

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Whiddon Down Village Hall  
On  
Monday 18th January 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr Hester.

In attendance: 10 members of the public

**1.10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

ACTION

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

**2.10 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 were declared.

**3.10 MATTERS ARISING**

As Cllr Hester was not present the update on Village settlement boundaries was delayed until the next meeting.

**4.10 LAMB PARK**

DNPA 0572/09 Lamb Park Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of 4 Affordable Homes. The amendment relates to the design of retaining walls to create a sloping planted terrace plus revisions to bike and bin stores. After much discussion it was agreed to support the application and state that further grading to the back gardens to reduce the slope would be beneficial. Clerk to notify DNPA. Cllr Savage and Cllr Power agreed to attend the DNPA planning meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010 to express the Council's views.

Clerk

**5.10 TEIGN VALLEY SHOOT**

Correspondence has been received from residents of Drewsteignton who have experienced difficulties with the Teign Valley shoot. Various members of the public addressed the Council. After much discussion it was agreed the Clerk would write to DNPA, copying in Cheriton Bishop, Mortenhampstead, Dunsford Parish Councils and Cllr James McInnes, requesting that a meeting be held with representatives of the 4 Parish Council's, Shoot and Forestry Manager and residents affected by the shoot, to address the following points; Is the Shoot subject to Planning? What affect is the sheer number of birds having on the Ecology? What are DNPA views on the increase of birds from the 8,000 birds placed by the previous shoot to the current numbers rumoured to be nearer 35,000. The increase in the number of birds is having an adverse impact on the quality of lives of residents, with livelihoods affected with crops grown destroyed by the birds. Drewsteignton Parish Council would like to see DNPA do more than just monitor the position. Clerk to write to DNPA.

Clerk

**6.10 HIGHWAYS**

A list of potholes arising from the recent bad weather were noted as either urgent or routine and Clerk to notify S W Highways for attention. Salt Bins and Salt bags to be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk

**7.10 PLANNING**

Decisions received;

DNPA 0517/09 Tordown Farm Venton Drewsteignton granted.

DNPA 0599/09 Castle Drogo. This retrospective application was in respect of surfacing of the overflow carpark. Cllrs agreed to make no comment.

Clerk

Clerk to notify DNPA.

**8.10 FINANCE**

Cllr Dyke proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the following payments to be made;

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £314.16

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £27.52

Clerk

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post £17.36

Drewsteignton Village Hall – Hire of Hall £8

EDF – Electric WC £37.13

EDF – Electric Clock £33.54

Public Works Loan Board £1021.52

DNPA have confirmed that due to budgetary restrictions they are unable to offer a grant towards cleaning cost of the public Toilets in Drewsteignton. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to DNPA stating that the Toilets are the only public toilets in the vicinity and that they feel a contribution should be made towards the running costs as facilities are provided for the whole of the Teign Valley, and there is an obligation to provide facilities.

ACTION

Clerk

#### **9.10 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from;

Mrs A Loram enquiring if planning permission has been granted for the caravans at Higher Fingle Farm and also stating that the Farm is becoming increasingly unsightly. Cllrs have previously written to the tenants with their concerns. Cllr agreed to write to Devon County Council with a copy of the letter from Mrs Loram together with the original letter and reply from the tenants. Cllrs also requested that Clerk write to DNPA re enforcement of the caravans on site. Clerk to action.

Clerk

Clerk

Correspondence has been received from Mrs Clements in respect of her car left untaxed in the Car Park. Cllrs agreed Clerk to reply stating that enquiries were made and the Parish Council had been informed by the local Police that the car was not registered to a local person and that the car park is not a private car park but a public car park.

Clerk

Eastern Parish Links next meeting is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Spreyton Village Hall.

Devon County Council Highways Surgery to be held 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and 21 January 2010. No Cllrs able to attend. Steve Dawe will be taking over as Highway Superintendent from Martin Stoddart for Drewsteignton Parish.

DAPC Spring Training Programme to be circulated by e mail to all Cllrs.

WDBC Annual Mayoral Awards nomination forms received. No nominations suggested.

#### **10.10 DELEGATES REPORTS**

None

#### **11.10 PARISH POST**

Mike Petrie-Ritchie was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the possibility of charging for adverts in the Parish Post. However, Cllr Savage had discussed the possibility with other volunteers who help compile the Parish Post and the general consensus of opinion was that it would alter the Parish Post and it was felt that adverts should not be included.

#### **12.10 PARISH PLAN**

Cllr Savage welcomed the Whiddon Down Village Hall monthly Produce Market being held in the hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

#### **13.10 TURNPIKE ROAD**

Nothing to report

#### **14.10 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK**

Sign is blown over in the car park. Cllr Savage offered to upright.

#### **15.10 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED**

None.

#### **16.10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Salt Bins and Bags – February

Clerk

Update on Village Settlement Boundaries

#### **188.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.29pm.