

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Whiddon Down Village Hall  
On  
Tuesday 13th October 2009

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

Apologies: Cllr Power. Cllr Ridgers and Cllr Hardie

In attendance: Simon Lee and 7 members of the public

**136.09 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

ACTION

Cllr Chadney proposed and Cllr Dyke seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009.

**137.09 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.

**138.09 MATTERS ARISING**

Confirmation has been received from Cllr McInnes that he is able to grant £250 from his locality budget, towards painting the Church Clock.

A letter has been received from Southern Electric stating that they are unwilling to refund any of the invoice paid for the recent repairs to the Church Clock light. In light of the amount involved, Cllrs agreed not to pursue matters further but will monitor the light.

**139.09 ANNUAL FOOTPATH INSPECTIONS**

Cllr Savage welcomed Simon Lee DNPA Ranger to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the footpaths which had been walked and reported any problems to Simon for attention. Cllr Savage thanked Simon Lee for all his hard work during the year which was appreciated by the Parish Council.

**140.09 LAMB PARK**

Cllr Savage explained that a letter had been received from DNPA in response to the complaint about Drewsteignton Parish Councils views not been expressed correctly at the site meeting. A response had been made in time for the committee meeting 2 October 2009 confirming the wording to be passed to the committee meeting.

Cllr Savage and Cllr Power attended the meeting on 2 October at DNPA offices. Cllr Savage gave a resume of the meeting stating that there had been 22 letters of objection and only 1 letter of support for the affordable houses. There was some confusion over the proven need for 4 or 5 houses in the Village. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cllr Ridgers and John Packer to enquire into the current position and ask John Packer to the next meeting if there is anything to report.

Clerk

**141.09 HIGHWAY**

Devon County Council have agreed to undertake a speed survey on the road into Drewsteignton from Castle Drogo.

Cllrs were reminded that the Parish Lengsthman would be visiting the area the week commencing 23 November 2009.

The manhole cover at Venton is still not replaced and the layby at Venton has not yet been cut back.

Clerk

**142.09 TURNPIKE**

Cllr Hester has arranged a site visit with Mr Joe Deasey from Devon County Council Area North Highways at Whiddon Down on 20<sup>th</sup> October followed by a public meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Whiddon Down Village Hall to gain public feeling on proposals in respect of Turnpike Close. Cllr Gosnay and Cllr Dyke agreed to attend the site visit with Cllr Hester.

Cllr  
Hester/  
Gosnay/  
Dyke

**143.09 PLANNING**

DNPA 0457/09 Briar House Crockernwell. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

DNPA 0437/09 Harepath Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of 2 agricultural sheds. Cllrs agreed to support this application as it was sustaining economic growth within the parish and providing employment for 2 young farmers.

Clerk

Clerk to inform relevant authority.

Decisions received; DNPA 0777/08 Cuma Court Drewsteignton granted.

DNPA 0315/09 3 Moorlands Bungalow Whiddon Down granted.

DNPA 0376/09 Preston Farm Drewsteignton granted.

DNPA 0100/09 Middle Venton Drewsteignton granted.

DNPA 0381/09 Briar House Crockernwell granted.

**144.09 FINANCE**

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Salary £314.16

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Expenses £41.20

Whiddon Down Village Hall – Hire of Hall £9

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post £212.74

SWWA – Lamb Park £9.27

EDF – Electric WC’s £28.81

Mr W G Savage – Travelling expenses £23.60

EDF – Church Clock Electric £10.63

**145.09 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from WDBC in respect of the forthcoming closure of BT Phone Boxes including the phone box at Sandy Park. No closure notice has been placed in the phone box. Clerk to inform WDBC. BT have also written asking if the Parish Council would like to adopt the Kiosk, without the telephone being left in the Kiosk. An item has been placed in the Parish post to gauge public feedback. Item to be discussed at the next meeting.

**146.09 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cllr Chadney gave a report on the recent Planning workshop he attended. He will prepare a summary of important issues for each Councillor.

**147.09 PARISH POST**

Nothing to report other than it is now on line.

**148.09 PARISH PLAN**

This is an ongoing project and Cllrs were encouraged to address any issues which could be resolved quickly

**149.09 MARTINS PARK**

After various discussions it was agreed that Cllrs were not happy with the decision made by the Planning Inspectorate. It was agreed that the Council would like to voice their objection. This will be resolved at the next meeting.

**150.09 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK**

The Clerk reported that the last grass cut of the season would be undertaken late in the week. Cllr Gosnay suggested that the weed might need spraying off in the Spring.

**151.09 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED**

None.

**152.09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Inspector Hammond – December

Turnpike Road

Lamb Park

BT Phone Boxes

Village Settlement Boundaries within Whiddon Down

Martins Park

**153.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.52pm.

ACTION

Clerk

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Cllr  
Chadney

All Cllrs