

**DRAFT** MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 17 February 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Walker, Power, Hardie, Dyke, Imrie and the Clerk.  
Apologies Cllr Riches  
In attendance 4 members of the public

**012/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Walker seconded approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 20 January 2014

**013/14 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.

**014/14 MATTERS ARISING**

No new progress on the **Commemorative Stone**, remove from agenda.

There has been a brief update from Andy West (Enforcement Officer DNPA) regarding the **Drewe Arms breach of planning**; saying that the matter is with Enterprise Inns and their sign suppliers. They plan to amend the installation, or put in a planning application. Clerk to chase again.

**Both the Crockernwell bus shelters** now need attention. The eastbound shelter at Stanbury's Orchard needs work on the fascia board and guttering. The Clerk has enquired regarding a further insurance claim for the westbound shelter (which appears to have been hit by a vehicle) would increase the premium. No response yet. The Council would like to hear from anyone who knows of a local handy man who might be able to carry out these types of repairs. Cllr Hardie will contact David Sampson (who did the work on the Whiddon Down notice boards,) to request an estimate.

Cllr Savage has spoken to Chip Davies regarding the Knowle Lane **Well head** repairs. He will look at it when he can.

**015/14 HIGHWAYS:**

The road is collapsing into the drain at Veet Mill.

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.

Each side of Scotley Bridge is failing badly.

Pothole between Netherton and the turning to Veet Mill.

Clerk to inform highways.

**Members of the public can contact Devon County Council directly regarding road damage via the website [www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk) or by phoning 0845 155 1004**

**016/14 PLANNING**

**Decisions received;**

DNPA 0672/13 – Primrose Cottage, Drewsteignton - granted

**Applications;**

**DNPA 0024/14 – Extension at Torr, Drewsteignton.** Cllrs Savage & Imrie visited the site, and the applicant addressed this meeting to explain the proposal. Cllrs unanimously agreed to **SUPPORT** the application because it has no detrimental effect on the National Park or street scene and cannot be seen from the public highway. Clerk to respond to the authority.

**017/14 FINANCE;**

**a) Payments to be made in February 2014.**

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Hardie 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

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

Cllr Riches – bus shelter repair expenses - £22.91

Cllr Savage – travel expenses - £9.90

Public Works Loan Board – car park loan - £1021.51 (DD)

**b) Income from honesty boxes** - (toilets £2.70) (car park £22.91)

- c) The Cllrs resolved to remove ex Cllr Graham Hester from the bank authorisation. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the relevant bank form. Clerk to continue the process

#### **018/14 Moretonhampstead Hospital Proposal**

Cllrs Savage and Power attended a meeting regarding the future of the hospital building at Moretonhampstead. The hope is to set up a clinical hub for medical services with the North, East & West (NEW) Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, Devon County Council and the local Healthtrust involved. This option could offer a range of outpatient services and drop in clinics to serve the local community and reduce the need for travel to Exeter. Parish Councils are asked to respond using the questionnaire provided. Members of the public can also respond, the blank questionnaires are available at Drewsteignton Post Office. The council unanimously resolved to SUPPORT this proposal to maintain NHS use of the building as a hub for health services, keeping the facility for local community. The Council also hope that beds may be restored. Parish councils are also asked to nominate 1 representative to liaise with the project. The Clerk will fulfil this post. Clerk to respond.

#### **019/14 General correspondence**

##### **Agenda letters;**

The Council and Mrs Daphne Greener discussed the planting of an oak **tree in memory of Paul Greener**. This will be sited in the car-park behind the pub. Wayne Mudge will supply and plant the tree. The Council will supply a plaque to read 'In memory of Paul Greener 1926 – 2008, local historian, and great friend to the Parish'. Cost approximately £25.00. Clerk to contact Parochial Church Council to arrange a blessing service during the spring.

**Devon County Council** have sent their **Waste Plan** for consultation. The Clerk has summarised the extensive document for the Cllrs. Concern was raised that the small hazardous waste plant at Tellams Yard has a big impact on local infrastructure.

**Drewsteignton Gardeners Club** have asked if they can use the fruit trees in the car park for a pruning training session in September. Cllrs agreed that tree maintenance would be most welcome. A query was raised over the timing seasonally.

The **hand wash** in the Gents public WC in Drewsteignton is not working properly. A local electrician will attend. Clerk to check with WDBC Environmental Health on our obligations regarding supplying hot water, and hot air drying facilities. Clerk to check with Wallgate regarding their charges for repairs and maintenance.

Dartmoor National Park Authority have sent a draft **Supplementary Planning Document regarding Affordable Housing** for comment. The Cllrs suggest there is little scope within the Parish for further affordable housing. Cllrs would also like clarification about the Section 106 definition of a 'Local Person'. Clerk to check and send the response.

##### **Late letters;**

**Drewsteignton Village Hall Committee** have been in touch regarding costs for the public WCs as this facility also serves the hall. The Clerk has supplied a summary of the information. All Council expenses are on the monthly minutes, which are on the website.

Cllr Hardie has heard that there is progress regarding the **Whiddon Down link road**. Clerk to request update from WDBC.

**020/14 Delegates Reports** – Cllr Imrie reported that the Annual **Playing Field** Safety Inspection is booked for March. The committee are holding a fund raising curry night on Friday 7 March cost £14 per person.

**021/14 Comments on information circulated** – None

**022/14 Future agenda items** – Playing Field committee, Drewsteignton Village hall committee, Whiddon Down relief road progress, bin inner for WC bin.

**023/14 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Monday 24 March 2014 at Whiddon Down**

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.08pm