

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 15 June 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Brooks, Hunt, Brown and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllrs Ridgers and Hardie
In attendance None

068/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Unanimous approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 18 May 2015 and the Additional Meeting of 1 June 2015.

069/15 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. None declared.

070/15 MATTERS ARISING;

Car park misuse, the blue van is still in the car park. The rubbish bin is full of kitchen equipment, which has been removed for recycling. Clerk to contact Jo Rumble, Communities Officer at Dartmoor National Park for advice on managing this problem, again.

Denbrook wind farm and Whiddon Down road improvements; Cllrs Hardie and Imrie held a site visit with Alison Jones and Eric McCarthy from RES. The road works will take place between September and December. RES will make individual house visits and hold an open day at the village hall for residents to ask questions. Further information is available at www.renewableuk.com

Whiddon Down bus shelter graffiti; the clerk has made contact with youth group leader Wes Cutler to invite the group to paint something more positive.

Drewsteignton churchyard lamppost has been inspected by Cllrs and they agreed it is a potential hazard. Cllr Savage will make it safe. The Parochial Church council have the repair work lined up. The clerk has spoken to previous Cllrs but we have no evidence that this Council is responsible for the lamppost.

071/15 HIGHWAYS:

There has been no reply from Mike Jones, from Devon County Council's Traffic Management Team, regarding the breakdown of the suggested cost of speed humps on **Chapel Hill, Whiddon Down**. Clerk to chase Mike Jones, and Devon County Councillor James McInnes.

There has also been no response regarding the **alternative bus stop at Whiddon Down** to allow residents to access the service that bypasses the village. Clerk to chase again.

Road repairs needed in the Parish; as previously.

Veet Mill drain is collapsing, at least 4" deep, not a pot hole; multiple potholes in **Hask Lane** 2' x 1' x 6" deep; **Whiddon Down roundabout** is now dangerous, particularly for motorbikes, which are now in their main season; **France Hill**, near the SLOW sign painted on the road surface; **Spinsters Rock Lane** at the southern end, and the road between **Preston and Couples Corner** is now in a very poor state, this is a main route to a major local tourist attraction Fingle Bridge. Clerk to chase Highways.

072/15 PLANNING

Decisions received; None

Applications; None

Further planning matters.

Nick Savin has updated the clerk regarding the breach and appeal at **West Ford Farm**; enforcement action is on hold until the appeal has been heard. The Council agreed that their original comments still stand.

Nick Savin also said that the **new sign on the A30** advertising the restaurant at the Whiddon Down services is sited outside the north boundary of the national park. Cllr Savage disagreed and the clerk will follow this up. DNPA have offered some **planning training**, details to be agreed depending on requests from local councils. Cllrs agreed that they would benefit from better understanding of policy on listed buildings, conservation areas, and advertising consent. The newer Cllrs will also benefit from more general training. All Cllrs prefer evening sessions. Clerk to respond to DNPA.

Two **LATE** applications have been received since the agenda has been published.

DNPA 0275/15 New information signage at Fingle Bridge, Cllrs agreed no comment.

DNPA 0278/15 Certificate of Lawfulness for breach of agricultural occupancy at Fingle Farm, Cllrs agreed no comment.

073/15 FINANCE;**a) Payments to be made in June 2015**

Cllr Savage proposed and Cllr Brooks seconded the following payments to be made;

Ms B Snook – Salary - £379.16

Ms B Snook - general expenses 2 months – £50.39

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Drewsteignton Playing Field – VAT refund - £486.00

Community First – insurance – £324.44

An alternative insurance had been offered but included irrelevant cover and the premium was about 30% higher.

Cllrs agreed to maintain the current policy.

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (car park £53.56) (WCs £13.68)

c) **The VAT reclaim** has been paid from HMRC - **£963.59**

074/15 General correspondence**Agenda letters;**

The public WCs are looking scruffy; Mike Rowe has supplied an estimate for redecoration. Cllrs agreed the work ought to be done, but that alternative estimates should be sought to satisfy the Council's audit obligations. Clerk to contact Ian Crawford who has done similar work before.

The area surrounding the WCs is also very overgrown. Cllrs are not sure who is responsible for this area. Clerk to check. Cllr Imrie will ask the local DNPA ranger if he can help, or a Council work party could be arranged.

The Clerk has received an **advertising request** from Teignvale Plumbing of Cheriton Bishop, who also have strong connections in Crockernwell. Cllrs agreed to the request. Clerk to forward details to website volunteer.

LATE LETTERS;

The Dartmoor Society has asked to be included on the website list of local organisations. Cllrs will research the Society before deciding.

The **result of the ballot** for Parish Members to be part of DNPA committee has been received; Cllr Derek Webber of Okehampton Hamlets and Cllr Simon Hill of Chagford were elected. Clerk to write to congratulate them and open lines of communication.

The volunteer running our **Parish website** is not able to continue due to other commitments. The Clerk has asked him for any suggestions of a suitable person to take on the role. Until now this facility has not cost the council anything, however as digital communication becomes more prominent this may change. Sam Peirce has come forward with some proposals. Cllrs agreed the website needs an overhaul, and would like to hear from interested parties. Clerk to invite Sam and others to the next meeting for a full discussion.

075/15 Delegates Reports – The Playing Field fund raising **Family Fun Day** is Saturday 11 July 3.00-7.00 pm. and the committee invite a Cllr to take part in the event including using the water slide. Cllr Brown agreed.

Cllr Brown also agreed to be the liaison with the Drewsteignton Village Hall.

Cllr Hardie has also agreed to be the main lead on planning applications.

076/15 Comments on information circulated – The insurance policy shows the council owning 9 benches, Cllrs to check locations and conditions these.

077/15 Future agenda items – car park railings, bus shelter graffiti, new bus stop, recent issues with travellers camp, bank signatories, allocate rep to DNPA, speed enforcement.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20 July 2015 at Whiddon Down.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.