

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 21 November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Brooks, Hunt, Hester, Ridgers, and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllr Hardie
In attendance 2 members of the public

117/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes for Ordinary Meeting 17 October 2016 & Additional meeting 12 November 2016 were approved.

118/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared

119/16 MATTERS ARISING:

WC exterior works, the Clerk has found one possible contact for this work, and will also contact some businesses listed in the Whiddon Parishes magazine. The building is in the conservation area which affects what materials can be used.

Possible introduction of a Bylaw regarding **unauthorised signage**, Cllr Hester has looked into this and it appears an unlikely route to get appropriate results. Cllr Savage pointed out that Devon County Council's Highways department are responsible for dealing with unauthorised signage. This Council plan to formulate a Standing Order with advice from Devon County Council and Devon Association of Local Councils, to allow action to be taken by this Council to remove unauthorised signs.

120/16 HIGHWAYS:

Whiddon Down link road: PCSO Charlie Fewings has phoned the Clerk to discuss this problem. She apologised for the delayed response to the original letter to Inspector Mark Sloman. The Traffic police have inspected the site and are sending a report to Devon County Council Highways department. The police have issued at least 10 tickets to drivers disobeying the 'no left turn' sign opposite the Post Inn.

AA 'event' signs at Whiddon Down: James Aven (DNPA) has not sent any update since our last meeting. Clerk to follow up again. The Clerk will contact Highways for advice on this matter.

Highways say they have no money to complete the repairs to the **unsafe pedestrian protection** fence in Crockernwell, they have erected some temporary barriers around the fence. Clerk to chase up Highways, again. Cllr Savage has submitted a letter for approval to **thank local landowners** who have been cutting verges previously maintained by DCC Highways. Clerk to send to Jeremy Robinson, Stephen Bowden and Phillip Lockyear. This Council appreciate all works that contribute to wellbeing of the Parish.

Works for the **lengthsman** will be forwarded to him, Cllrs will monitor their part of the parish, and the Clerk will seek a meeting with the lengthsman to ensure the list of jobs is updated.

121/16 PLANNING

Decisions received:

DNPA 0477/16 - Listed Building Consent for Replacement windows at 2 Fulford Cottages - **granted**

DNPA 0503/16 - Change of use of annexe at Middle Venton Farm, Venton - **granted**

DNPA 0432/16 - Soil pipe at Middle Venton Farm, Venton - **granted**

DNPA 0401/16 & 0402/16 - Conversion of outbuilding at Hillside House, Drewsteignton - **refused**

Applications:

DNPA 0578/16 Flue for biomass boiler at **Castle Drogo's Visitor Centre**. Cllrs discussed the proposal and agreed a **NEUTRAL VIEW** response.

DNPA 0613/16 Garden Studio at Windrush, Stone Lane - Cllrs agreed that this **LATE** application needed **no comment**.

Further planning matters:

Dartmoor National Park Local Plan consultation; Cllrs agreed that a sub committee consisting of Cllrs Imrie, Savage & Hester should compile this response. Other Cllrs have until 9am Monday 5 December to make their contributions.

Planning Enforcement Review -

The Clerk has chased up various outstanding planning issues: Nick Savin (DNPA) says the remedial work at West Ford Farm has been carried out. Myra Spalding (DNPA) says 2 Great Tree Park is top of her list to follow up. The Clerk will contact West Devon Borough Council for an update on Martins Park Farm.

122/16 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in November 2016

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

Ms B Snook – Clerk's Salary - £398.66
 Ms B Snook - general expenses - 2 months - £47.00
 Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £80.00
 Drewsteignton Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00
 Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00
 Grant Thornton - audit fee - £120.00
 Steven Carter - car-park grass cutting annual charge - £595.00

b) **Income from honesty boxes** - (car park £30.57) (WCs £9.55) Total £40.12

c) **Other financial matters:**

The Clerk has resubmitted the annual **VAT reclaim** which HMRC appear to have lost. Also the Clerk has submitted the **VAT reclaim** for the Playing Field climbing frame.

Grant Thornton's **audit report** says the Annual Governance and other pages of the audit form should be itemised separately on the minutes, with individual minute reference numbers.

123/16 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Agenda letters:

Bollards outside Whiddon Down Methodist church; Rev Bruce Sawyer has written saying the bollards are inconvenient to church goers. This traffic calming measure is for a trial period, and will be reviewed next year. The bollards would benefit from some reflective parts to enhance their visibility.

The future of the **Sandy Park Inn;** Cllrs are very concerned about the pub as it has closed again. Clerk to write to Kevin Bishop (Chief Executive of Dartmoor National Park Authority) to say that the premises have been open infrequently, services not maintained well, appearing to be deliberately run down. The property is on the market at an unrealistic price, contrary to requirements previously stipulated by DNPA before any change of use planning application can be considered. Residents have a letter with over 150 signatories expressing their concern that the pub had once been a thriving, and award winning business. The pub has been popular with residents and benefits the local tourism industry too. This Council consider the pub a vital cross community asset, and are applying to have it registered with West Devon Borough Council as such.

Chagford School works; This Council have received three letters from parishioners who are concerned about the proposed works at the school. The Clerk has also obtained some information from the School Board of Governors. At Chagford Parish Council's request, the Clerk will forward the correspondence to them.

LATE LETTERS: None

124/16 Delegates Reports: Cllr Hunt reported that the **Playing Field bonfire event** was successful, raising about £1300. There were some problems with parking in the village, with potential access for emergency vehicles being blocked. The playing field committee will review this aspect of the event for the future, and report back to this Council.

Cllr Savage reported from **Eastern Links meeting;** the possible closure of Okehampton hospital would result in no beds west of the Exe river. Cllr Savage also said that the Town & Parish funding application from this Council had been completed incorrectly by the Clerk, and £750 less funding obtained than was available. Clerk to check the situation, and re-apply for the remaining amount, if it is still available for this financial year.

125/16 Comments on information circulated – None

126/16 Future agenda items - budget planning, repeater speed limit signs at Whiddon Down, car-park information board.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS–

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 19 December 2016** at Drewsteignton at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 9.12 pm