

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 15th September 2008

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

Apologies: Cllr Gosnay and Hardie

In attendance: Mr J Packer, 2 members of the public

115.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Savage pointed out that item 105.08 should read Affordable Housing Drewsteignton and not Whiddon Down, subject to this amendment Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Hester seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 18th August 2008.

ACTION

116.08 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 Ridgers declared a personal interest in the planning application at Castle Drogo due to family connections.

117.08 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk still investigating if the deeds are held by the Solicitors.

Clerk

A letter has been received from Cheriton Bishop Parish Council in respect of Polford Dip, to confirm that they are pursuing further works to be carried out by the Highways Department on the Cheriton Bishop side of the Dip.

Cllr Hester has spoken to various residents about the possible closure of Turnpike Road and anticipates holding an informal open evening for the residents of Whiddon Down to express their views.

118.08 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

Cllr Ridgers made it clear that he was present at the meeting in his role as Parish Cllr and not West Devon Borough Cllr.

Various discussions took place in respect of the proposed Boundary Commission proposals. No feed back had been received from Parishioners following the report placed in the Parish Post, thus it was assumed the Parishioners are happy with the Parish Councils proposals.

Cllr Ridgers stated that he was disappointed with the Boundary Commission and the way the whole thing has been handled and the lack of consultation. The real concern from the Parish perspective, if Devon becomes a Unitary Authority, it is feared that political views may affect the committee which would not be beneficial. No financial saving to any major degree can be easily seen. The general consensus of opinion is that the Cllrs do not want to see any change due to the fundamental way it would affect the Parish, with additional work involved for all Cllrs, Politicisation, no real benefits to the Parish and the feeling that the Parish Council would be a little cog in a big wheel and thus would have a lesser voice.

Clerk/
Cllr
Ridgers

Cllrs requested that the clerk write to the Boundary Commission with the Parish Council views. Cllr Ridgers agreed to assist.

119.08 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DREWSTEIGNTON

The Chairman introduced Mr John Packer from West Devon Borough Council. A summary of the Parish Plan in respect of the Affordable Housing section had been made available to all Cllrs.

Following discussion it was agreed that 5 two or three bed roomed houses for rent would be built on the Lamb Park land. These would not be for shared ownership due to current market conditions. The section 106 money of £120,000 has to be spent by 2012 and would be used for this project. Cllr Mudge enquired into the possibility of having one 4 bedroom House. Mr Packer would enquire but did not feel that this would be the best option, as 2 bedroom houses tend to be the most popular in today's climate.

Cllrs stressed that they would like the new houses to be built in sympathy with the surroundings. John Packer stated that the Parish Council would be consulted prior to the planning application being submitted, which he anticipated would be within the next 6-9 months. Building of the houses likely to take a further 12 months.

Cllr Savage proposed and Cllr Ridgers seconded that 5 affordable houses should be built on the Lamb Park land, for rent, as soon as possible. All Cllrs agreed.

120.08 PLANNING

DNPA 0542/08 and 0541/08 Castle Drogo Drewsteignton. This application is in respect of a

services trench from new biomass boiler to Castle and associated connection works to existing heat exchange within Castle Visitor Reception Building. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

ACTION

It was agreed to hold a planning site visit on Monday 29th September. All future site visits to take place on Saturday mornings due to shorter days.

Decisions received;

DNPA 0681/07 Sandy Park Inn granted as a result of an appeal against DNPA re listed building consent.

DNPA 0682/07 Sandy Park Inn refused as a result of an appeal against DNPA. Therefore no alteration to Sandy Park Inn will be taking place as a result of this application.

DNPA 0452/08 Castle Drogo granted

WDBC 11965/2008/OKE Martins Park refusal of Agricultural dwelling, but grant of agricultural building.

121.08 FINANCE

Cllr Chadney proposed and Cllr Ridgers seconded the following payments to be made;

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £299.00

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £38.22

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00

Mr C Gosnay – Bus Shelter Repairs £34.48

Mr C Gosnay – Website Registration £14.04

122.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

WDBC letter dated 2 September received in respect sponsorship of a BT payphone. Cllrs agreed they did not wish to sponsor a payphone.

Cllrs
Savage
and Hester,

DNPA letter dated 2 September received in respect of Defra consultation on direct Elections to National Park Authorities.

DNPA planning in the Parish Conference to be held on Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm. Cllr Savage and Hester to attend.

DAPC AGM to be held on Saturday 27th September 2008. No Cllrs wished to attend.

EDF Energy letter asking if Parish Council wish to pay by Direct Debit. It was agreed to continue to pay by cheque and support the local post office.

123.08 UPDATE RE PARISH PLAN

It is anticipated that the Parish Plan results will be available for the next meeting.

124.08 HIGHWAYS

No reply has been received from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary in respect of the speeding issues around the Parish.

Clerk

Cllrs requested the Clerk write to Jill Skelton of WDBC in respect of the fly tipping of tyres on the verges near Crockernwell and Grendon Farm, Whiddon Down.

Clerk

Cllrs also requested the Clerk write to Martin Stoddart of the Highways agency in respect of the banners appearing outside Dartmoor View Caravan Park over the bank holiday week end. Also finger post at Fingle Bridge broken. Various potholes outside Fox Close Drewsteignton appearing. Clerk to report.

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Hester requested the Parish Council write to the Taxi firms who are using Turnpike Road as a short cut, to warn them not to use this road and details will be reported to the Police if the use continues. Cllr Hester to supply the Clerk with the firms to be targeted.

125.08 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Savage and Cllr Power attended a recent Eastern Links meeting and Cllr Savage gave a report. Minutes of the recent Playing field meeting had been received. A safety inspection of the equipment had been carried out and the bumps in the playing field have been removed.

126.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

None.

127.08 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Footpath Inspections – October

128.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.24pm.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Dartmoor View Caravan Park Whiddon Down
On
Monday 29th September 2008

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Mudge (Vice), Power, Hester, Hardie and Dyke

Apologies: Cllr Gosnay, Chadney and Ridgers

In attendance: 1 member of the public

ACTION

129.08 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 and Dyke declared a personal interest in the planning application at Ardonay Cottage Drewsteignton as they both served on the Parish Council with the applicants wife.

130.08 PLANNING

DNPA 0608/08 Ardonay Cottage Drewsteignton. This application is in respect of a timber framed flat roofed double car port. Cllrs agreed to support this case as it would help keep vehicles off the streets and square of Drewsteignton and there is evidence of a previous building.

WDBC 12221/2008/OKE Dartmoor View Caravan Park. This application was in respect of 16 holiday static caravan pitches to replace 35 touring pitches. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

131.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.27pm.