

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 16 February 2015 at 7.30pm

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

015/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllrs unanimously approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 19 January 2015 and the Additional Meeting of 2 February 2015.

016/15 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 Brooks' husband has been in correspondence with Dartmoor National Park Authority regarding planning matters.

Cllr Hunt has completed and signed the Declaration of Interests form, and signed the Acceptance of Office form. These will be sent on to West Devon Borough Council.

017/15 MATTERS ARISING;

Car park - policy, no progress

Car park – abandoned vehicles have been reported to DVLA, who have dealt with them accordingly. The car park is owned by the Parish council and maintained at public expense. It is not private land and a SORN is not valid there. The costing of some signage will be investigated.

Car park – replacement trees; Cllrs Brooks, Power, Imrie and Dyke attended a site meeting with Philip Evans, representing Drewsteignton Gardeners Club, regarding the planting of the replacement trees, and they have agreed location and variety of trees.

Denbrook wind farm and **Whiddon Down link road** – no news

Furniture & Effects stored at Drewe Arms; Cllr Savage has checked on this and a revised inventory has been compiled.

Correspondence has been taking place between Alan Brooks and **Kevin Bishop, Chief Executive of DNPA**, regarding planning issues. This Council are keeping a watching brief on this matter, but are not directly involved.

018/15 PLANNING

Decisions received; None

Applications; DNPA 0062/15 Field shelter at Glebe Fields, off Shute Lane, Drewsteignton. It should be noted that the applicant was previously a Cllr and Vice Chairman of this Council. Most of the Cllrs have visited the site. The applicant outlined the reason for this building. It is for small scale (0.9 hectare) agricultural use only (ref DMD 34). It does not affect the conservation area (ref DMD 12). The shelter is suitably sited, and fits into the landscape. It can be seen from the Two Moors Way, but not from Shute Lane. Cllrs agreed that it does not adversely affect the village environment and voted unanimously to **SUPPORT**. Clerk to send response to DNPA.

Further planning matters.

The Clerk has obtained the information to arrange a representative to speak at the Development Committee at DNPA, on 6 March, to express this Council's objections to the signage planning application at the **Drewe Arms**, Drewsteignton, Ref DNPA 0019/15 & DNPA 0020/15. Cllr Savage is not able to attend but another Cllr may be available. The Clerk will contact Claire Fairhall, of DNPA's Legal and Democratic Services, to confirm the situation. This Council **authorise** an available Councillor to speak on the Council's behalf regarding this planning matter.

The Council have been invited to attend a DNPA Members Site visit at **Woodland Springs**, Venton, regarding the planning application for accommodation pods and shower block Ref DNPA 0690/14. No Cllr is available to attend, Clerk to respond to DNPA confirming the previous response.

Clerk to research specification of **'Prior Notification'** applications.

019/15 HIGHWAYS:

Snow warden update, there are at least 20 bags of road salt in our store area. Cllr Brooks will store a few bags to ensure a supply for the hill from Drewsteignton to Couples Corner. Cllr Hardie is still waiting for some training as snow warden co-ordinator. Clerk to chase again.

There is no progress on **Chapel Hill**, Clerk to chase Steve Dawe (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) and Devon County Councillor James McInnes, again. The large square rubber humps used at Kingsteignton must be 'type approved' and would provide a simple cheap option.

Parking at Whiddon Down, at 5.00 pm drivers meeting the school bus, are parking illegally and inconsiderately which is causing problems and potential danger for residents and pedestrians. Whiddon Down Village Hall have agreed that these parents can use the hall car park. The police were unable to help with this matter.

020/15 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in February 2015

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Brooks 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 - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire - £10.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – grant - £100.00 re-issue due to lost cheque, the original cheque has been stopped

b) Income from honesty boxes - (WCs £2.26) (car park £10.88)

021/15 General correspondence

Agenda letters;

A potential new Cllr Ben Commelard Brown has introduced himself by email to the Clerk. He has been invited to attend a meeting to understand what is involved in the role.

Cllr Savage outlined the procedure for forming the new Council. All Councillors who wish to continue their work have to complete a nomination form, which must be delivered by hand to WDBC offices in Tavistock by early April. Further details will be posted on notice boards and the website.

Anyone interested in joining the Council must also follow the same procedure. Some of the current team wish to step down at this point, so we are keen to meet new volunteers.

All Parish Council meetings are **open to the public** so it is easy for any prospective candidates to discover more about the role.

Further details will be posted on notice boards and the website.

LATE LETTERS

Revised bus timetables have been issued and the clerk will distribute to the relevant bus stops.

A resident of Barn Close, Whiddon Down has asked about the future of the **green space at the top of Barn Close**, Clerk to contact WDBC to enquire about any plans they may have.

022/15 Delegates Reports – Cllr Savage has attended the first meeting of the **Providence School Trust**, which included lots of administration to satisfy the Charities Commission.

023/15 Comments on information circulated – None

024/15 Future agenda items –Chapel Hill, Denbrook Wind Farm & WD link road, Car-park policy,

025/15 Date of Annual Parish Meeting proposed for Tuesday 28 April. Clerk to book hall.

026/15 Clerk's holiday an out of office email reply will be arranged

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 16 March 2015 at Whiddon Down

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm