

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 24 March 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Walker, Power, Hardie, Dyke, Riches, Imrie, Ridgers and the Clerk.
Apologies None
In attendance 1 member of the public

024/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Walker proposed and Cllr Imrie seconded approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 17 February 2014

025/14 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.

026/14 MATTERS ARISING

There has been a thorough update from Andy West (Enforcement Officer DNPA) regarding the **Drewe Arms breach of planning**; saying that the sign is acceptable but the lighting is not. The matter is back with Enterprise Inns and their sign suppliers. They plan to amend the installation, or put in a planning application. Clerk to thank DNPA and request regular updates.

Simon Eakins has offered to quote for Knowle Lane **Well head** repairs, and consider other projects needed by the Council. Clerk to follow up.

A local electrician has looked at the handwash units in the **public WCs** and the Clerk has obtained quotes for the necessary parts, and other options such as a service contract to include the repairs currently needed. Wallgate say the units are obsolete and the parts needed would cost about £400. An annual service contract would cost £582, and excludes damage from vandalism or frost. The clerk will make further investigations and report back to the next meeting.

Drewsteignton Village Hall Treasurer Alison Chapman addressed the meeting to update Cllrs on the hall's situation. The water bill for the public WCs (which are also for village hall users) is £500 - £600 annually, paid by the hall. Clerk to check the Council's insurance for the WCs, and how other Councils deal with similar situations.

Drewsteignton Playing Fields Chair (also Alison Chapman) addressed the meeting to update Cllrs on the field situation. The current committee are keen and able. They now have a generator and this has extended options on events to good effect. The wooden equipment will need replacing in a few years time so a concerted effort is needed to raise the funds required. There may be a grant available from WDBC to help with this type of capital expenditure.

027/14 HIGHWAYS:

Problems at Veet Mill, Woodbrooke to Wallon, and Scotley Bridge to Preston and Drewsteignton.

Clerk to inform highways.

Members of the public can contact Devon County Council directly regarding road damage via the website www.devon.gov.uk or by phoning 0845 155 1004

028/14 PLANNING

Decisions received;

Middle Venton Farm	DNPA 0573/13 – refused
“	DNPA 0545/13 – granted
“	DNPA 0544/13 – refused
“	DNPA 0570/13 – refused
“	DNPA 0571/13 – refused
“	DNPA 0572/13 – refused

Torr, Drewsteignton	DNPA 0024/14 - refused
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Clerk to request explanation from DNPA as these applications were supported by this Council. This service was previously offered by DNPA.

Applications;

DNPA 0126/14 - Variation of roof material previously specified - Hillside House, Drewsteignton

DNPA 0127/14 - Listed building consent for DNPA 0126/14 (above)

This proposal is for natural slate roofing to the replacement extension. The Cllrs unanimously agreed to

SUPPORT this application as the natural materials proposed are in keeping with the character of the conservation area. Clerk to respond to the authority.

029/14 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in March 2014.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary - £379.24

Ms B Snook - general expenses - £89.91 (including memorial plaque)

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 - £9.15

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (WCs £) (car park £) not yet collected due the Clerk's holiday.

c) The Cllrs agreed to **re-issue the grant cheque** of £200.00 to Drewsteignton Village Hall as the original has been mislaid by the recipients and never been cashed. The Clerk has notified the bank.

030/14 General correspondence

Agenda letters;

The Council would like to **thank** some residents for their contribution to community life;

Gareth & Anne Marie from Barn Close, Whiddon Down for their recent litter pick, they filled a bin liner!

Also, **Dee & Graham**, also from Barn Close, Whiddon Down for their ongoing work on the garden alongside the pub car park. There are many people across the Parish who make life more pleasant for all of us; many thanks to you all.

Late letters;

Daphne Greener has contacted the Council with an **amended date for the blessing of the tree planted in memory of Paul Greener**. It will be on Easter Sunday (20 April) at 12 noon. Cllr Savage will attend.

RES have been in touch regarding hedging preparation for the **Whiddon Down link road**. The planning amendments for Denbrook Wind farm are still not approved by WDBC, so this work may be premature.

The Devon **Southern Link** Group of Parishes are offering training, but the locations are not appropriate.

Michael Scott has had a problem with some **new gates** installed by DNPA, the Clerk has forwarded the comments to DNPA Ranger Pete Rich, who will check the situation.

New resident Sandra Bellamy has contacted the Clerk regarding a **play area in Whiddon Down**. The Clerk has responded explaining the history of the previous attempt to achieve this, and offered contact with Drewsteignton Playing Field committee for advice on any new project.

031/14 Delegates Reports – None

032/14 Comments on information circulated – None

033/14 Future agenda items – Commemorative Stone, Whiddon Down link road

034/14 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2014 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TUESDAY

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.46pm