

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

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

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. McInnes

In attendance: Mr N Gilbert and 8 members of the public

ACTION

2.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr. Power and seconded by Cllr. Chadney, the Minutes of 17th December 2007 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Chadney, the minutes of 19th January 2008 were signed by the Vice Chair as a true record.

3.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Following the viewing of the standards board DVD prior to the meeting, the Chair reminded the Cllrs of the need to make any declarations of interest. Cllr Hardie declared a personal interest in the Venton Highways/Plant issues on the Agenda, as his wife is related to the family concerned. Cllr Power declared a personal issue in the same item on the Agenda, as she lives in the Hamlet of Venton.

4.08 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Savage has yet to deal with the broken lock on the Crockernwell notice board. The Clerk has spoken to Simon Eakins about the Whiddon Down notice board and confirmed the holes will be drilled to allow the air to circulate and hopefully improve viewing of the contents of the board.

Cllr Savage

5.08 HIGHWAYS/PLANT ISSUES IN VENTON

Cllr Ridgers welcomed several members of the public who were present for this item on the Agenda. Mrs Lorna Sowrey spoke on behalf of the residents of Venton, stating that there was concern over the activities of a large Plant Hire sale business which is alleged being operated at Longhayes Venton. Various concerns were aired, including a business being operated on what would appear to be agricultural land. Following various discussions it was agreed the Parish Council would assist the Parishioners of Venton by writing to DNPA and WDBC asking them to review the situation and asking them to report back to the Parish Council.

Clerk

Cllr Ridgers subsequently left the meeting at 8.05pm and Cllr Savage took the Chair.

6.08 BIOSOLIDS

Cllr Savage welcomed Mr Nick Gilbert Devon Area Supervisor Bio-Solids Recycling SWWA. Complaints have been received from residents in the area of Harepath Farm about the smell and mud on the road. Some parishioners had complained to the highways authority to no avail. Mr Gilbert explained that only one contractor was used to haul bio-solids to this site. T Vallance and Sons who were approved contractors. He also explained that this was a valuable resource to Farmers and really beneficial to the land. Cllr Savage stated that a member of the public had said that the drivers were undoing the trailers under the tunnel and subsequently reversing into the field. Mr Gilbert thought this to be very unlikely and promised to speak to the Contractors to enquire as this was against best practice. He would report back to the Clerk with the outcome.

(Mr Gilbert has subsequently reported back that the drivers were stopping under the tunnel to undo the sheet on the trailer, as it was too windy to do so in the field. This has now ceased as the bins have been altered)

7.08 PLANNING

DNPA 0006/08 Higher Fingle Farm Crockernwell. This application was in respect of change of use of part of farm yard to provide new farm education centre. Cllrs agreed to make no comment for this application.

DNPA 0023/08 and 0024/08 Wallon Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of conversion of 4 traditional farm buildings to create 3 holiday lets and 1 residential unit and recreational building. Cllrs agreed to support this application in relation to the preservation of the buildings.

DNPA 0005/08 Church View Crockernwell. This application was for the removal of an agricultural tie on the Bungalow. It was agreed that Cllrs would support the application as it would appear there is no longer a need for an agricultural tie on the property.

DNPA 0999/07 North Down Bowden Cross Crockernwell. This was to demolish an existing shed and temporary stable building and to construct 4 loose boxes, hay and tack store and trailer shed. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

ACTION

Clerk to notify the relevant authorities of the above decisions.

Planning Decisions received as follows;

11182/07 WDBC Grendon Drewsteignton – approved

Clerk

0938/07 DNPA 1 Glebe Cottage Drewsteignton – approved

0871/07 DNPA Middle Venton Farm Drewsteignton – approved

A letter had been received from DNPA regarding the construction of a timber pole barn and storage of waste on land at Little Venton Drewsteignton. This appears to be a breach of planning control and DNPA are taking further action.

8.08 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 28th April is the proposed date for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was proposed that Mr David Bailey be approached to ask if the Parish Meeting could be held at Castle Drogo, following his previous invitation at the July 2007 Parish Council Meeting. Clerk to enquire.

9.08 FINANCE.

a) Proposed by Cllr. Gosnay and seconded by Cllr. Dyke, the following payments were authorised :

Clerk

Mrs. J Bowden - Salary	£291.67
Mrs. J Bowden - Expenses	£20.69
EDF – Clock Electric	£10.03
EDF- Electric Drewsteignton WC's	£29.53
Mrs S Power – Travel Expenses	£7.20
M.J. Rowe - Toilet Cleaning	£73.50
Public Loan Board – Car Park	£1021.52
Drewsteignton Village Hall	£8.00
WDBC- Council Tax re Toilet	£39.00

10.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) WDBC letter dated 18.12.07 re rural funding, placed in the circulation pack.

b) Letter from South Tawton Parish Clerk, requesting a point of contact. They are about to embark upon a Parish Plan. It was agreed Cllr Hester would be the point of contact. Cllr Hester to respond to letter.

Cllr Hester

11.08 HIGHWAYS

a) Parish Lengthman's visit due 21 January 2008. Cllr Mudge requested that the culvert from Higher Fingle to Greystone be cleared as the road was flooded. Cllr Savage asked for a pothole to be filled on the road to the Dual Carriageway from Northdown. Clerk to pass on jobs to the Lengthman.

Clerk

12.08 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Gosnay gave a report on the suggested layout for the website which he had drafted following a website committee meeting. The suggested layout was approved by the Cllrs and it was agreed that Cllr Gosnay would report to Mr Mike Hughes Chamberlaine with the layout, in order that the website could be set up.

Cllr
Gosnay

13.08 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Power had recently attended a DNPA planning meeting.

Cllr Gosnay reported that the handrail in the car park was broken. Clerk to report to Mr S Eakins.

Clerk

Cllr Gosnay also reported that the bin in the car park is being abused. Recent contents include an old coat and 8 rotten chicken pieces. Following discussions it was agreed to include an item in the Parish Post with the warning that the bin might be removed, if this continues.

Cllr
Gosnay

14.08 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

John Packer WDBC Affordable Housing Feb meeting

15.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th February 2008 at 7.30pm .

There being no further business, the Vice Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.11pm