

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 20 February 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Imrie (Chair), Savage (Vice Chairman) Hardie, Hester, Hunt, Ridgers & Brooks and the Clerk.
Apologies None
In attendance One member of the public

011/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes for the Ordinary Meeting 16 January 2017 were unanimously approved.

012/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Savage is a neighbour regarding the planning application ref DNPA 0075/17 & 0076/17. Cllr Savage may also be affected by the Highways white lining matter in Crockernwell

013/17 MATTERS ARISING:

WC exterior works, the Clerk has obtained 1 quote for the works needed. Cllr Ridgers had a suggestion for another possible contractor. The roof needs some repairing. We need further quotes to make an informed decision.

Greenspace have sent some images of **information boards** they have made for other organisations, but not yet any sample prices as requested, Clerk to follow up again.

014/17 HIGHWAYS:

There are no **AA 'event' signs** at Whiddon Down currently, Simon Phillips (Devon County Council Highways) says that they generally approve requests for such signage, and suggests we contact the business concerned, or the National Park to raise the issue as a problem.

Unauthorised signs: this Council would like a policy to clarify what is acceptable. The wording, based on existing legislation used by Devon County Council, drafted by the Clerk & Cllr Imrie will be published in the Parish Post to request feedback from residents.

Cllr Savage has continued intensive communications with Darryl Jagger (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) about the potential benefits of revised **white lining in Crockernwell**. The situation has changed considerably since the lines were first painted, and Cllr Savage has summarised this for attention at the forthcoming Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF) meeting.

Our part time lengthsman Warren Dawes has compiled a list of **local direction signs** that need works. The Clerk has one quote for the posts required. Cllr Hardie to obtain another quote. Cllrs agreed to confirm that any works not needing materials should proceed without delay. Verge cutting is still required in the Parish, Clerk to ask Warren if he would reconsider this as part of his range of duties.

Dee has written outlining her gardening achievements in Whiddon Down. Her contribution to the village is outstanding, and this council wish to continue to support her efforts.

The new **Communities Enhancement Fund** may help with material costs for road projects. Clerk to complete the application form once we have all the costings for the direction signs we plan to repair/replace. We have a potential volunteer to work as a **Road Warden**, the Clerk has sent an enquiry To Devon County Council about training available.

Data from the **speed surveys** at Crockernwell & Whiddon Down is not yet available.

Cllr Hester said that anyone can request a **road sweeper** attend and clean B and C roads (but not A roads). Contact information will be made available to all.

015/17 PLANNING

Decisions received: DNPA 0666/16 - interior at Drewe Arms, Drewsteignton - **withdrawn**

DNPA 0627/16 Replacement building at Chagford School - **granted**

Applications:

DNPA 17/0016 Tree application at Ardonay Cottage, Drewsteignton - **no comment**

DNPA 0045/17 & 0046/17 pay & display machines & associated signage at Castle Drogo - **no comment**

DNPA 0075/17 & 0076/17 2 storey extension at Rambler Cottage, Crockernwell; Cllrs Imrie & Hester made a site visit. Cllrs inspected the plans and the applicant addressed the meeting. The Council have received two letters of objection which the Chair read out to the meeting. Cllr Savage addressed the meeting as a private individual objecting to the proposal, then he withdrew and took no further part in the discussion. Cllrs considered the proposal and the objections and voted unanimously to **OBJECT** to the application, due to the overbearing nature of the proposal which will negatively impact several neighbours light and privacy.

Further planning matters:

West Devon Borough Council have now clarified situation regarding **Martin Park Farm**, Whiddon Down. The technical details required have now been submitted to WDBC Ref 3229/16/ARC, with a decision date 8 March 2017.

James Aven at Dartmoor National Park Authority says that the new dwelling at **2 Great Tree Bungalow** now has its Completion Certificate and that the original dwelling must be demolished by 31 July 2017 to comply with the planning permission granted ref DNPA 0475/11. For inclusion on our August agenda.

The Clerk has requested information on any updates on all these matters.

The future of the **Sandy Park Inn**; the Asset of Community Value application submitted by the Sandy Park Community Group has been deferred and will now be considered by West Devon Borough Council on 6th March 2017. Dartmoor National Park's James Aven has noted the removal of the Inn's signage, and is in touch with the owners as the signs are part of the building's listed status.

The appeal regarding **Tellam's Yard** (ref APP/01155/W/16/3156509) has been refused.

016/17 FINANCE;**a) Payments to be made in February 2017**

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

Ms B Snook – Clerk's Salary - £398.66

Ms B Snook - general expenses - deferred £00.00

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning & materials - £129.75

Whiddon Down Village Hall - Hall hire - £10.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

South West Water - playing field tap - £15.41

EDF - WC electricity - £68.08

b. Income in:

* Income from honesty boxes - Car Park £12.93 WC: £4.04 TOTAL: £16.97

c) **Other financial matters:** The Clerk has registered herself as an employee with the **Pensions Regulator** as required even though the salary level is below any pension obligation on behalf of this Council.

017/17 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:**Agenda Correspondence:**

Parish Council Awards Scheme: Cllrs agreed to launch a **Drewsteignton Parish Council Annual Award** (following the Mayoral awards template) to any resident who benefits the community, to be given out at the Annual Parish Meeting. This will take the form of a certificate of recognition and thanks.

West Devon Borough Council have decided that they must now charge for **garden waste collections**, details to follow when they are available.

The Parish Council **website** still needs some enlivening, Cllr Hunt & the Clerk to work on this.

Cllr Hester has resigned from the board of trustees at the **Providence School Charity** due to the slow progress of decision making in the organisation. We need representation on this board, and welcome applications from parishioners.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Monday 24 April at Drewsteignton Village Hall, Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

LATE LETTERS:

Cllr Hester asked when the **Whiddon Down link road** was completed and whether the 12 month period before the road is officially adopted by Devon County Council has been reached. The signage is still not satisfactory and many vehicles are still disobeying the road signs.

Margery Wonnacott has nominated Dee Douglas for a **Mayoral Award**, Clerk to forward the nomination.

018/17 Delegates Reports:

019/17 Comments on information circulated – None

020/17 Future agenda items - Sandy Park notice-board, churchyard lamp-post, defibrillator for Whiddon Down,

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Ordinary Meeting **Monday 20 March 2017** at Whiddon Down at 7.30 pm

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