

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 18th April 2011

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

Apologies: Cllr Ridgers

In attendance: 1 member of the public

54.11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 21st March 2011.

55.11 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.

56.11 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk to chase Royal mail re missing post box at Bowden Cross Crockernwell.

A meeting was held with James Anstee from Area Highways North in respect of the parking outside Drewsteignton Shop. Clerk to chase James Anstee for a report. Report since received.

A letter has been received from DNPA in respect of the meeting held in respect of the Fingle Woods pheasant shoot.

57.11 HIGHWAYS

2 Potholes remain at Veet Mill, there is an additional pothole at Hask Lane Crockernwell and at Knowle Lane Drewsteignton. The finger post opposite Primrose Cottage Drewsteignton is pointing in the wrong direction. Clerk to also chase the works reported to Area North Highways at the March meeting as this work has still not been undertaken.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Highways Area North to ask when the new signage at Whiddon Down would be installed.

58.11 PLANNING

WDBC - 01351/2011 Exeter Road Whiddon Down. This application was in respect of a change of use of land to operation of Plant Hire Business including erection of building for Plant Storage. It was agreed to support the proposal as it was tidying a redundant area and supporting local business.

WDBC – 01432/2011 Dartmoor View Caravan Park Whiddon Down. This application was for new building comprising sales office and laundry with associated facilities. It was agreed to support this application for the improved visual impact and benefit to the local community and it enhances the tourist trade of the area.

DNPA – 0132/11 and 0131/11 – Wisdom Cottage Drewsteignton. This application was for extension to existing outbuilding incorporating existing stone foundations. Cllrs agreed to support this application as it is a reinstatement of ancient building which enhances the overall area and conservation.

Clerk to inform relevant authorities.

Decision received – DNPA 0068/11 –Woodbrooke Farm Drewsteignton granted.

DNPA 0081/11 – Preston Cottages Drewsteignton granted.

DNPA 0055/11 – Bailiffs Cottage Sandy Park granted

DNPA 0512/10 – New house Netherton Hill Drewsteignton granted.

59.11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DREWSTEIGNTON

A letter has been received from Marion Playle WDBC head of Housing and Community Delivery in respect of the recent allocation of affordable housing at Drewsteignton, stating that lessons had been learnt and that WDBC were going to produce a guide for Parish Councils on the way new homes are allocated.

60.11 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 £22.75

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £106.94

Whiddon Down Methodist Church –Burial Grant £65

ACTION

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Drewsteignton Village Hall – Grant £400	ACTION
Drewsteignton PCC – Burial Grant £305	
Drewsteignton Gardeners Club- Public Gardens Maintenance £200	
Parish Mag Printers Ltd - £53	Clerk
DALC - £159.04	
EDF – Public Conveniences - £59.44	
EDF - Church Clock - £32.24.	
The Chairman approved the Bank Reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2011.	
The Clerk had a meeting with Western Power who are demanding £179.50 plus VAT to disconnect the electricity supply to the light which shines upon the church Clock. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Western Power stating that sacrifices have already been made by parishioners and asking for Western Power to be public spirited and asking for financial assistance to disconnect the supply.	Clerk
61.11 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
A letter of thanks has been received from the Hocking family in respect of the affordable housing in Drewsteignton.	
Drewsteignton Playing fields have enquired if it would be possible for the Parish Council to purchase some equipment for the playing fields. It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase the equipment. The playing fields would have to donate a grant to the Parish Council to assist with the cost.	Clerk
The next Eastern Parish Links Committee meeting is Thursday 2 nd June at Spreyton Village Hall at 7.30pm.	Clerk
The Community Council of Devon have asked the question ‘Should Parish and town councils lose the power to precept if they break the law or statutory regulations?’ After discussion it was agreed that ‘Yes’ they should. Clerk to respond.	Clerk
DNPA is looking for nominations of Parish Members to DNPA. No Cllr was interested.	
DNPA will be holding a Planning workshop after the local elections. Date to be confirmed later.	
There is also an Ordnance Survey mapping service available to Parish Councils free of charge. It was agreed the Clerk would sign up for this on behalf of the Council.	Clerk
A report from Community Council of Devon on behalf of the Devon Rural Housing Partnership in respect of older persons local housing needs report has been received for the parishes of Chagford, Drewsteignton, Gidleigh and Throwleigh.	
A Volunteer has been requested by DCC in respect of Devon Tithe Map Project and Tithe apportionment Transcription. Cllr Hester agreed to act as a volunteer.	Cllr Hester
62.11 DELEGATES REPORTS	
Cllr Dyke gave a report on the Devon Heartlands Forum meeting he attended on the 6 April 2011.	
63.11 TRAVELLERS SITE	
The site should be evicted at 31 March 2011. Clerk to write to Cllr J McInnes asking for an update of the position as numbers appear to be growing again.	Clerk
64.11 PARISH POST	
New printers have been used for the latest edition which should lead to costs being saved.	
65.11 PARISH PLAN	
Nothing to report.	
66.11 TURNPIKE ROAD	
Clerk to chase Jo Deasey from Area Highways North for an update as Cllrs keen to progress matters.	
67.11 WHIDDON DOWN PLAY AREA	
A letter has been received from Debbie Bird WDBC in respect of the registered interest in the land at Barn Close. It was agreed to ask Cllr P Ridgers WDBC to speak to the Asset Management Group at WDBC to explain to them why Drewsteignton Parish Council are interested in the land at Barn Close to use as a children’s play area.	Clerk
68.11 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK	
Nothing to report.	
69.11 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED	
None.	
70.11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	
Update on Planning from DNPA re Westford Drewsteignton	
71.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	
Monday 16 th May 2011 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down, with the AGM.	
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.01pm.	

