

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 13th December 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr Chadney

In attendance: 10 members of the public

196.10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 15th November 2010.

ACTION

197.10 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 Savage and Cllr Mudge declared a personal interest in the Planning re Fingle Bridge Inn as they both work there. Cllr Power declared a personal interest as she is a close friend of the owners of the Fingle Bridge Inn.

198.10 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Chadney has drafted a letter to WDBC re Mellish Martin regarding the lack of holiday accommodation in the area. This letter was approved and it was agreed the Clerk should send the final copy.

Clerk

Cllr Gosnay and Cllr Mudge held a meeting with Mr T Martineau from Drewsteignton PCC in respect of the possibility of moving the church light. The PCC were not keen on the suggestions made. Alternative arrangements are currently being researched

Correspondence has been received from Nick Savin DNPA Planning Enforcement Officer, stating that having reviewed before and after photographs of Fingle Bridge Inn, indicating that the extension is very much the same size as before, with a different roof profile, DNPA does not consider it expedient to take any further action. The Clerk had previously e mailed details to the Councillors asking if anyone had any objections. As no objections were received the Clerk had replied stating that the Council thought this a reasonable decision. The Chairman felt that in future this should be brought to a meeting.

Nick Savin has also received reports of works being undertaken at Westford Farm without planning permission being granted. He is visiting the Property on Wednesday 15th December.

Several letters have been received in respect of the parking outside the Post Office. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to arrange a meeting in the second week of January 2011, with Devon Highways, Cllr McInnes, PC representative, Police, DNPA and a representative from the Post Office to see how to proceed. Cllr Savage stressed that the precept would have to be increased to cover any costs which the Parish Council might have to pay for as there were insufficient reserves to pay for this at present.

Clerk

DNPA Planning Survey has been reviewed by all Cllrs and it was agreed the Clerk should respond to DNPA with the results.

Clerk

199.10 SIMON LEE DNPA RANGER

Cllr Savage introduced Simon Lee DNPA Ranger. Simon introduced Pete Rich who will be taking over Simon's role as Ranger for Drewsteignton parish with effect from 1 January 2011. Cllr Savage thanked Simon for all his hard work over the past 7 years.

The closure of Shute Lane was discussed and Simon felt that the majority of the work had now been undertaken and should any further prolonged closures occur the Parish Council should contact Pete Rich.

200.10 HIGHWAYS

The pothole on Drewsteignton Square still remains.

The state of the road by Dunns Dairy has not improved. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Devon Highways asking if the road could be cleaned as it is seen to be a hazard.

Veet Mill Culvert blocked.

Clerk

Salt bags need urgent replacing at Parford Hill and Bowbeer Hill and new bags to be placed by the Public Car Park entrance at Drewsteignton.

201.10 PLANNING

DNPA - 0556/10 Church Gate Cottage Drewsteignton. It was agreed to make no comment.

WDBC – 01024/2010 Windy Ways Whiddon Down. It was agreed to make no comment.

Clerk

Clerk to inform relevant authorities.

ACTION

202.10 FINANCE

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £368.33

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £33.55

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Whiddon Down Village Hall £9

Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post expenses £167.60

The Precept was discussed and it was agreed that a piece should be placed in the Parish Post asking residents for comments for increasing the Precept by 16.69% (£5.30 per year based upon a band D property) to cover the costs which might be involved in respect of the restricted parking outside the Post Office. The precept would be agreed at the January 2011 meeting.

203.10 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from Mrs C Yardley re Whiddon Down Junction. It was agreed that the clerk would reply stating that she was not quite correct in that the Parish Council had taken this up with Devon Highways. Mr J Deasey had confirmed that he had looked at the position and was not in a position to do anything about it at the current time.

North East Dartmoor Community Land Trust correspondence received regarding affordable housing within the Parish, this was placed in the circulation pack.

Okehampton Police Station Invitation for a drop in session on Wednesday 15th December 2010 at Okehampton Police Station. Cllr Hester, Cllr Savage and Cllr Dyke would like to attend.

WDBC Sand Bags available to order.

A further letter has been received from Mr Edward Dines of the Old School House Drewsteignton complaining that he did not feel the Parish Council had dealt with his complaint. It was agreed that Cllr Savage would deal with Mr Dines directly as the Clerk had a conflict of interest in the case. The Council felt that they whilst they had an interest in public health, it is not for the Parish Council to act as a parishioner's messenger nor to publish recommended rules for good practice governing the spread of agricultural waste products. They felt this was the job of statutory bodies. It was agreed Cllr Savage would respond accordingly.

204.10 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Hester attended a meeting between DNPA and all Parish Councils on Tuesday 16 November and gave his report. The meeting was mainly concerned with the 30% cut in funding which DNPA had received.

Cllr Savage gave a resume of the Eastern links meeting.

205.10 PARISH POST

Nothing to report

206.10 PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report.

207.10 TURNPIKE ROAD

A response from DCC in respect of closing Turnpike Road is still awaited.

208.10 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK

Cllr Mudge has managed to get a volunteer to make a donation box for the car park which will hopefully be in place in the new year.

209.10 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED

None.

210.10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Precept

Travellers Site February 2011

211.10 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th January 2011 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr
Hester/
Savage/
Dyke

Cllr
Savage