

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 17th November 2008

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

Apologies: Cllr Chadney

In attendance: Sgt M Hoare and 1 member of the public

147.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 22nd October 2008.

148.08 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 item 151.08 - 0681/08 and 0682/08 on the Agenda. Cllr Hester declared a personal interest in item 151.08 -0700/08 on the agenda

149.08 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk has received confirmation that the deeds are not held by Stones or Foot Anstey Solicitors. Clerk to liaise with Simon Gregory at Foot Anstey to enquire if Land is registered, subject to the cost involved. Clerk

A letter has been received from DCC to confirm that Drewsteignton Parish has no common land. Cllrs requested that the Clerk send a reminder letter to WDBC in respect of the complaint at Martins Park Whiddon Down., with cc to Cllr Ridgers (WDB Cllr) to enable him to chase as well. Clerk

Cllr Hester confirmed that the bench at Sandy Park had been removed for repair. Clerk

No response had been received from DNPA in respect of the Post Inn. Clerk to chase. Clerk

Cllr Savage thanked Cllr Mudge for laying the Wreath on behalf of Drewsteignton Parish Council at the Remembrance Service in Drewsteignton Public Garden. Clerk

150.08 HIGHWAYS

As a member of the Public was present and wished to address the Cllrs. Cllr Savage suspended the meeting to enable the Parishioner to speak. Concern was made at the state of the road at Long lane. Large vehicles have been using this road taking large plant to Castle Drogo. The lorries would appear to be too wide for the road. The hedge had been dug out along one side leaving mud in the road and damaging the hedge. Also questions were raised as to how the wood was going to be supplied for the new biomass boiler, and was the same route going to be taken with similar size lorries being used. The Clerk confirmed that she had already reported the state of the road to the Highways department. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to David Bailey of Castle Drogo notifying him of the complaints which had been received and requesting that the Contractors are consulted to keep vehicles to minimum and requesting details of how the biomass boiler fuel will be transported. Clerk

Cllr Savage welcomed Sergeant Mark Hoare to the meeting. Sgt Hoare was attending the meeting to respond to the letter of August 2008 which Sgt Hoare apologised for not having replied to earlier. Sgt Hoare stated that there would appear that there is very little that the Police can do in respect of speeding vehicles within the parish, which did not satisfy the Cllrs. Particular areas of concern were Venton and Harepath straights, together with Whiddon Down and Crockernwell. Cllr Savage

He said as his staff only had a "laser gun" for enforcement they could only enforce 30 & 40 mph limits. This equipment was not suitable for motorcycle enforcement on the A382 & C50 roads and this would have to be targetted by Traffic Patrols, the nearest being based at Launceston but one officer had been delegated responsibility for the Okehampton area. He did not think the criteria for the Camera Partnership to operate would apply to these roads but he would find out what the criteria was and let the Clerk know. Unless there was a fatality on the roads in question, it was unlikely any attention would be given to them. He would encourage any local intelligence on regular offenders in Whiddon Down & Crockernwell but the neighbourhood officers did not commence duty before 8 o'clock in the morning. Clerk

<p>In relation to accident statistics, officers would not record damage only accidents provided the law relating to exchange of details was complied with. (This leads to an inaccurate accident history). Councillors stated they were extremely dissatisfied with this response because it did not address the problems highlighted in our letter to the Chief Constable in August and it appeared to be a fault with Policy rather than the fault lying with local officers who were doing their best for the community.</p>	ACTION
<p>Cllrs agreed that a further letter would be sent to the Chief Constable stating the Parish Councils concerns. Cllr Savage thanked Sgt Mark Hoare for attending the meeting. The next Parish Lengthsman visit will be 2 February 2009. A pothole in Alters lane was reported and a blocked culvert outside Preston. Clerk to report.</p>	Clerk
<p>151.08 PLANNING</p>	
<p>DNPA – 0698/08 Briars House Crockernwell. This application was in respect of the removal of existing double garage, erection of extension to provide additional living space with single garage. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in the case.</p>	
<p>DNPA – 0681/08 and 0682/08 Castle Drogo Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of Services trench for biomass boiler to Castle and associated connection works to existing heat exchange within Castle. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.</p>	
<p>DNPA – 0700/08 Southcott Whiddon Down. This application was in respect of a new House and garage. After lengthy discussion and a vote of 5 Cllrs supporting the application and 2 voting against, it was decided to support the application on the basis that although it goes against DNPA planning policies, a local need would be provided for and it helps to address the imbalance of affordable housing as compared to private housing in Whiddon Down.</p>	Clerk
<p>Clerk to notify DNPA.</p>	
<p>Decisions received as follows;</p>	
<p>DNPA 0608/08 Timber framed double car port Ardonay Cottage Drewsteignton – granted.</p>	
<p>DNPA 0388/08 Agricultural livestock and storage building, Lambert Barn Crockernwell – granted.</p>	
<p>DNPA 0244/08 General purpose agricultural building, Cross Farm, Drewsteignton – granted.</p>	
<p>An e-mail had been received from WDBC to state that it is the Council policy that affordable housing has to be constructed to level 3 of the code for sustainable homes, which will apply to any house constructed on Lamb Park.</p>	Clerk
<p>152.08 FINANCE</p>	
<p>Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the following payments to be made;</p>	
<p>Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Salary £299.00</p>	
<p>Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Expenses £19.07</p>	
<p>Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £108.80</p>	
<p>Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00</p>	All Cllrs.
<p>Audit Commission – £158.63</p>	
<p>Mr I Manley – Remembrance Wreath £16.50</p>	
<p>Mr W G Savage – Parish Post Expenses £19.75</p>	
<p>SPC Landscaping – Car Park grass cutting £600</p>	
<p>The DNPA Grant for WC cleaning has been received for £241.</p>	
<p>Cllr Hester advised that it may cost £300 approximately to close Turnpike Road, in legal and technical fees. Cllrs agreed that if it was not possible to obtain outside funding for this, it would be budgeted for in the 2010/11 year, and very much depends upon local feeling for any possible closure.</p>	Cllr Savage
<p>The Clerk gave a report on the proposed budget for 2009/10. Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the precept request at £9,300. Clerk to notify WDBC.</p>	
<p>Approval of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008 has been received from the Audit Commission.</p>	
<p>153.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE</p>	
<p>Correspondence has been received from WDBC in respect of planning application consultations new procedures. Weekly lists of planning applications may be notified by e mail in future.</p>	
<p>WDBC correspondence received reminding Cllrs of the need to keep register of interest up to date. Details placed in the circulation pack.</p>	
<p>An e mail has been sent to the Clerk from an ex parishioner stating they had not been happy living in the Parish. It was felt that it was not a matter for the Parish Council.</p>	
<p>154.08 UPDATE RE PARISH PLAN</p>	
<p>It is anticipated that the Parish Plan results will be available for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>155.08 PARISH POST</p>	
<p>Cllr Savage had held a meeting on 10th November 2008 in respect of the future of the Parish Post as Brenda Lunt has decided that she wishes to finish helping with the Parish Post at the end of this year. Cllr Savage reported that Mrs Pauline Rowe has agreed to print the Parish Post, with</p>	

Mrs Sam Pierce agreeing to act as Editor. Other parishioners have agreed to help and Mrs Sam Pierce is liaising with them.

156.08 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Savage attended a recent Teignton Fayre presentation evening and thanked the committee

157.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

None.

158.08 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parish Plan - January

Parish Lengthsman - January

WPC Nadine Wilson - January

Turnpike Road - January

159.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.13pm.