

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 20 August 2012 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: PCSO Sarah Coleman and 9 members of the public

098/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Unanimous approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 16 July 2012.

099/12 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. The Councillors returned their completed Register of Interest forms to the Clerk. **Clerk to forward these to the Monitoring Officer at WDBC.**

100/12 PCSO Sarah Coleman has been the local Police representative for the Parish since April 2012. Crime figures for the parish from 20 May to 20 August consist of 2 x domestic, 2 x burglary, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x arson, 1 x drunk & disorderly, and several drive-offs from the petrol station at Whiddon Down. The non emergency number is 101 if any member of the public notices anything suspicious. PCSO Sarah Coleman then left the meeting to continue her duties.

101/12 MATTERS ARISING

Community Speedwatch now has 4 volunteers in Crockernwell and 2 possibles in Whiddon Down. Many of the people who complain about speeding traffic say they should not have to do the police's job.

The Clerk contacted DNPA again regarding the changes to the boundary of the **Drewsteignton Conservation Area**. Christopher Walledge (DNPA's Head of Legal & Democratic Services) replied and sent the area percentage increase previously requested, which is more than 100% increase. The Clerk also wrote to DNPA Chief Executive Kevin Bishop summarising the issue, Mr Bishop is away until 28 August.

102/12 HIGHWAYS:

Whiddon Down by pass; a message from RES outlines amendments being considered. Mr Gubby from Devon County Council suggests not closing the existing junction, but making it 'unattractive' to traffic with speed bumps and narrowing. Local experience at Turnpike Road shows this is not suitable. **Clerk and Chair to write to RES & DCC to express the councils concerns. Keep DCC councillor James McInnes up to date. Cllr Hardie to up date local residents most affected; (Yardley, Bennett & Saunders).**

Turnpike Road closure; will be carried out on 13 September. Clerk to contact neighbouring Parish Councils to get this closure publicised.

Whiddon Down services Esso roadway; further communications with WDBC who say that their role is to cover Health & Safety at work, any accident would be a civil case. The works will close the site for 48 hours so Esso (& Little Chef & Travelodge) have deferred the works until after the peak tourist season. Clerk to contact Esso direct and suggest a temporary repair.

103/12 PLANNING

Decisions received; **None**

DNPA 0390/12 Change of Use from agricultural land to **car park at Sandy Park Inn**. Following a site visit by the councillors and several letters of objection received by the council discussions took place, including 5 members of the public who spoke against the scheme, and the applicant who spoke for it. Sandy Park is not mentioned in DNPA's Development Plan, so there is little guidance for Councillors. The councillors considered the needs of the parish as a whole, the scale of the proposal and the listed gateway. The scale and impact of the proposal is excessively negative on the countryside. The vote went 1 x SUPPORT, 0 X NEUTRAL VIEW, AND 8 X OBJECT. Clerk to respond **OBJECT** to DNPA. The councillors would welcome a revised proposal as the parking problems at Sandy Park have been raised in the Parish Plan.

DNPA 0432/12 Pond for sustainable energy at Ford House, Drewsteignton; following a helpful site visit, and brief discussion the councillors voted unanimously to **SUPPORT** the application, as it supports sustainable energy production, and benefits the local environment. Clerk to respond to DNPA.

DNPA 0430/12 Replacement roof at West Ford Farm; the applicant was unhappy that councillors visited the site, even though the correct procedure had been followed. The councillors voted unanimously to **OBJECT** to the proposal as its appearance is detrimental to a building adjacent to a listed building. Clerk to respond to DNPA, and write to the applicants explaining the purpose of site visits.

DNPA 0776/08 Minor Amendments to Cottages, Cuma Court North, Drewsteignton. Councillors agreed to respond **NEUTRAL VIEW**. Clerk to contact DNPA.

DNPA 0448/12 Certificate of Lawfulness at Narracott Close, Drewsteignton. Change of Use from holiday let to dwelling. The applicant provided evidence of 11 years. Unanimous vote **NEUTRAL VIEW**. Clerk to respond to DNPA.

West Ford Farm are advertising the 'Sundance Centre' online, is this use within their current planning permissions? And are they paying appropriate rates? Clerk to contact DNPA & WDBC.

104/12 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in August 2012.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £384.16

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £87.44

Parish Mag Printers - £127.00 – 2 issues

EDF – Public WC electricity - £ 24.57

SWW – Playing field water - £11.75

PWLB – DD - car park loan - £1021.51

b) Income from map print sales - £40.00 (after having donated £5.00 to Whiddon Down Village Hall fete for stall)

c) Income from honesty boxes (car park £87.37 toilets £24.91)

105/12 General correspondence

Late letters;

Footpaths to be walked by October meeting;

Footpaths	Councillor
2,3,4	Ridgers
1,6	Gosnay
13,14	Walker
16,17	Mudge
10,11,12	Hardie
5,21,25	Dyke
19, 20	Savage
8,9	Power
58,59	Hester

The toilet counters have been removed by DNPA, the data will be forwarded.

Agenda letters;

106/12 Planning enforcement WDBC; a reply has been received from Keith Palmer at WDBC regarding the mobile home at Martin's Park Farm. The letter quotes policy, but does not directly address the concerns raised by the Parish Council. During the discussions it was mentioned that local authorities are monitored and rated for their performance, and this response is inadequate. Clerk to follow up.

107/12 Car park handrails; An estimate has been received for the work required and the councillors agreed to go ahead with this work. Clerk to respond to the contractor. The work on the bus shelters will be postponed until the first works have been completed.

108/12 Travellers Site, an update on the legal situation has been sent from County Solicitor Tim Law (via Devon County Councillor James McInnes). Progress is slow. Clerk to reply and request further updates, and request a report from a meeting held 9 August.

109/12 Barn Close play area; the Post Inn are keen to sponsor this project. Councillors welcome any positive action.

110/12 TAP funding; Cllr Savage has thoroughly explored the possibilities with neighbouring parishes, but the requirement for the parish(es) to fund the projects into the future make it unattractive.

111/12 Prayers at Council meetings – nothing new to report.

112/12 Delegates Reports – Cllr Savage TAP funding, see 110/12

113/12 Comments on information circulated – Why are the pheasant shoot dates being kept confidential?

114/12 Future agenda items – Turnpike Road, Public WCs,

115/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17 September 2012 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00pm