

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Whiddon Down Village Hall  
On  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr Ridgers

In attendance: 8 members of the public

**181.10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Cllr Gosnay proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 25th October 2010.

ACTION

**182.10 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. Cllr Hardie declared a personal interest in item 170.10 WDBC 00948/2010 as he was related to the applicant.

**183.10 MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Chadney to draft a letter to WDBC re Mellish Martin regarding the lack of holiday accommodation in the area.

Cllr  
Chadney

An e mail had been received from Nick Savin the planning enforcement officer of DNPA stating that the applicant had confirmation from Mr (and Mrs) Scott, the owners of the land prior to Ms Fraser, that the field shelter was erected by them and a Mr Parkinson in September 2006. Accordingly this means that the building is immune from enforcement action by the Local Planning Authority (DNP), unless DNPA can gather compelling evidence to the contrary to prove that it was constructed less than 4 years ago.

A reply had been received in respect of the church light. The lamp is very sensitive and if touched will blow the light bulb. It was decided to have a site meeting between Cllr Mudge and Cllr Gosnay and a member of the PCC to discuss possibly moving the light away from its current location to save ongoing repair costs to the bulb. Cllrs also requested that the Clerk write to EDF requesting for a revised electricity bill for a rebate to cover the period when the light has not been working as the bill is based upon a standing charge.

Clerk

Cllr Hester has reviewed the Emergency flood plan details sent from the Environment Agency and it was agreed to set up a working committee to draft an Emergency Plan for the Parish. Cllr Hester, Dyke, Gosnay and Hardie agreed to form the committee.

Correspondence has been received from Nick Savin DNPA Planning Enforcement Officer, stating that the extension at Brierly Drewsteignton is legal and does not require planning permission and that the position at Fingle Bridge is still being investigated.

**184.10 HIGHWAYS**

The pothole on Drewsteignton Square still remains with a pothole outside Smiths Cross Farm also to be reported.

Clerk

Complaints have been received about Shute Lane being closed for long periods. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Simon Lee DNPA Ranger.

Clerk

Complaints have also been received about the state of the road by Dunns Dairy. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Mr Dunn asking if he could clean the road as it was seen to be a hazard.

Clerk

**185.10 PLANNING**

WDBC 00948/2010 Land adjacent to Martins Farm Whiddon Down. It was agreed to support this application as it was to improve security and it was a local trade involved with agriculture and it was the policy of the Parish Council to support agriculture where ever possible.

DNPA 0512/10 Netherton Hill Drewsteignton. This application was to construct a new house and garage on the site of existing garage and garden. After discussion it was agreed to support this application as it was sustainable, using local materials and in keeping with the existing building line, supports local families, local employment and will enhance the Village entrance and improve access to the Village car park. The application would be supported provided the Section 106 agreement was agreed.

Decisions received;

DNPA 0438 /10 3 Crockernwell Court Crockernwell – granted

**186.10 FINANCE**

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £368.34

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £20.67

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall £8

Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post expenses £17.36

ACTION

Clerk

**187.10 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter asking for financial assistance has been received from Okehampton District Community Transport group asking the Parish Council to reconsider its decision towards financial help in the forthcoming year. After much debate Councillors felt it inappropriate to increase the precept for this. Clerk to reply.

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. Cllr Hester agreed to attend.

Cllr Hester

A letter has been received from Mr Edward Dines of the Old School House Drewsteignton complaining of wheels tracks imprinted by a large vehicle and farm yard manure spread on a field at the rear of his property. The windows at the rear of his property were subsequently infested with small insects. The Chairman stated that even though Mr Dines had not named the Farmer involved it should be made clear that the field mentioned is currently farmed by the Clerk and her husband. The Councillors asked Adrian Bowden if he had any comments. Adrian stated that he was farming the land under current farming practices as stated by DEFRA and FABBL. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should reply to Mr Dines stating that the Parish Council have taken on board his comments and have spoken to the farmer concerned and have been assured that he complies with current farming guidelines and that the Parish Council do not feel they are able to assist further in the matter.

Cllr  
Savage

Several letters have been received in respect of inconsiderate parking outside Drewsteignton Village Shop. It was agreed to pass copies of these letters to WPC Nadine Wilson and ask if she can assist in the matter. The matter to be discussed fully at the next meeting.

Clerk

A Parish Planning Survey 2010 has been received from DNPA. A copy was placed in the circulation pack for comments with the survey to be completed and returned following the December meeting.

All Cllrs

**188.10 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cllr Savage mentioned that the Drewsteignton Ladies British Legion have been awarded 2 trophies. The Glanvil Salver Trophy for very small branch efficiency and the Devonshire Cup for best small branch. The Trophies were on display at the recent remembrance service in Drewsteignton Church.

**189.10 PARISH POST**

Nothing to report

**190.10 PARISH PLAN**

Nothing to report.

**191.10 TURNPIKE ROAD**

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. It was agreed the Clerk should respond to this letter asking how we now proceed.

Clerk

**192.10 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK**

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

**193.10 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED**

None.

**194.10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Precept

Inconsiderate Parking outside Village Shop

Travellers Site February 2011

Illegal construction at Netherton Hill

Parish Planning Survey DNPA 2010

**195.10 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton.

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