

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Tuesday 22 April 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Power, Hardie, Dyke, Riches, Imrie, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllr Ridgers and Walker
In attendance 1 member of the public

035/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Hardie proposed and Cllr Power seconded approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Monday 24 March 2014.

036/14 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.

037/14 MATTERS ARISING

There has been a further update from Andy West (Enforcement Officer DNPA) regarding the **Drewe Arms breach of planning**; saying that there has been no response from Enterprise Inns or Insignia Signs. He will meet with Planning Team Manager and Head of Legal Services on 23 April to decide on their course of action.

The Clerk has asked Simon Ekins to quote for Knowle Lane **Well head** repairs, Crockernwell bus shelter repair and other projects needed by the Council.

Wallgate have responded regarding the faulty handwash units in the **public WCs** and repairs will cost about £500 including parts, and an annual service contract would cover labour but not the parts needed now so the outlay would be about £900. Modern replacement units would cost £3800. Environmental Health at WDBC say that having hot water is required as the WCs service the Village Hall which has a kitchen facility, and can therefore serve food. Cllrs agreed the repairs alone should be carried out to a maximum cost of £600. Clerk to progress.

The Clerk has so far been unable to locate a suitable **bin inner** needed in Drewsteignton. WDBC may be able to advise.

Devon County Cllr James McInnes has written saying the **parking lines outside Drewsteignton Post Office** are now agreed with all parties, and that painted lines are now acceptable to DNPA. (Cllr Savage outlined the history of this matter to the newer Cllrs.) Cllr McInnes wants to ensure enough funds are available. The Cllrs agreed that the previous decision **not** to fund this with public money is correct, and private funds raised in the village are the only way forward. Clerk to reply to Cllr McInnes, and copy in Ian & Marg Maynard (Post Office owners) Jo Rumble (DNPA), Tony Thomas (fundraiser) and Simon Phillips (Neighbourhood Highway Engineer)

Resident Carol Yardley has been in touch regarding the **Whiddon Down link road project**. She is concerned that traffic will continue to use the existing road, and that it should be marked 'Access Only'. This would require a traffic order, but could possibly be combined with the proposed works. Cllrs agree this would be desirable. Clerk to contact RES as they have been amenable to the community's concerns, and WDBC as they will decide on the application as a whole.

038/14 HIGHWAYS:

Some markings have been made by highways from Preston to Greystone, Cllrs hope this means works are imminent.

There is serious surface damage on the roundabout at Whiddon Down, and on the approach to the A30 slip road at Whiddon Down from Crockernwell direction. Clerk to forward to highways.

The Footpath signpost at Sandy Park has disappeared during the works on the gate there. Clerk to contact DNPA ranger Pete Rich.

Comments have been received from a resident about speed restriction signage at Whiddon Down.

039/14 PLANNING

Decisions received; none

Applications;

DNPA 0182/14 Poly tunnel at Venton Farm. Following a site visit Cllrs discussed the scale of the structure, and the hobby usage, and agreed a unanimous **NEUTRAL VIEW** response.

DNPA 0171/14 Replacement dwelling and garage alterations at Hollydown, Venton. Following a site visit Cllrs discussed the proposal and agreed unanimously to **SUPPORT** the application because it is a householder development which is not detrimental to the National Park. It will replace a dilapidated building with an environmentally efficient one, and it will sustain the local landscape. Clerk to respond to the authority.

Other planning matters

Stephen Belli of **DNPA** has responded regarding the explanations of **planning decisions** reached by DNPA when they differ from the opinion of this Council. He has suggested Cllrs refer to the Planning Officer's report in addition to the Refusal Notice.

WDBC have sent a consultation regarding **Local Planning Validation Checklist**, this is a large document detailing what paperwork may be required for future planning applications, which Cllrs felt unqualified to comment on. Clerk to reply.

The recent **refusal** of planning permission at **Torr**, Drewsteignton, (Ref DNPA 0024/14) has gone to **appeal**. The Council previously supported this proposal and continue to do so. Clerk to reply to the Planning Inspectorate sending the relevant minutes and original response paperwork.

040/14 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in April 2014.

Cllr Hardie proposed and Cllr Dyke seconded the following payments to be made;

Ms B Snook – Salary - £379.16

Ms B Snook - general expenses – deferred to next month

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning & materials - £128.05

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

EDF – WC electricity - £55.30

b) Income from honesty boxes - (WCs £8.44) (car park £54.32) 6 week period

c) Income from honesty boxes - (WCs £8.19) (car park £25.92) 3 week period

d) Precept paid from WDBC - £6912.50

e) Financial year end- Cllrs agreed the Bank reconciliation, and the audit paperwork including the supporting statement, and annual governance statement. The Chairman and Clerk signed the relevant sections and the accounts will now go for internal audit.

f) The Clerk has completed and submitted the **VAT reclaim** for £142.62

041/14 General correspondence

Agenda letters;

Chagford Show date has been noted.

The Clerk outlined tariff options from EDF for the **WC electricity**, Cllrs agreed to fix for 4 years which should give some savings.

Central Government have proposed that small Parish councils (with annual finances below £25,000) should not require an external audit, but would have to follow a **Transparency Code**. This would involve publishing all accounts annually, which is already done to satisfy the audit conditions. Cllrs answered the specific questions for the Clerk to complete the consultation form and send off.

The **abandoned vehicles** in the car park have been removed.

Late letters;

WDBC have invited Cllrs to a planning workshop in **Tavistock**, this is too far in terms of travel cost and time.

Clerk to request a repeat event in Okehampton.

042/14 Delegates Reports – Cllr Imrie reported from the **Playing Fields**, the recent RoSPA inspection identified some unsafe play equipment which has been removed. The Playing Field committee want to extend the shed to expand options for events. This raises planning and insurance issues with which the Council need to be consulted. Cllrs Savage and Imrie to attend a meeting with the PF committee.

043/14 Comments on information circulated – None

044/14 Future agenda items – Commemorative Stone, Whiddon Down link road

045/14 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY at Whiddon Down

ORDINARY MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 19 MAY at Whiddon Down

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm