

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 20 October 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Power, Imrie, Dyke, Riches, Brooks, Ridgers and the Clerk.

Apologies Cllrs Walker and Hardie

In attendance 3 members of the public, and Dartmoor National Park ranger Pete Rich

113/14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllrs unanimously approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 15 September 2014.

114/14 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. Cllr Power declared an interest in Woodland Springs under planning. The item is an update only, no decision to be made.

115/14 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0451/14 – Ring arena and associated landscaping at Budbrooke Cottage, Crockernwell - refused

DNPA 0466/14 – Planning Permission and **0467/14** Listed Building Consent for heating, flue and replacing cement render with lime render at East Fingle farm, Drewsteignton - approved

Applications;

DNPA 0551/14 Planning Permission & **0552/14** Listed Building Consent for retrospective alterations at **Hillside House, Drewsteignton**. It should be recorded that the applicant has previously acted as internal auditor for this Council. Following a site visit the applicant addressed the meeting explaining the improvement works to the lean-to extension. Cllrs unanimously agreed to **SUPPORT** the applications because the improvement works undertaken protect the distinctive character and appearance of this part of the National Park and the village scene. The proposal does not detract from the scale, significance, form, quality or setting of the building. Any harm is outweighed by benefit to the property as a whole; the applicant told Cllrs that the area concerned is 4.5% of the total building. The re-use of this part of the building, which was apparently recorded as a coal-house in 1898, will ensure its future; its recent dilapidated state was a potential safety risk. Clerk to respond to DNPA.

Further planning matters.

West Devon Borough Council will investigate and follow up the alleged **planning breaches** at Whiddon Down.

No further news on the possible **solar array** at Whiddon Down.

Both DNPA and WDBC are considering **charging for pre-planning advice**, and have asked for feedback.

Householder applications will still be free of charge, with some limitations. There appears to be some difference between charges for listed and non-listed domestic applications. Cllrs agreed this was a sensible proposal.

The Council have received 2 further objection comments about the application at **Woodland Springs Touring Park**, Venton. These arrived after the last meeting when the matter was discussed. The normal consultation procedure was carried out. The senders were referred to the planning authority.

The **banner** sited opposite the service station at Whiddon Down promoting Chagford has been removed.

There is still no sign of an application for the **field shelter** in Shoot Lane, Drewsteignton.

116/14 HIGHWAYS:

Road repairs outstanding

Hooperton Cross to Greystone failed edge 17 yds 2ft wide 6 in deep - done

A382 just north of France Hill, northbound, near the first SLOW painted on the road surface.

Veet Mill road washed away, and drains blocked again.

There is still serious **surface damage** on the roundabout at Whiddon Down

Potholes near Hooperton Farm.

Storm **drains blocked** from Hooperton to Crockernwell

Couples Corner to Preston still in very poor condition

A resident has complained to Devon County Council about their **online reporting** system.

Clerk to forward to highways.

The results of the survey of residents affected by illegal traffic using **Chapel Hill**, Whiddon Down have been collated. 40 surveys were delivered, with 11 support responses and 2 objections. A resident addressed the meeting objecting to any closure due to needing access for large vehicles. Various possibilities were discussed and further consultation and enquiries are needed; restricted visibility for traffic turning onto the main road (A382) at Ash Cross, makes this junction dangerous, can this be addressed? More severe traffic calming such as bolt on sleeping policeman, a gated solution might be acceptable to the objecting residents. Clerk to follow up each

option, and the possibility of a petition to gauge the level of support. Clerk to contact Communities' Officer Jo Rumble at Dartmoor National Park for advice on the planning perspective.

Cllrs have all walked their allocated **footpaths**, and reported their condition to Dartmoor National Park ranger Pete Rich. The Clerk will forward the reports from the absent Cllrs to DNP. Pete Rich also informed the meeting of planned forestry works near the footpath from Fingle Bridge towards Clifford Bridge. This will involve some diversions, generally during the working week.

Devon County Council have sent a **Tough Choices Highway Review** to collect feedback on where to cut their budgets. They propose various cost saving measures, including reducing winter weather fleet, charging for grit bins and reducing grass cutting. Cllrs agreed their responses for the Clerk to submit online. Cllrs consider that most preventative works should be maintained.

117/14 MATTERS ARISING;

The commemorative stone is progressing with a site visit planned to confirm the plans for installation.

The wreath for **Remembrance Sunday** (9th November) has been ordered.

An **exhibition** about World War I will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton from 1 November.

Car-park policy will be investigated by Cllr Ridgers to ascertain what policies other local authorities have in place. Clerk will contact DNPA for their policy. A legal definition of an 'abandoned vehicle' will be sought.

118/14 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in October 2014.

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Imrie 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 - £130.33

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

Devon Association of Local Councils – Cllr training - £30.00

South West Water – playing field tap - £9.90

b) Income from honesty boxes - (WCs £12.40) (car park £55.64)

c) Grant Income playing field committee £49.00

119/14 Playing field grant application to Dartmoor National Park, Cllrs examined the application put forward by the playing field committee to DNP, and agreed to support the application.

120/14 General correspondence

Agenda letters; West Devon Borough Council have written regarding the **Council Tax Support Grant** to Parish Councils, which will be reduced next year. Cllr Ridgers explained the complicated formula to Cllrs.

South Tawton Parish Council have asked Drewsteignton PC to join them in a **TAP fund application** for funding for mobile equipment for Chagford Cricket Club, to enable coaching sessions in various venues including local primary schools. Cllrs agreed to join, to encourage healthy, outdoor activity.

The **Providence School building at Throwleigh** has been sold by Devon County Council for £140,000 less costs. The new charitable trust formed to allocate the interest from the capital gain includes 2 representatives from each of the 4 parishes that the original school covered. Cllrs agreed a short-list of people to be approached to be trustees on behalf of this Council. One of the Drewsteignton representatives will be the Parish Council Chairman.

Late letters; None

121/14 Delegates Reports – None

122/14 Comments on information circulated – None

123/14 Future agenda items –Chapel Hill, Denbrook Wind Farm & WD link road, Car-park policy, furniture and effects stored at the Drewe arms

124/14 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17 November at Whiddon Down

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm