

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009

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

Apologies: Cllr Gosnay and Cllr McInnes.

In attendance: 2 members of the public

**50.09 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

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**51.09 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 56.09 in respect of Drewsteignton Allotments.

**52.09 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairman handed the meeting over to the Vice Chairman. Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded the election of Cllr Savage as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Cllr Savage accepted the position. Cllr Hester proposed and Cllr Dyke seconded the election of Cllr Mudge as Vice Chairman. Cllr Mudge accepted the position.

**53.09 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

The following were elected as representatives for the following organisations;

DNPA Planning and Forum Meetings – Cllr Power and Cllr Chadney

Eastern Parish Links – Cllr Savage and Cllr Ridgers

Whiddon Down Village Hall – Cllr Hardie and Cllr Dyke

Drewsteignton Car Park - Cllr Gosnay

Drewsteignton Playing Fields – Cllr Mudge

Drewsteignton Village Hall – Cllr Mudge

**54.09 MATTERS ARISING**

The Car Park has been registered with the Land Registry. It was agreed that The Clerk would put the wheels in motion to register the Playing Fields, subject to costs.

Clerk

Cllr Hester has met with Helen Ubhi of Sanctuary Housing in respect of the verge damaged outside the affordable homes at Whiddon Down. He is still awaiting a report from her. Cllr Hester to chase.

Cllr Hester

Drewsteignton Playing Fields minutes received and in the circulation pack. The Parish Council's insurance covers the public liability of the playing field but does not cover the individual items of Equipment. The Playing Fields committee will look into what insurance is required for the equipment.

The Church Clock is now working and it is hoped that the chimes would soon be operating.

A vote of Thanks was expressed to Cllr Ridgers for summarising the DNP Local Development Framework, which was time consuming. It was agreed to pass the comments onto DNPA.

Clerk

**55.09 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK**

Cllrs agreed that the car parking sign agreed at the last meeting should be amended to read ' No camping, caravanning or overnight sleeping'

Clerk

The grass has recently been cut for the first time this year.

A member of the Public addressed the meeting expressing his concern that some of the trees planted in the car park have suffered from strimmer burn around their base. It is not thought to be recent damage. It was agreed that the Clerk would notify Cllr Gosnay of the damage and the person who is currently responsible for cutting the grass to ensure that no further damage occurs. It was also suggested that the Clerk try to arrange for the WDBC Trees officer to visit the site to advise of any further course of action.

Clerk

**56.09 DREWSTEIGNTON ALLOTMENTS**

Following discussions it was agreed that Drewsteignton Parish Council did not want the surplus land offered to them by WDBC for the benefit of the local community. This is the 2 small parcels of land which will be surplus to requirements, following the development of Lamb Park. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to WDBC suggesting that the surplus land is offered to local residents with the proceeds being used for the benefit of the local community.

Clerk

**57.09 HIGHWAYS**

WDBC have agreed to undertake another traffic survey at Turnpike Whiddon Down in the forthcoming months.

It was noted that the Bus Shelters in the Parish are in need of decorating and it was agreed to write to Dartline and Western Greyhound requesting a donation of £50 each towards the costs of materials. Labour would be voluntary.

The Parish Lengthman would be visiting the Parish for 2 weeks in 2009. A list of jobs were identified and would be passed on.

The junction at Whiddon Down was discussed, where the vehicles are turning on the C50 and knocking signs over and damaging the grass verges. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr J Deasey of the Highways Agency stating that the Junction gives the impression of being unfinished, as banks need reseeding, more edging stones are required to stop vehicles turning and damaging the verges, and traffic furniture is not lit.

**58.09 PLANNING**

DNPA – 0121/09 3 Knowle Lane Drewsteignton - approved

**59.09 FINANCE**

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Hester seconded the following payments to be made;

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £314.16

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £30.99

Mrs J Bowden - Parish Council Refreshments S137 £33.41

Drewsteignton Village Hall – Hire of Hall £8

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning and materials £103.47

Whiddon Down Village Hall – Hire of Hall £9

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year to 31 March 2009 which were approved by all those present. The Chairman and Clerk signed the accounts as approval.

It was agreed to thank Tony Thomas for checking the annual accounts.

**60.09 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from WDBC in respect of sand bags and sand available to the Council to store if required.

An invite to the Chairman, has been received from the Bishop of Plymouth to celebrate the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Church in Devon. The Chairman is unable to attend and no other member was available to represent the Parish Council.

A letter has been received from a resident of Crockernwell in response to the parking position in Stonelands together with speeding issues. Cllrs requested that the Clerk acknowledge the letter informing the resident that Devon County Council had been contacted to look at a possible solution to the parking.

The next Eastern Parish Links meeting will be on Thursday 25 June at Whiddon Down.

**61.09 DELEGATES REPORTS**

None

**62.09 PARISH POST**

It was noted that Mrs Sam Pierce has handed over the Editorial role to Mr Mike Petrie-Ritchie who would appreciate any items for the Parish Post.

**63.09 PARISH PLAN**

It was agreed that an item would be placed in the Parish Post asking for comments on the Parish Plan. A specific meeting would then be held to discuss the Parish Plan and how the recommendations could be progressed.

**64.09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Parish Plan

Parish Notice Boards

Bus Shelters

Inspector Turner – June/July

Tourism Information Signs within the Parish

**65.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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