

Drewsteignton Parish Council – Meeting Support Document

9.6.21 a): Planning Decisions Pending:

| Number | Location | Proposal |
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| 0319/20 | Woodland Springs, Drewsteignton | Use of land as 14 touring pitches (in lieu of previously approved camping pods ref. 0690/14) and the relocation of two pods onto two existing touring pitches |
| 0093/21 | land to the west of Fingle House, Crockernwell | Creation of over 55 accommodation (10 houses) & associated works |

10.6.21 a) Update on Drewsteignton Post Office

Update received from Rt. Hon. Mel Stride MP (8th June 2021).

Thank you for having been in touch on Drewsteignton post office.

Further to the advice I received from the Post Office, I wrote to Royal Mail and received the following response:

'We notified the Postmaster of Drewsteignton Post Office of our intention to relocate the Royal Mail operation in Drewsteignton to Cheriton Bishop Delivery Office, which will take place at the end of July 2021. The relocation will improve the facilities for the postmen and women due to the changing nature of the modern postbag, whilst improving the quality service for customers. The contract we have with the Post Office Limited obliges Royal Mail to give a Postmaster six months' notice. We also offer compensation to the Postmaster - the equivalent to 12 months' worth of fees paid as a lump sum. The compensation is offered to support the Postmaster should they wish to re-purpose the space or diversify their Post Office branch to different revenue streams.

The decision to relocate the Royal Mail operation in Drewsteignton was an operational decision. Following the relocation of the Royal Mail operation, all employees who currently work in Drewsteignton will work from Cheriton Bishop Delivery Office. I would like to reassure you that from the outset we have been in discussion with the Communication Workers Union (CWU) and individual employees regarding the relocation.

Your constituents will continue to have their mail delivered as they do now. We did ask the Postmaster if the service for customers to collect items that could not be delivered first time from Drewsteignton Post Office could remain, however I understand that this was refused by the Postmaster. An alternative location is currently being investigated. I will keep you updated.'

I have written to BEIS for general advice on rural infrastructure support and am in touch with the Postmaster at Drewsteignton.

Thank you again and I hope you are well.

With best wishes,

10.6.21 i) Parking issues in Crockernwell

Summary of emails between concerned parishioner, the Clerk and County Cllr McInnes.

Email from Parishioner to the Clerk:

“In the October 2020 minutes there is a recommendation from Councillor James McInnes of Devon County Council for arranging with Highways to visit Crockernwell. In addition, he recommended that the police might wish to attend. Has this visit been organised and if not, when is it proposed that this assessment should be carried out?”

Email from County Cllr McInnes to Parishioner (Clerk CC'd):

When this matter was raised at the Parish Council meeting in October 2020, I suggested to the Parish Council that it informed the highways department at Devon County Council that complaints had been received. It would then be a matter for the highways team and the Parish Council to discuss, and that those discussions may result in a further meeting taking place with the police. I would not personally be taking the matter forward; this would be for the Parish Council to do, as the minutes for that October 2020 meeting record.

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Email from Parishioner to County Cllr McInnes (Clerk and Office of Police & Crime Commissioner CC'd):

Thank you for your email and your clarification regarding Highways. I have contacted the Clerk of Drewsteignton Parish Council and I received a response that she would be contacting you.

In case you were not aware we were not the people who had contacted the Parish Council regarding this latest parking problem. I believe it was somebody else in the village. The reason we do not contact the Parish Council is because we have a letter from them stating that the responsibility for parking is with Devon County Council and not them.

According to the Devon County Council website the unenforced illegal parking in Crockernwell is not a Highways problem but is actually a matter for the police, although the removal of the central white lines has exacerbated the problem as many motorists do not know the legal requirements of the Highway Code. Recently we have avoided raising the problems of the illegal parking in Crockernwell as we have recognised the excessive pressures being placed on the Devon and Cornwall Police by the current G7 meeting. We will however be raising the matter with the police when things are back to normal. The Police Commissioner has requested that we keep her informed of developments. Accordingly I have sent a copy of this correspondence to her office.

I am sure that as our elected member of Devon County Council you will equally be wanting to ensure that you have made every effort to make certain that we and our house are no longer placed at risk of damage or serious injury or even death because of a lack of action on your part.

What is particularly disappointing is the fact that nobody takes any responsibility for the very dangerous situation in Crockernwell. Highways say it is the responsibility of the police and the police say it is the responsibility of Devon County Council. The attached picture [below] which was taken this week is a further indication of why it is impossible to be safe in Crockernwell. It also confirms the response from the police that there is no safe place in the village to undertake a Neighbourhood speed watch.

We look forward to you arranging to meet us in order for you to outline your future plans regarding this matter.

Thank you and kind regards.



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