

Drewsteignton Parish Council.

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.30pm in Whiddon Down Village Hall.

Present: Peter Brennan (Chair), Anna Imrie (Vice-Chair), Andrew di Battista, Ian Rowe, John Redman and Paul Ridgers

Also in attendance: 2 members of the public.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

1.12.22: Welcome.

The Chair opened the meeting & advised that the Clerk had not been able to travel to the meeting due to the icy road conditions. 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.

2.12.22 Co-option Vacancies – Whiddon Down & Crockernwell (Chair)

Cllrs to consider any candidates who have been confirmed as eligible to stand prior the Meeting. No candidates received at this time.

3.12.22 Apologies for absence:

Cllr di Battista proposed that the apologies for absence from the Clerk and Cllr Macey (icy roads) be approved., Cllr Imrie seconded. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2022/049)

Apologies were also noted from County Cllr McInnes.

4.12.22: Minutes of the Last Meetings. Draft Minutes available on the website.

Cllrs to consider the approval of Minutes of the meetings held: 26th September, 24th October & 21st November 2022. Cllr Ridgers proposed that the Council approve the Minutes of the meetings held on the Monday 26th September 2022, 24th October 2022 and 21st November 2022 be signed as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Redman. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2022/050)

5.12.22: Declarations of Interest - None declared at this time.

6.12.22: Public Speaking Time (extended to 15 minutes).

Members of the public addressed their concerns regarding the continued speeding traffic in Whiddon Down and that the PC had been incorrect in stating that the additional speed indication/slow down signs had improved matters. Parishioners reported that they had met with the Police, and had been in email communication with DCC Highways, and local MP Mel Stride who had responded that a Community Speed Watch Group should be established. This option was viewed by the members of the public, as a waste of time and effort as the Police would take no action and there was concern that volunteers would be abused or even physically assaulted. The members of the public wanted the DCC Highways to install traffic calming measures as had been carried out in other parishes. The Chair noted this was unlikely to be funded in the current economic climate however, the PC would raise the issue with DCC Highways.

7.12.22: To receive reports from County Cllr. McInnes & Borough Cllr Ridgers.

No reports were received. Noted that this was optional agenda item and not a requirement for Cllrs.

8.12.22: New Planning Application: [0475/22 Demolition of existing extension and creation of a 2 storey extension with added dormers at 10 Barn Close, Whiddon Down, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 2QR – consultation deadline 26th December 2022.](#)

Cllrs discussed the application, having reviewed the notes from the site visit conducted 10th December 2022. Cllr Rowe proposed that the Council Support application 0475/22, as it was in keeping with other development/properties in Whiddon Down/DNPA and the needs/requirements of

a local family to remain in the parish, seconded Cllr Redman. All in Favour – Motion Carried. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2022/051)

9.12.22: Discussion on registration of Assets of Community Value (Cllr Ridgers)

Cllr Ridgers reviewed the existing Assets of Community Value (ACV) and noted only the Sandy Park Inn was listed on the WDBC register. Previous correspondence between the Parish Clerk and WDBC was reviewed and established that additional information was required by WDBC before The Drewe Arms and The Post Inn could be added to the register. Clerk to follow up WDBC information request and report at the next meeting.

Cllrs discussed the potential other ACV to be added to the register and agreed to review at the next meeting.

10.12.22: Finance - To approve financial schedule as presented at the meeting. (Clerk)

Item not discussed due to Clerk's absence. Deferred until next meeting.

11.12.22: Current & New Business.

a) **Clerk: Reminder of Annual Leave: 16/12/2022 to 04/01/2023 inclusive - noted by Cllrs.**

b) **Cllr Redman: Update on Snow Warden role.**

Shovels have been distributed to volunteers. Cllr Brennan agreed to update and circulate the locations of existing grit boxes. Cllr Redman has received 2tons of salt grit and will distributed bags in identified locations.

12.12.22: Confirmation of the next Council meeting: Monday 16th January 2022 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down Village Hall - Any changes will be posted on the Website.

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

a) **Resolution required to move the Council into Part II – N/A.**

b) **Drewsteignton Toilet Block– to discuss health and safety concerns. (Chair/Clerk)**

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Council did not move to Part II but Cllrs noted the Toilet Block health and safety concerns had resulted in the gent's section being closed. Quotes for ceiling repairs not available to be reviewed in Part II.

There being no further business the Chair Closed the Meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed: Peter Brennan Date: 16th January 2023.