

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 25th October 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr Hester and Cllr Chadney

In attendance: 7 members of the public

165.10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 20th September 2010.

ACTION

166.10 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. Cllr Dyke declared a personal interest in Okehampton and District Community Transport Group (item 172.10) as he volunteers for them, and Cllr Savage and Cllr Mudge declared a personal interest in item 152.10 as they both work for Fingle Bridge.

167.10 MATTERS ARISING

DNPA Proposed extension and alteration to Drewsteignton Conservation area was discussed. 2 of the 3 property owners affected were not in favour of the change and it was agreed that the Clerk would notify DNPA of its objections due to cost, poor use of funds, failure to define any benefits to the Parish and failure to consult with the Parishioners of those affected.

Clerk

Cllr Chadney has undertaken some research in respect of Martins Mellish Planning and will give a report at the next meeting.

Cllr
Chadney

Correspondence has been received from DNPA in respect of the unlawful structure in the field at Netherton Hill. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to DNPA Nick Savin stating that the building has been altered and would draw his attention to the size and shape which has changed since September 2006 and ask for his reply or if he would prefer to attend the next meeting to address the Councillors and answer any questions they might have.

Clerk

168.10 ANNUAL FOOTPATH INSPECTIONS

Simon Lee attended the meeting to hear the results of the Councillors who have all walked individual footpaths in the Parish. The Chairman thanked Simon for all his efforts in the year and asked if a Sign at the end of Shute Lane could be erected to warn of traffic.

169.10 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Mudge reported that the Tarmac was lifting in the middle of Drewsteignton Square. Clerk to report.

Clerk

The road from Langdown Farm (A3124) to Brandis Corner (A3124) will be closed from Tuesday 4 January 2011 to Monday 7 February 2011. Details have been placed in the Parish Post.

WDBC can supply Rock Salt to the Parish Council for use on Public highways. It was agreed that this was not a feasible use of the Precept. Salt is not available for use for private households.

The Parish lengthsman has visited but still has some work at Venton to complete. This will be undertaken at the next available opportunity. Clerk to note.

170.10 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0368/10 Sandsgate House – granted

Cllr Mudge informed the Council of the extension at Brierley Drewsteignton and Cllr Hardie notified the Council of the extension at Fingle Bridge. It was agreed the Clerk should write to DNPA to ensure they are aware of these additional structures.

Clerk

171.10 FINANCE

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £368.33

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £32.83

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £107.60

SWWA – lamb Park £17.12

EDF – Church Light £77.72

Royal British Legion £16.50

EDF re WC's £32.75

Whiddon Down Village Hall £9

SW Highways – Car Park Signs £173.90

Audit Commission £158.63

CPS – Whiddon Down Village Hall Tables £407.42

Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post expenses £167.60

Mr S Carter – Car Park Grass Cutting etc £625

It was agreed a meeting would be arranged between the Clerk, Cllr Savage and Cllr Gosnay to discuss the Precept for the 2011/12 year. Clerk to arrange a meeting before the December meeting.

ACTION
Clerk

Clerk/Cllrs
Savage
and
Gosnay

172.10 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

A letter asking for financial assistance has been received from West Devon Citizens Advice Bureau as 13 individuals from Drewsteignton have used the service in the past 12 months. However it was felt inappropriate to increase the parish precept for such grants this year. A similar letter had been received from Okehampton District Community Transport group. Again it was felt inappropriate to increase the precept for this.

Clerk

DNPA Forum meeting on 26th November 2010 requesting items for the Agenda. It was agreed to ask why the grant towards the cleaning of the Public toilets was no longer available especially as the DNPA were committed to investing in growth and Tourism within the Park and it has been the practice for several years to make the grant available. Parish Councils were suffering the financial constraints and it is felt to be of material consideration to the Parish Council.

Clerk

DNPA are holding a meeting between DNPA and all Parish Councils on Tuesday 16 November and would like a representative of Drewsteignton Parish Council to attend. No Councillors were able to attend. Clerk to ask Cllr Chadney and Cllr Hester.

173.10 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Savage attended the Playing Fields meeting and gave his report. Cllr Savage and Cllr Gosnay attended the Extreme Weather Event at the Met Office. Cllr Gosnay gave a report. Hallwill Parish Council have a disaster plan in place and it was agreed that it would be a good idea to obtain a copy of their report and build upon it. Clerk to action.

Clerk

174.10 PARISH POST

New Volunteers have been found for the delivery of the Parish Post in the Sandy Park area as follows;

Furlong Mrs Jill Pendleton.

Great Tree Mr Richard Davies.

Shilston and Pixie Cott Mrs Jill Redman

Stone Lane Mrs Jackie Bowden

Sandy Park Mrs Pauline Rowe

Clerk to liaise with Mrs P Rowe to include an insert in the Parish Post requesting any new volunteers to come forward.

Clerk

175.10 PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report.

176.10 TURNPIKE ROAD

In the absence of Cllr Hester this will be discussed at the next meeting, but a letter has been received from DCC stating that the costs of closing Turnpike Road would be in the region of £3,500 with little or no funding available from Highways Department.

177.10 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK

Cllr Gosnay and Cllr Savage have met with Nina Ingliss who has volunteered to prune/restake the apple trees in the car park. Nina to inform the Council before any costs are undertaken.

Clerk to Thank Mr Steve Carter on behalf of the Councillors for maintaining the Car Park in such a tidy condition for the year.

Cllr Mudge to research the possibility of having a donation box made.

Cllr Mudge

178.10 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED

None.

179.10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Environment Agency Emergency Planning – Mr G Hester

Precept December 2010

Mr E Dines - Spread of infectious diseases and industrial related conditions

Travellers Site February 2011

180.10 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th November 2010 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

