

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Gosnay, Mudge, Hardie, Hester, Dyke, Savage, Walker and the Clerk.  
Apologies Cllrs Power and Ridgers  
In attendance 6 members of the public

#### 155/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Walker proposed, and Cllr Mudge seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 19 November 2012.

#### 156/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and Register 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 Clerk has now received the amendment forms required by the Monitoring Officer at WDBC, in respect of spouses' financial interests which are required for the Register of Interests.

#### 157/12 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk has written to Lonsdale Forestry summarising residents' complaints to the council about **Fingle Shoot**. No reply has been received. Clerk to chase.

#### 158/12 HIGHWAYS:

A reply has been received from Highways regarding **Turnpike Road Closure**, including the plans supplied to the contractor which do not specify the dimensions of the pedestrian access adjacent to the bund. Clerk to send a brief letter to Highways confirming that the council do not consider the job 'fit for purpose'. A summary of the problem to be sent to Cllr Stuart Hughes (DCCouncillor with Highways portfolio), and Lester Wilmington (head at SW Highways)

Nick Savin (DNPA) has agreed that planning permission is not required to **widen the gate entrance** to 1-4 Turnpike Road. Ian Rowe will help with the works.

**The bus from Chagford to Okehampton (158) is using Chapel Hill illegally.** Clerk to contact Dartline bus operator.

**The late school bus** from Okehampton is still dropping students on the bend of the A382 at the top of Turnpike Road, this is not considered a safe stopping point. Clerk to contact school.

#### 159/12 PLANNING

##### Decisions received;

WDBC 02830/2012 High Wynds, Whiddon Down - approved  
DNPA 0567/12 Solar array at Upperton - approved  
DNPA 0201/12 Horse training arena at West Ford Farm - approved  
DNPA 0390/12 Car park at Sandy Park Inn - approved

##### Applications;

**DNPA 0605/12 Agricultural building at Wallon, Drewsteignton**, application withdrawn.

**DNPA 0645/12 Extension to replace existing attached outbuildings at Rose Cottage, Crockernwell.** A site visit by councillors on Sat 15 December helped understanding of the proposal. The applicant spoke to the meeting. The councillors voted **unanimously to Support** the proposal as it is householder development, will be carried with a high standard of workmanship (Core1), and conserve and enhance a building conservation area (Core 4). Clerk to respond to authority.

**DNPA 0475/11 Minor amendments at 2 Great Tree Bungalow. Vote Neutral View.** Clerk to respond to authority.

**DNPA 0632/12 Variation of Condition 9 from approval of 0475/11, at 2 Great Tree Bungalow. Vote unanimously Neutral View.** Clerk to respond to authority.

**DNPA 0633/12 Erection of carport and garden store at 2 Great Tree Bungalow.** Two letters of objection have been received by the council, which the Chairman read out. The applicant spoke in support of the proposal. The Chairman read out clauses from the 106 Agreement following the approval of the replacement dwelling (DNPA 0475/11). Five of the councillors agreed the proposal was too big. Concerns about future development on the site had been raised, and minuted during the previous discussions about the replacement dwelling. These were sent on to the authority at the time. The vote went 3 x Object and 4 x Neutral View, so Clerk to respond **Neutral View** to the authority, but also to raise the concerns discussed about the scale of works on this site, again.

**WDBC 02750/2012 Whiddon Down Link Road**, this amendment to the original application was discussed and resulted in a unanimous **Neutral View** Vote. Clerk to contact authority. Clerk to contact RES regarding the proposed footpath on the west side of the North Tawton road, which does not appear on the current plans.

**WDBC 03227/2012 Roof over slurry pit at Chapple Farm**, following a site visit on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> December, the councillors agreed that the environmental benefit was strong, and the Parish Council policy supports sustainable

farming whenever possible, and **voted unanimously to Support** the proposal. Clerk to respond to authority.

**Correspondence following recent planning applications;** some residents have expressed their disappointment at decisions reached. The council operate in as diplomatic and democratic way as possible, seeking advice and information to carefully consider each application. The councillors work voluntarily, and come from various backgrounds, giving a balanced viewpoint overall. Proposals are considered as a part of the whole Parish. Once a decision on the council response is reached no further correspondence will be entered into.

**DNPA Review of Planning Enforcement Services;** the councillors offered their responses to the questions sent by DNPA. Clerk to collate comments and send response to DNPA.

#### **159/12 FINANCE;**

##### **a) Payments to be made in December 2012.**

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £384.17

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire £9.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Stephen Carter – car park mowing - £580.00

Crockernwell bus shelter repair – Tim Cox has estimated repairs at £600 + VAT. Clerk to give go ahead, and process insurance claim.

b) **Income from honesty boxes** (car park £10.56) (toilets £2.98)

c) **Income from map sales;** Post Office £37.50, and Whiddon Down Christmas market £13.00.

d) **Whiddon Down Village Hall** have written to the council asking for a grant towards major roof repairs which are urgently required. The whole cost will be around £11,000. Other grants may be more positively considered if the Parish Council support the project. The council chairman put the case for a modest regular grant to each village hall. Clerk to seek details of the Village Hall's current financial position, and the background to current grant paid to Drewsteignton Village Hall.

e) **Precept Planning;** a spreadsheet prepared by the Clerk was presented, with a summary of next years essential spending. A committee of the Parish Council will meet soon before the January meeting to draft financial requirements to present to the full council.

#### **160/12 General correspondence**

**Late letters;** Alan Brooks of Hunters Lodge has written asking for a salt bin, as the bags of salt/grit have been stolen from the roadside. South West Highways do not have any funding for this, nor do the Parish Council. The Snow Warden will supply further bags, and help seek a more secure location.

#### **161/12 Agenda letters;**

**Local Emergency Planning;** Cllr Hester has asked for councillors input on specific issues. This is an example of localism in action.

**Devon County Council's Parish Paths Partnership** have written offering funding for work on footpaths. Clerk to forward to DNPA Ranger to see if this is applicable locally.

(The path across the road from the travellers camp has not been maintained by WDBC as requested. Clerk to chase.)

**Proposed sale of Throwleigh Centre;** a letter has been sent from Chagford Education & Leisure Trust regarding this sale and the proceeds gained may go to an Okehampton Primary School! A strong letter to Cllr James McInnes from the Council expressing concern that the original charitable funding of the building was to benefit local children, and proceeds should go the immediately neighbouring Parishes. Cc Christine Marsh (DCCouncillor for Okehampton), and CELT committee.

**Strategic Housing Market Needs Assessment** – into circulation pack

**Reduction in bus services** – South Tawton Parish Council has written to ask for support on objecting to the marked reduction in Western National bus services (510) along the route from Exeter to Okehampton, previously stopping at Crockernwell and Whiddon Down, now with reduced services for the villages along the route. Clerk to write to bus company, and to ask South Tawton Parish to keep this council informed of any progress.

**162/12 Delegates reports** – None

**16312 Comments on information circulated** – None

**164/12 Future agenda items** – Travellers site

**165/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Monday 21 January 2013 at Whiddon Down**

There being no further business, the meeting Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.04 pm