

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 10th August 2009

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

Apologies: Cllr Ridgers

In attendance: 2 members of the public

97.09 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 20th July 2009.

98.09 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. None was declared.

99.09 MATTERS ARISING

Correspondence has been received from DCC in respect of the outstanding highways issues in Drewsteignton Parish. Cllrs requested that the Clerk reply to this letter stating that the Council would like the lay-by at Venton opened up, to ensure visibility from the road, and also asking whether safety barriers need erecting on the bend at the bottom of Venton straight, due to the perceived danger. At the same time Clerk to enquire to see if DCC North has heard anything from the Eastern counterparts in respect of Pulford Dip.

ACTION

Clerk

The Clerk has been informed that a safety inspection has been carried out at the Playing fields.

A letter has been received from The Gardeners Club stating that they will not be able to assist with running the working Party to improve Drewsteignton, with planting trees etc as recognised by the Parish Plan. It was agreed to place a piece within the parish post asking for volunteers.

Cllr
Savage

100.09 PLANNING

DNPA 0342/09 and DNPA 0328/09 – Furlong House Sandy Park. These applications were for listed building consent for changes to windows and glazed link at rear of building. Cllrs agreed to make no comment.

DNPA 321/09 Hunters Lodge Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of replacing porch with larger porch and rear porch replaced with lobby, utility room and WC. Again Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

DNPA 0315/09 3 Moorlands Bungalow Whiddon Down. This application was in respect of replacing existing Bungalow with a house. Cllrs discussed this application at length, following a vote of 4 votes in favour of no comment and 4 votes in favour of objection in respect of the visual impact from the west, the Chairman had the casting vote, and thus the Council objects on the visual impact from the West.

Clerk to inform relevant authority.

Clerk

A copy of the Inspectorate letter in respect of the planning permission being granted at Martins Park Whiddon Down was received and placed in the circulation pack.

A copy of the Inspectorate letter in respect of the planning permission being refused at land adjacent to Southcott Whiddon Down was placed in the circulation pack.

Cllr Chadney agreed to approach DNPA in order to gain further planning in depth knowledge, to assist the Parish Councillors in future.

101.09 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Hester reported that the Turnpike Road position is progressing and it was agreed to arrange a meeting at Whiddon Down Village Hall to gain public feeling on proposals. Clerk to write to the Traffic Engineer asking him to attend the meeting.

Clerk

Cllrs requested that the Clerk ask Inspector Turner to attend the next Parish Council meeting for an update on the progress of speeding within the parish.

Clerk

Various highways issues were identified within the Parish to include, Finger post at Higher Fingle has broken off, Trennaway Cross signpost is leaning, Tarmac on the approach road to Drewsteignton from Castle Drogo, is breaking up and there are various potholes along Long Lane.

Clerk

Cllrs requested the Clerk contact the Gardeners Club asking if the hedge could be trimmed back around the public gardens.

Clerk

Cllr Savage has been in contact with Dartline enquiring into the possibility of the bus stopping in Drewsteignton earlier to enable commuters to travel to Exeter for work and college etc. Cllr

Cllr
Savage

Savage will now contact Cllr McInnes for his assistance.	ACTION
102.09 FINANCE	
Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded the following payments to be made;	
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Salary £314.17	
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Expenses £24.11	
Drewsteignton Village Hall – Hire of Hall £8	Clerk
Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50	
Mr M Rowe – Cleaning Materials £47.05	
Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post Expenses £116.57	
DCC – Parish Plan Expenses £2,363.25	
103.09 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
WDBC – Local Government Review letter received and placed in the circulation pack.	Cllr
WDBC are holding a Parish Emergency Planning Workshop in September. Cllr Savage and Cllr	Savage/
Hardie agreed to attend on 15 th September at Ockment Centre at 6.30pm . Clerk to book places.	Hardie
104.09 DELEGATES REPORTS	
None.	
105.09 PARISH POST	
Cllr Savage encouraged all Cllrs to send any snippets into the Parish Post.	All Cllrs
106.09 CHURCH CLOCK	
The PCC had written to the Parish Council requesting a contribution towards the cost of repainting the Church Clock, which could amount to £1,700. Cllrs discussed the cost and concluded that they had no spare funds in the current year and would have to precept for such a cost. They felt that in the current economic climate they did not want to increase the precept for this project as there were several other ongoing projects which would have to be prioritised and possibly precept for.	Clerk
107.09 STREET LIGHTS	
Cllr Mudge has inspected the Church Light and taken a photograph, which clearly indicates that the branches are not interfering with the bulb blowing as the contractors had stated on the last invoice for repair. Cllrs requested the Clerk write to the firm with the photograph, stating that we had a tree surgeon inspect the light, questioning the wiring of the light and asking for a refund of the last invoice, as the equipment must be faulty.	Clerk
108.09 POST INN	
Nothing to report	
109.09 DREWSTEIGNTON CARPARK	
Cllr Gosnay reported an abandoned car in the car park, which had been there for some time, with no road tax. Cllr Gosnay will report to WPC N Wilson, and liaise with the Clerk on further action which might be required.	Cllr Gosnay/ Clerk
107.09 TRAVELLERS SITE	
Mr Greenaway has responded stating that the assistant Gypsy liaison officer would take the Cllrs around the Travellers site at Whiddon Down, in order that they are better equipped to answer questions about the site from the general public. Clerk to arrange a convenient time.	Clerk
94.09 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED	
None.	
95.09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	
Inspector Turner	Clerk
96.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	
Monday 17 th August 2009 at 8pm at Drewsteignton	
Monday 21 st September 2009	
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.29pm.	