

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 20 January 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Walker (acting Chairperson) Power, Ridgers (arrived at 8.05pm), Hardie, Riches, Dyke, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Imrie
In attendance None

001/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 December 2013.

002/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded the Cllrs present of the need to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in respect of any items included on the Agenda. None stated.

003/14 MATTERS ARISING

Nothing new to report at **Chapel Hill**, Whiddon Down.

No progress on the **Commemorative Stone**.

Again, there has been no update from Andy West (Enforcement Officer DNPA) regarding the **Drewe Arms breach of planning**; Clerk to chase again.

The Whiddon Down **notice board** has been renovated and re-sited in the westbound bus shelter. The renovation cost was £290 but an equivalent replacement would cost over £1000. Cllrs have agreed to paint over the graffiti as a DIY job. Thanks to Cllr and Mrs Hardie for their clean up of the bus shelters at Whiddon Down.

Cllr Riches has carried out a temporary repair on **the Crockernwell bus shelter** to keep it safe, but it needs more serious attention. Clerk to contact Tim Cox for an assessment.

The Knowle Lane **Well head** repairs will be progressed shortly.

004/14 HIGHWAYS:

The road is collapsing into the drain at Veet Mill.

There are further drainage problems at Cross Farm

The fallen signage at Ash Cross and on Venton Straight has been removed.

Various potholes at; the road to Fingle bridge near Drewsteignton church yard, ongoing potholes from Woodbrooke to Wallon to Drewsteignton, and Scotley Bridge to Preston to Drewsteignton.

Pothole between Netherton and the turning to Veet Mill.

Pothole on A382 near track to Furlong

Pothole west of Sandy Park near entrance to Furlong Mill

Pothole on mini roundabout at Whiddon Down.

Clerk to inform highways.

005/14 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0609/13 – Hunter’s Lodge - granted

DNPA 0595/13 – Greystones - granted

DNPA 0596/13 – Greystones - granted

DNPA 0622/13 – Wallon – granted

DNPA 0623/13 – Wallon – granted

DNPA 0624/13 – Wallon – granted

Applications; None

006/14 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in January 2014.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £395.99

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire - £8.00

South West Water – playing field tap - £12.04

EDF – Public WCs electricity - £67.57

Devon Association of Local Councils – New Councillor training - £30.00

- b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (toilets £4.20) (car park £22.02)
- c) **Budget planning 2014-2015** Using a template spread-sheet suggested by DALC the cllrs discussed the forthcoming financial years requirements. The Clerk has obtained agreement from many of the local suppliers that their prices will not go up next year. Cllr Ridgers proposed a 1% increase on last years request, this was seconded by Cllr Power and carried unanimously. This will give some minor financial leeway to catch up with some overdue maintenance. The request is for £13825, which is a Precept of £12892 and Council Tax Support Grant of £933.
- d) **Precept request**; the Clerk completed the form for West Devon Borough Council.

007/14 General correspondence

Agenda letters;

None

Late letters;

Dartmoor National Park Authority have sent a draft **Supplementary Planning Document regarding Affordable Housing** for comment. Cllrs to report their findings to the next meeting to collate a response.

Cllrs asked the Clerk to thank Tony Thomas for his letter to the Parish Post **expressing support** for this council.

Mike Rowe is out of action, Clerk to check the situation regarding the WC cleaning.

WDBC have written asking for nominations for the **Mayoral Awards**.

WDBC have sent a notice about the naming and numbering of roads.

A planning application at Torr, Drewsteignton ref DNPA 0024/14 arrived after the agenda was published. With agreement from DNPA this matter has been deferred until the next meeting.

Cllr Dyke reported that the handwash system in the **public WCs** is providing only cold water and air. Clerk to investigate.

008/14 Delegates Reports – None

009/14 Comments on information circulated – None

010/14 Future agenda items – new bin liner for WC bin

011/14 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – **Monday 17 February 2014 at Drewsteignton**

There being no further business, the acting Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.39pm