

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 17th October 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Gosnay (Vice Chairman), Ridgers (arrived 8.00pm)
Dyke, Walker, Mudge, Power, Hester and the Clerk

Apologies Cllr Hardie

In attendance: Pete Rich (DNP ranger), Adrian Colston & Tim Camborne (National Trust),
3 members of the public

184.11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of 19 September 2011.

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Walker seconded approval of the minutes of the planning meeting of 8 October 2011.

185.11 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.

186.11 Adrian Colston & Tim Camborne (**National Trust**) spoke about the forthcoming works at **Castle Drogo**; a 5-year, £11 million project starting early 2013. Following the success of the works in 2007, this is further weatherproofing. The National Trust want to liaise with local people (in part via the Parish Post) and minimise disruption during the works, and would like feedback from the parish. The Council will write a letter of support to the National Heritage Lottery who may fund part of the project.

Clerk

187.11 The councillors reported to Pete Rich (DNP) on the state of the **parish footpaths**. Most were found in good condition, some minor works would improve usability.

188.11 MATTERS ARISING

The **missing post box** was mentioned at the Eastern Links meeting, and it appears the correct procedure for removing a post box was not followed. There has been no reply to the letter sent 28.9.11. Clerk to chase.

Clerk

Fingle Shoot; Nigel Padfield has sent a report from the DNPA meeting. >Circ pk.

Fire on land at Preston; An apology has been received from Inspector Shaun Kenneally regarding the delayed reply to correspondence. When a fire is on open land with no witnesses and no evidence it is not generally practical to investigate.

Garden waste bags, a reply has been received from WDBC saying they will remind FOCSA to keep bags tidy. Note to Parish Post.

Clerk

SWW; Chris Gosnay reported to the meeting; **A meter technician** visited the site to meet councillors and representatives from the Playing Field committee. The technician appreciated the issues and will recommend to his line manager that the bill be reduced by 75%, as a one-off allowance. A revised bill will be sent out. The Playing Field Committee will monitor the ongoing situation with a weekly meter reading.

Playing field committee

Barn Close play area; needs further local consultation as initial response has been weak. Note to Parish Post.

Toilet counters; no response from WDBC Environmental Services regarding other toilet usage. DNPA confirm they have no funds to support the toilets, however they may be help with supply and installation of honesty boxes for toilets and car park.

Froggy Lane; a reply from **Devon Rural SkillsTrust** said all courses had their venues for this year booked already, but may be able to help for a modest fee. Clerk to arrange **site meeting** with Sandy Backus (DRSTand Cllrs Mudge and Gosnay).

Clerk

189.11 PCSO Absent. Remove from agenda.

Cllr

190.11 TRAVELLERS SITE; Nothing to report. Cllr Ridgers to chase.

Ridgers

191.11 HIGHWAYS

Damaged edges; **Third time of writing**; Veet Mill, Burrow Farm to Preston Farm. Preston Hill surface deteriorating. Road from Sandy Park to Castle Drogo entrance deteriorating near Wisdom Cottage.

Clerk

192.11 PLANNING

Post Inn; Following a phone conversation between the Clerk and Nick Savin (DNPA) to discuss Mr Short's situation. The Council are unable to comment prior to an application being made. No specific comments received from parishioners. DNPA need to progress this following correct

Clerk

procedure.

Clerk

West Ford Farm, Drewsteignton; there appear to have been excavations, hedgerow removal and other works without valid planning permission. The property is on the market and being advertised with planning permission for camping & caravanning. The Parish Council is unaware of these permissions being granted. Clerk to ask DNPA to investigate any irregularities.

2 Great Tees, Chagford; Following the planning meeting a member of the public asked for a copy of the letter of objection sent to the council. Planning rules state that all correspondence is in the public domain. Advice was sought from Lesley Smith of Devon Association of Local Councils, and the letter was forwarded with the personal information redacted to comply with Data Protection legislation.

193.11 FINANCE

Clerk

The clerk explained that now the council is registered with HMRC as an employer, and some PAYE is due on the clerk's earnings. HMRC will accept quarterly payments, so payment to clerk monthly and PAYE payment will equal previous total clerk payment.

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

Ms B Snook – Clerk's Salary £285.14

Ms B Snook – Clerk's Expenses £39.03

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – Parish Post £74.00

Drewsteignton Hall - Hire £.800

Whiddon Down Hall – Hire £9.00

DALC – Training £30.00

SWW – cheque to be voided

Clerk &
Cllrs

The second instalment of this year's Precept has been paid in to the bank account.

The **Precept** request deadline is 27 January 2012. Cllrs to see current year's budget, and consider likely requirements for the forthcoming year. Clerk to forward information and collate feedback. Thought must be given to additional items and price increases of ongoing items. Clerk to attend appropriate training course 8 November.

194.11 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk

Late letters; A parishioner has written to the council regarding the poor state of the **apple trees** in the car park, and then spoke at the meeting. The council will check on maintenance arrangements and investigate good use of the harvest.

Clerk

The local **Citizens Advice Bureau** has asked for a donation, they have helped 35 people in the Drewsteignton ward this year. > Circ pk

Rod Wark (www.stressfreecarfinder.com) has asked to be included in the business directory,

Cllrs agreed. Clerk to reply.

The unveiling of the **Playing Fields zipwire** is on Saturday 22 October 3pm, all Cllrs are invited.

Clerk

Snow Warden; Cllr Walker has volunteered, and will attend training on Thursday 20 October.

Ring & Ride bus service has asked for a donation > Circ pk

Cllr

195.11 Remembrance Sunday; 13 November, Attendees agreed. Cllr Mudge to contact Ivor Manley or his successor for a wreath.

Mudge

196.11 Parish Post; a new editor is lined up.

Cllr

197.11 Parish Plan; onto website so newcomers can view. Note to Parish Post.

Gosnay

198.11 Turnpike Road; Clerk to request preview of traffic order before publication, via James McInnes.

199.11 Whiddon Down zebra crossing, postpone until after the closure of Turnpike Road

195.11 DELEGATES REPORTS

Bill Savage reported from the recent **Eastern Links** meeting.

196.11 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED - None

197.11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Travellers Site,

Future Devolved powers,

Storage of documents policy

Crockernwell Caravans

198.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Monday 21 November 2011 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.26pm