

# Drewsteignton Parish Council.

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## Draft Minutes for meeting of Drewsteignton Council that took place on Monday 18th December 2023 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall.

**Present**, Andrew Di Battista (chair) Ian Rowe, John Redman, Laurance Bennie, Anna Imrie, and Julie Macey.

**Also present**, Lou Butler(clerk)

### Business Transacted

#### 1.12.23: Welcome.

Vice Chair opened the meeting & reminded everyone that an audio recording maybe taken to aid with taking the minutes, the recording will be deleted once the minutes are drafted.

#### 2.12.23 Co-option Vacancy – Crockernwell (Chair)

#### 3.12.23 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Brennan sent apologies prior to the meeting for personal reasons and Cllr Ridges sent apologies during the meeting with work commitments.

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

Cllrs considered the approval of Minutes of the meetings held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 They were agreed to an accurate record of the previous meeting. [Cllr Di Battista proposed and Cllr Redman seconded this, all in favour. Motion carried RR2023/52](#)

#### 5.12.23: Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs were invited to declare any interests they may have in items on this agenda, including the nature of the interest. Cllrs were reminded of their responsibility to keep their Register of Interests updated. No interest was noted on this occasion.

#### 6.12.23: Public Speaking Time (max. 3minutes/person. Session time: 10 minutes).

There were no members of the public or correspondence on this occasion.

#### 7.12.23: To receive reports (if any) from County Cllr. McInnes & Borough Cllr Guthrie.

No reports received.

#### 8.12.23: Highway Matters

- a) Whiddon down “no left turn” enforcement. Clerk communicated correspondence with Devon and Cornwall police in regards to the issues in Whiddon down with enforcement. The police advised speaking to highways to see if they were able to make signage clearer and erect a surveillance camera
- b) Speed limits in Drewsteignton. Clerk forwarded information from Devon highways with reasons why they were unable to put a speed limit in place covering the whole or Drewsteignton. The main reason was that speed limits are imposed on a percentile basis

here is that rule as described by highways. *The 85th percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the drivers will operate with open roads and favourable conditions. The assumption underlying the 85th percentile speed is that most drivers will operate their vehicle at speeds they perceive to be safe. Speed limits set above or below the 85th percentile speed will create unsafe conditions due to speed differential as some driver adhere strictly to the law while others drive the naturally-induced speed.* and if the village doesn't meet the criteria, then it would be hard to convince Dartmoor national park authority to authorise the planning consent for the speed restriction. **The council instructed the clerk to continue looking into it further, and will contact the park authority before the next meeting in January.**

- c) Finger posts across the ward. Clerk informed that highways were happy to fix any broken or unclear signposts and that she would require picture of them with locations so she could log them with Highways.
- d) Cllrs were made aware of 2 road closures the first from Sandy Park cross to combe on 22/01/23 for 5 days. The second Stone cross to Trennaway cross to the rectory 4/03/23 one day.

### **9.12.23: Current & New Business**

- a) Social media for the parish council was discussed. With the new Facebook and X accounts set up the clerk will advertise the new addresses as a new way to communicate with the PC plus a great way to showcase what the council can do for the community.
- b) 2024/25 budget was parked until the January meeting with the hope the clerk would have access to the bank account information by then.
- c) Sandy Park defibrillator will be discussed in January as Cllr Ridgers wasn't available for the update. Although the cost of line installation by national grid was discussed as an item of concern.

### **10.12.23: Finance and Consideration for approval of purchases.**

- a) AED payment error correction the council were asked to approve a second cheque for payment of AED as the first was rejected due to an admin error. **Cllr Di Battista proposed clerk provided amended cheque and Cllr Bennie seconded. All in favour. Motion carried RR2023/53**
- b) Retrospective approval of payment for annual GDPR registration. **Cllr Di Battista proposed clerk reregistered for GDPR and Cllr Rowe seconded. All in favour. Motion carried RR2023/54**
- c) Cllrs considered approval of financial schedule which was available at the meeting. **Cllr Di Battista proposed financial schedule and Cllr Bennie seconded. All in favour. Motion carried RR2023/55**

### **11.12.23: Confirmation of the next Council meeting: Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down Village Hall - Any changes will be posted on the Website.**

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

- a) no public body was present for part 2
- b) Bank account address change. This still hasn't been made possible due to NatWest systems being unworkable. Formal complaint to be raised by clerk so situation can be forwarded to the ombudsman.