

# Drewsteignton Parish Council.

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm in Whiddon Down Village Hall.**

**Present:** Peter Brennan (Chair), Anna Imrie (Vice-Chair), Julie Macey, Andrew di Battista, Ian Rowe, Paul Ridgers & John Redman.

**Also in attendance:** 8 members of the public.

### **BUSINESS TRANSACTED.**

#### **1.9.22: Welcome.**

The Chair opened the meeting & advised that the Clerk had been taken ill just prior to the meeting. As previous practice Chair reminded everyone that there would be an audio recording to aid with taking the minutes, the recording will be deleted once the draft minutes are published.

#### **2.9.22 Co-option Vacancies – Whiddon Down & Crockernwell (Chair)**

Cllrs to consider any candidates who have been confirmed as eligible to stand prior the Meeting. Chair explained the role of a Parish Councillor and encouraged members of the public to consider the role in not now, in the future. Noted – no candidates at this time.

#### **3.9.22 Apologies for absence:**

It was noted that the Clerk and County Cllr McInnes had both sent their apologies for tonight's meeting.

#### **4.9.22: Minutes of the Last Meetings. [Draft Minutes available on the website.](#)**

Cllrs to consider the approval of Minutes of the meeting held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022. [Cllr Rowe proposed that the Council approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 July 2022 be signed as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Redman. All in favour – Motion Carried. \(RR2022/035\)](#)

#### **5.9.22: Declarations of Interest - None declared at this time.**

#### **6.9.22: Public Speaking Time (extended to 20 minutes).**

Members of the public addressed their concerns regarding the imminent closure of the Drewsteignton Village Shop & Post Office. The business owners had issued an open letter explaining their reasons and their plans to sell. Concern was raised for parishioners who relied on the shop and had no transport to shop outside the village, particularly the collection of prescriptions, and the likely 1-year timescale for a sale. Fears that the owners might seek a change of use to residential property was expressed by a member of the public. Borough Cllr Ridgers noted that this would require planning approval from the DNPA. He further noted that the owners were entitled to close the business and to continue to live in the property. Borough Cllr Ridgers committed to investigate if the building would meet the requirements of an Asset of Community Value, which could then be initiated by the Council. Chair noted the concerns raised and also noted that a meeting was planned for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 6-7pm in the space at the back of Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton, and encouraged parishioners to attend and share ideas about organising or facilitating measures to support those who are going to find it difficult without a shop in the village.

#### **7.9.22: To receive reports from County Cllr. McInnes & Borough Cllr Ridgers.**

County Cllr. McInnes report was received and the shared concerns in future DCC budgets, climate change action plan and the cost of living crisis and its impact on parishioners, was noted by Cllrs.

#### **8.9.22 Council Documents & Policies**

[Cllrs to consider/review the following policies available on the website \(meeting documents page\):](#)

- a) DPC 020 Press & Media Policy V2.0 R1
- b) DPC 021 Removable Media Policy V1.0 R2

Cllrs reviewed the documents and Cllr Brennan proposed that the Council approve and ratify DPC 020 Press & Media Policy V2.0 R1 and DPC 021 Removable Media Policy V1.0 R2 without amendment, seconded Cllr di Battista. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2022/036)

**10.9.22: Planning - Click on the application to view the planning documents. (Chair)**

**a) New Applications (DNPA unless otherwise stated):**

- i. **0322/22 Two Velux windows to be placed in existing roof at The Granary, 1 Budbrooke, Crockernwell** – Determination target date: 05/10/22

Cllrs discussed the application and Cllr Brennan proposed that the Council Support application 0322/22, seconded Cllr Redman. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2022/037)

- ii. **0378/22 Single storey rear extension at Slate House, 2 Baytree Close, Crockernwell** – deadline 03/10/22.

Cllrs discussed the application and Cllr Brennan proposed that the Council Support application 0322/22, seconded Cllr Rowe. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2022/038)

- iii. **WDBC:1002/22/FUL Relocation of four holiday Glamping Pods at Dartmoor View holiday Park, Whiddon Down, EX20 2QL**

The Chair noted that an Extension had been requested due to late notice, which had subsequently been refused by WDBC. Chair noted that WDBC had failed to follow their own draft MOI and that the Clerk should write to the Planning Officer noting the breach.

**b) Planning decisions received – DNPA unless otherwise stated. There are no applications pending.**

Number	Location	Proposal	Decision
0234/22	5 Lamb Park, Drewsteignton	Erection of Garden Shed	Granted Conditionally
0379/21	Weir Mill, Drewsteignton	Use as B1 light industrial - light carpentry and joinery works, ancillary wood storage, office, etc.	Certificate not issued (refused)
0115/22	Venton Farm, Drewsteignton	Erection of hay and straw storage building	Granted Conditionally
0162/22	Land to the South of Knowle Cottage, Drewsteignton	Retrospective application for small timber framed stable	Granted Conditionally
0214/22	Crossways, Road from Hooperton Cross to Greystone Cross, Crockernwell	Repositioning of pergola and erection of summerhouse	Granted Conditionally

**c) Other Planning matters, for information only unless listed on agenda: Nothing raised.**

**11.9.22: Current & New Business.**

**a) Approval of purchase of Poppy Wreath (Clerk)**

Cllrs discussed the purchase and Cllr Ridgers proposed that the Council Support the purchase of a Poppy Wreath, seconded Cllr di Battista. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2022/039)

**b) Discussion on attendance at DALC AGM & Conference on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Exeter Race course. (Chair/Clerk)**

Cllrs discussed the item and Cllr Brennan proposed that the Council approve the Clerks attendance at the DALC AGM & Conference on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at a cost of £35 + VAT and travel expenses to be shared with the Clerks other Councils, seconded Cllr Redman. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2022/040)

**12.9.22: Finance (Clerk) Documents available at the meeting.**

**a) To approve financial schedule of payments as presented at the meeting.**

The Chair noted that in the Clerk’s absence this item would be deferred.

**13.9.22 Clerk & Cllr Reports & items for future agendas:**

- a) Clerk: Verbal update on offer of Spreyton Parish Council buy out Drewsteignton' share of MVAS unit. Chair noted that in the Clerk's absence this item would be deferred.
- b) Cllrs expressed their appreciation to Simon Ekins for the noticeboard and guttering repairs to the Drewsteignton bus shelter. Cllr Redman was thanked for carrying out the repairs to Veet Mill finger post and encouragement to submit a materials expenses for the steel section and fixings.
- c) Cllr di Battista noted that activity continued at Black Aller quarry unrelated to the approved demolition of two dangerous buildings.
- d) Cllr Imrie reported concern regarding an abandoned vehicle at Francis Hill.
- e) The Chair noted that the move to a new DPC outlook email address would take place prior to the next meeting. Cllrs should continue to check their Webmail inbox until further notice.

**15.9.22: Confidential matters (PART II) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2)**

The Chair noted that in the Clerk's absence this item would be deferred.

**14.9.22: Confirmation of the next Council meeting:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall.

**Please note that any changes to meeting dates or venue will be posted on the Website.**

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Signed:           *Peter Brennan*           Date:           21<sup>st</sup> November 2022.