforce the landowner to maintain the wall, they can only ensure the road is passable. Cllr Hester to monitor.

Faults to be reported by the clerk:
Polford Dip (between Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell) flooding whenever any rain.
Stonelands, Crockernwell gulley blocked, steps up to main road need clearing.
Storm drains from Hooperton Cross to Crockernwell need clearing.
Drains blocked at Bowden, between Bowden cross and Hooperton Cross.
Damaged edges at Preston to Greystone Cross.
Fly tipping continuing at Venton lay-by, can trees be removed to increase visibility and reduce tipping.

All Councillors to monitor and report fly tipping to authorities and to the clerk so a parish record can be kept.

207.11 PLANNING
Decisions received; DNPA 1459/11 at Moorlands, Whiddon Down, approved. The term ‘Selected Rural Settlement’ was used which had not been so previously.

Post Inn; Communication between the Clerk and Nick Savin (DNPA) have continued, clarifying the Parish Council’s position. The most recent from DNPA saying that Mr Short was abroad but would complete his application on his return 26.11.11. Clerk to thank Nick Savin for the update.
and look forward to some progress by the next meeting.

DNPA 0567/11 at Ford House, Drewsteignton. Installation of an array of PV solar panels. See comment below. Vote result; 6 to support, 2 neutral view. Decision to support in accordance with local, regional and strategic policy on sustainable energy production.

DNPA 0573/11 at 1 The Granary, Budbrooke, Crockernwell. Change of use of land from paddock to garden and installation of an array of PV solar panels. See comment below. Vote result; 6 to support, 2 neutral view. Decision to support in accordance with local, regional and strategic policy on sustainable energy production.

Both these applications were discussed at some length, with concerns raised about whether the Parish would eventually be covered in PV panels, destroying the area's natural beauty. The applicant from Crockernwell spoke to meeting prioritising his wish to have a sustainable energy source, over the financial benefit currently offered by the government. Both applications went to a vote with the results shown against each application separately. Clerk to respond to DNPA.

Pre-planning advice; DNPA do not release their communications with applicants prior to an application being officially made. This information would help the councillors to be appropriately informed and assist in decision making. Clerk to request this information as each planning application comes in the Parish Council. John Shears (local rep at DNPA) to be kept up to date on this discussion.

208.11 FINANCE
Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Dyke seconded the following payments to be made;
Ms B Snook – Clerk’s Salary £285.13 & Clerk’s expenses £35.83
HMRC – Clerk’s PAYE £166.40
DALL – Training £30.00
Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50
Drewsteignton Hall - Hire £.800
Parish Mag Printers – Parish Post £53.00
South West Water – Playing Field £153.60
Emanuel Hendry – Playing field equipment £3387.00
EDF – Electric public toilets £35.00
SPC landscaping – grass cutting car-park £575.00
Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal £18.00

The Precept planning; the clerk outlined key points from the Precepts & Budgets Course attended 8.11.11.
A 5 column spreadsheet was handed to councillors with figures for last year’s spend, current year’s budget, spend so far and probable spend. And a blank column for next year’s budget. The councillors will consider options for next year, ready for the next meeting.

209.11 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
Late letters;
Jo Rumble (DNPA) has written with details of honesty box options for car park and the public toilets.

Queen’s Jubilee celebrations; It has been suggested the council commission a decorative map of the Parish to be printed and sold to the public. Councillors to investigate suitable artists.

211.11 Parish Post; The new editor Nigel Campbell has started.

212.11 Turnpike Road; See highways

213.11 Storage of Documents; The recommendations from NALC regarding the storage of documents has been put in the circulation pack, to be considered for policy at the next meeting. Emails will be archived onto CD annually. Cllr Gosnay to arrange digital archive.

214.11 DELEGATES REPORTS
Cllr Walker attended the Snow Warden training, and will cascade this initially to the councillors at a separate session. (Tuesday 29 November) Cllr Hester to arrange a venue. The council will ask for volunteers via the Parish Post and notice-boards. The clerk to contact Cllr James McInnes (DCC) as the Parish Council has not been issued with adequate equipment to ensure volunteers’ safety.

Bill Savage reported from the recent Eastern Links meeting. Some bus routes have been stopped with no notice. Clerk to contact James McInnes to ensure any changes to local services are communicated to the council beforehand.

215.11 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED - None

216.11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Future Devolved powers,

217.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –
Monday 12 December 2011 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton.
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm