

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 21st September 2009

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: Nick Payne, Inspector Hammond and 10 members of the public

120.09 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 10th August 2009. Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 17th August 2009. Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 22 August 2009.

121.09 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.

122.09 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk

Correspondence has been received from DNPA in respect of the complaint in relation to the report being submitted by the case officer from DNPA to the committee without having received the Parish Councils comments in respect of Lamb Park. Cllrs were not satisfied with the response and requested that the Clerk reply stating that Mr France had glossed over the facts and that at the site meeting on Friday 18th September, James Aven had given a report stating that the Parish Council had stated that the development was an overbearing development, which was not the case. (85.09) Residents had previously spoken at the July meeting of their concern as to the height of the three uppermost houses, together with the car parking facilities provided. Cllrs had agreed to support the application subject to concerns over the height of the uppermost 3 houses, with the possibility of excavation being considered, together with their concern over the car parking layout. Cllrs agreed with the Design and Access statement in respect of the Design, Orientation, and necessity. Clerk to respond to Mr France accordingly requesting that the Parish Council would like their views accurately recorded in future and would welcome the opportunity to comment on the East to West orientation.

Clerk

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Land Registry who had assisted with the completion of the forms. The forms would be sent off with a cheque for £40.

Clerk

Drewsteignton Gardeners Club had written stating that they were awaiting the assistance of Simon Eakins to trim the public Garden Hedge. Cllr Mudge stated that it was the plants growing out from under the roadside hedge, which required attention. Clerk to contact the Gardeners Club.

Clerk

123.09 DREWSTEIGNTON SPEEDING AND HIGHWAY ISSUES

Inspector Hammond addressed the meeting giving a report on the recent action which had been taken in the Parish over the previous few months. Inspector Hammond agreed to a lot of resources being given to a particular area over a short period to target the problem speeding areas within the parish. Early mornings and late afternoon being the problem times in Whiddon Down and Crockernwell when the children were going to and from School. He agreed to report to the December meeting with the results.

Several residents of the parish were present and were concerned at the speed of traffic entering the Village. The Parish Council have already requested a speed survey from Devon County Council and the Clerk will chase this up as a matter of urgency. Inspector Hammond will try to take impactive measures to assist. Peter Clements agreed to act as Spokesperson for the residents worried about the speeding into and from the Village. A parishioner mentioned the van parked on the white line as you enter Drewsteignton Village from the Castle, being dangerous to pass with long vehicles. The owner of the vehicle was not prepared to move it as he felt it was beneficial in slowing vehicles down as they entered the village.

124.09 TRAVELLERS SITE

Cllrs visited the Travellers site at Whiddon Down on 2 September, in order that they are better equipped to answer questions about the site from the public. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to the Travellers thanking them for their cooperation. Nick Payne from WDBC addressed the meeting with an update of the current position at the site. He mentioned the WDBC Local

Clerk

Development Framework which indicates that 6 permanent pitches and 5 transit pitches are required within the Borough. WDBC are trying to make provision for alternative land. Cllr Savage thanked Mr Payne for attending the meeting and stated that as a result of the Parish Plan, 58% of residents would like to see an end to the site and that it was a subject which the Parish Council would continue target until it was resolved.	ACTION
125.09 HIGHWAYS	Cllr Hester Clerk
Cllr Hester will contact Joe Deasey to arrange a meeting at Whiddon Down Village Hall to gain public feeling on proposals in respect of Turnpike Close. Clerk to chase a response to letter to Highways Agency of 15 August 2009. Residents of Whiddon Down voiced their concern over the speed of traffic along Turnpike Road. Cllr Savage asked them to keep a diary of vehicles using the road for a 2 week period noting vehicle registration numbers and names of business vehicles. Details to be passed to the Clerk for onward submission to the Police for their information and use. Cllrs were reminded that the Parish Lengsthman would be visiting the area the week commencing 23 November 2009.	All Cllrs
126.09 PLANNING	Clerk
DNPA 0315/09 3 Moorlands Bungalow Whiddon Down. Amended plans were received and Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case. Clerk to inform relevant authority. Decisions received; 0328/09 Furlong House Sandy Park refused. 0321/09 Hunters Lodge Drewsteignton granted.	Clerk
127.09 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 £25.82 Drewsteignton Village Hall – Hire of Hall £8 Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50 DAPC – Training £51.75 Land Registry – Registration of Playing Fields £40.00	Clerk
128.09 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
DAPC- There is 2 vacancies on the County Committee for representatives from West Devon. No one was interested. Cllr McInnes had written to remind Cllrs that he was available to assist with any issues relating to County Council. He also has a locality budget which is available for local projects. Devon County Council wrote stating that it is car free day on Tuesday 22 September. West Devon Citizens Advice Bureau requesting financial assistance. Cllrs agreed that this was against their policy of donating to local causes. A letter was received from Mr M Hall stating how disappointed he was to learn that the Parish Council were unable to assist with the cost of renovating the Village Clock. He feels it quite wrong to expect Teignton Fayre to be the main contributor as he feels the Village Clock has long been accepted a responsibility of the local community. Following discussion, the Cllrs felt that they were still unable to assist with this project for the reasons stated at 106.09. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to Cllr McInnes to see if he is able to assist with his locality budget.	Clerk
129.09 DELEGATES REPORTS	All Cllrs
Cllr Savage gave a report on the recent Eastern Links meeting he attended and asked Cllrs to let him have details of any incidents which have happened at the new Junction at Whiddon Down with the A30. The next meeting is on Thursday 19 th November at Throwleigh Village Hall.	
130.09 PARISH POST	
Nothing to report	
131.09 MARTINS PARK	Cllr Mudge
To be discussed at the next meeting	
132.09 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK	
Cllr Gosnay reported the abandoned car in the car park has been removed and the tree which had been damaged has been mended. A parishioner had reported growth onto the path near the Church. Cllr Mudge agreed to spray off with weed killer.	
133.09 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED	
None.	
134.09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	
Inspector Hammond – December Parish Plan Lamb Park Footpaths Martins Park	

135.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th September 2009 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.48pm.