

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Whiddon Down Village Hall  
On  
Monday 18 March 2013 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies None  
In attendance 3 members of the public

### 029/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Power proposed, and Cllr Dyke seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 18 February 2013.

### 030/13 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 applicant for proposal ref. DNPA0078/13 has contacted Cllr Savage.

### 031/13 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Walker and the Clerk have collated the **Fingle Shoot survey** responses. The Clerk prepared a report and visual summary of the results. Advice was sought on the presentation of the data, and the Devon Association of Local Councils also advised on wording. This has been sent to Stephen Belli at DNPA. The review was held on 12 March, and the local residents' representative told Cllr Walker there did not appear to be much chance of major changes. Any future surveys may be more restricted as it is the parishioners' opinions the Council is seeking. The report and response summary will be printed and inserted in the Parish Post shortly.

Cllr Hester has offered to attend a meeting of Parishes to discuss details of the Trust to benefit from the proposed sale of the **Throwleigh centre**. Date to be agreed.

John Richardson-Dawes of DCC has responded regarding the **buses (178) using Chapel Hill**, saying that it is in effect a Hail & Ride service, which covers the 'Access' description. The Council will ask the residents for their opinions about this via the Parish Post.

Western Greyhound has at last reacted to the public outcry at the **reduction in bus services (510 & 599)**. There will be a new timetable running from 15 April, which should improve travel options for villagers affected. The new timetable will be publicised in the Parish Post, bus shelters, the Parish Council website, and on the relevant notice boards. A resident complained about the current situation.

DCCouncillor James McInnes sent an update regarding the **Travellers Site** at Whiddon Down, he said the Notice to Vacate has been issued by Highways Authority, and expired 30 January 2013. This matter is in the hands of the DCC lawyers, and the Clerk will chase monthly.

Cllr Hardie attended a site meeting with Alan King (Okehampton College) and Tony Hazel (Carmel Coaches) to discuss the **drop off point of the late bus**. No easy option exists. Clerk to contact Highways to confirm this issue concerns the Council.

### 032/13 PLANNING

#### Decisions received;

DNPA 0662/12 - approved

Crockernwell Conservation Area – Tree works - approved

#### Applications;

**DNPA 0095/13 Conversion of existing redundant agricultural building to dwelling for local rural worker at Trundle, Furlong.** The applicant spoke to the meeting and apologised for not being present at the previous site visit. The Chairman read out DNPA's comment on the previous application. The Councillors studied the Design & Access Statement within the application, and all agreed with the claims made therein. The vote to **SUPPORT** was unanimous.

**DNPA 0114/13 Certificate of Lawfulness** (including a Breach of Planning Permission) **at Narracott, Greystone Farm.** The application refers to details in a letter, which is not included anywhere in the paperwork, or online. Cllrs unanimously agreed to a **NEUTRAL VIEW** response.

**DNPA 0078/13 Ground mounted solar panels in the paddock at 1 The Granary, Budbrooke, Crockernwell.** The previous application included a Change of Use, which was refused by DNPA, the area for the panels is very small and discreet, and the Councillors unanimously agreed to **SUPPORT** as the proposal meets sustainable energy production policies.

**DNPA0082/13 Veranda and increase height of garden wall at Ford House, Drewsteignton.** The Councillors have visited the site previously and voted unanimously **NEUTRAL VIEW**.

Clerk to respond to planning authority.

Applications for **minor amendments for information only**. DNPA 0475/11 & DNPA 0632/12 at 2, Great Tree Bungalow. DNPA 0645/12 at Rose Cottage, Crockernwell.

**Martins Park Farm**, the council asked the clerk to write to WDBC to discover what the plans are for this situation, as the Temporary Permission expired early in 2012.

### **033/13 HIGHWAYS:**

**Turnpike Road closure;** Ian James (DCC) has sent a date of 25 April for the metal bollards to be installed.

**Whiddon Down Link Road footpath**, the Clerk has received a response from Chris Gubby of Highways saying much the same; that the footpath area is outside the planning boundary for the site. Clerk to chase Daniel Leahy (RES) for confirmation that they are willing to fund this part of the project. Clerk to get costing from Highways.

**The verge at the south junction of Turnpike Road and A382** is badly damaged, whether by refuse lorries or the late school bus we don't yet know. Clerk to contact both relevant organisations

#### **Road repairs required;**

Hask Lane – potholes

Wedesden Hill (Higher Fingle – Veet Mill) - potholes

Sandy Park to Drogo drive – potholes

Greystone – Preston – Upperton - potholes

Drewsteignton Square – pothole

The **lay-by** opposite Martins Park Farm has chippings falling into the road, this area is unlit, and could be dangerous.

More stones have fallen into the road north of the **Sandy Park** crossroads, making this narrow section extra hazardous.

Clerk to contact authorities.

### **034/13 FINANCE;**

#### **a) Payments to be made in March 2013.**

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £385.18

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Mr M Rowe – cleaning materials - £40.16

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire £8.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Tim Cox Engineering - Crockernwell bus shelter repair – £702.30

South West Water – playing field tap - £12.02

b) **Income from honesty boxes** (car park £31.74) (toilets £8.45)

c) **Settlement from Zurich Insurance** £486.00

d) **Precept from WDBC** due in 2 April £6844.50

### **035/13 General correspondence**

**Late letters;** The Clerk will contact WDBC's Monitoring Officer to clarify the procedure for changing of councillors. Cllrs Gosnay and Mudge will step down at the AGM in May. A ward representative does not have to live in the ward. The Casual Vacancy notices will be prepared.

#### **036/13 Agenda letters;**

A form has been sent from Devon Directory (DCC) regarding **public access to computers**. The Councillors answered the questions and the Clerk will return the form.

The **Local Government Boundary Commission Review** will look at electoral imbalances. A presentation will be held at Kilworthy Park, Tavistock on Tuesday 16 April.

**Chagford Post Office** has been under threat with their building up for sale; recent developments appear to have calmed the situation.

**037/13 The Annual Parish Meeting** is set for Monday 29 April at Drewsteignton Village Hall. Clerk to send invitations to delegates.

**038/13 Delegates Reports-** Cllr Mudge has checked on items in the council's care stored at the Drewe Arms.

Clerk to contact Enterprise Inns to advise them of the inventory before any new tenant moves in. The items may be sold off in the summer, as a fundraiser.

**039/13 Comments on information circulated** – None

**040/13 Future agenda items** – Flytipping progress, members of the public; time limit on speaking, Turnpike Close 106 agreement.

**041/13 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Monday 15 April 2013** at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.47 pm