

Drewsteignton Parish Council.

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Minutes for meeting of Drewsteignton Council that took place on Monday 18th February 2024 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down Village Hall.

Present, Peter Brennan, Andrew Di Battista, Ian Rowe, Paul Ridges, Laurance Bennie, John Redman, Anna Imrie, and Julie Macey.

Also present, Lou Butler(clerk) plus two members of the public.

Business Transacted

1.2.24: Welcome.

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.

2.2.24 Co-option Vacancy – Crockernwell (Chair)

Chair reminded council of the position still available for the Crockernwell ward.

3.2.24 Apologies for absence:

No apologies as all councillors were in attendance.

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

Cllrs considered the approval of Minutes of the meetings held 15th January 2024 They were agreed to an accurate record of the previous meeting. [Cllr Di Battista proposed and Cllr Imrie seconded. All in favour. Motion carried RR2024/08](#)

5.2.24: 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 interests declared.

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

Public Speaking time heard a report from members of the Drewsteignton Community Society. The team would like to develop vehicle access from the village car park to the rear of the pub, the intension being to improve access to the rear pub car park. The Team also envisages the need for additional car parking spaces to support events planned for the Long Room. The council concluded that this would be best discussed at the March meeting as an agenda item.

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

No reports on this occasion.

8.2.24: Highway Matters

- a) Clerk apologised to the Cllr's, as she hadn't managed to start the speed limit process in Drewsteignton. But assured council that it would be put in motion over the next month.
- b) One finger post at Veet mill was reported as being in need of repair. Clerk to forward information to Highways
- c) Chair discussed unofficial signage and concluded that all relevant signs has been returned to there locations and that any signs that weren't conforming to the "rules" as stated in the government guidance could be lawfully removed by Devon Highways.
- d) Clerk advised the council that they had been back in contact with SWARco and they would be fixing the device within the week. **Action Clerk to contact Mr Hester to remove padlock on device.**

9.2.24: Current & New Business

- a) After receiving correspondence from a local parishioner, the council discussed the graveyards surrounding trees at Whiddon Down. It was noted that there is some confusion about who the land belongs to and that from Cllr's recent memory that area was handed over to live west. **Action clerk to contact live west to request re visit of safety of the trees and to inform them of their responsibility for them.**
- b) Clerk was asked to make new agenda item for next meeting to include discussion about the carpark at Drewsteignton. With the opportunity for other parishioners to be involved in the talks. **Action clerk to make people aware of discussion at next meeting via the Facebook page**

10.2.24: Finance and Consideration for approval of purchases.

- a) Cllrs viewed and agreed the financial schedule for February. **Cllr Brennan proposed the schedule as accurate and Cllr Bennie seconded. All in favour. Motion carried RR2024/09**
- b) Cllrs agreed retrospective approval of consumables for WC in Drewsteignton.
- c) Cllrs discussed the electrical work and plumbing to be carried out at W/C and put consideration back until the next meeting when all invoices had been received.
- d) **Cllr Brennan proposed the council approve funding for a match funded grant for a defibrillator at sandy park of £750 + vat. Cllr Bennie seconded. All in favour. Motion carried RR2024/10**
- e) Cllrs agreed the cost of works for electrical supply to the Fingle bridge Inn defibrillator. **Cllr Brennan proposed the council paid the sum of £683.91+vat to Lawsons electrical. Cllr Redman seconded. With all in favour. Motion carried. RR2024/11**

11.2.24: Confirmation of the next Council meeting was made by chair: Monday 18th February 2024 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall - Any changes will be posted on the Website.

Chair closed the meeting.

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Credit balance	Amount	Payee	Details	Power	Funding Source
£474.69	£46.00	EDF Energy	Electric for WC's	Public Health Act 1936 S.87	Running Costs/ WC(gen)
£230.18	£0.00	EDF Energy	Electric to Playing field/DAAT light	Public Health Act 1936 s.234	Running Costs/ playingfield
TOTAL	£46.00				
Financial Schedule	February				
Payments for	Payments for	Payments for authorisation/(Retrospective) Approval			
Payment Ref	Amount	Payee	Details	Power	Funding Source
PM24/069	£96.00	Stephen Park	Cleaning	Public Health Act 1936 S.87	W/C
PM24/070	£14.23	Amazon soap wc	hand soap	Public Health Act 1936 S.87	W/C
PM24/071	£21.99	Amazon toilet roll	Toilet Roll	Public Health Act 1936 S.87	W/C
PM24/072	£434.86	Louise Butler	Salary and travel	LGA 1972 S.112	Staff salary
PM24/073	£24.00	Whiddon Down Village Hal	village hall hire.	LG(MP)A 1976 S.19	village hall hire
Total	£591.08				
RECEIPTS for Info.					
Payment ref	Payment method	Details	Amount		
PR24/021	bacs	Interest (Reserve Account)	£38.21		
PR24/022	bacs	Interest (Reserve Account)	£33.60		
PR24/023	bacs	Sticklepath MVAS	£436.46		
PR24/024	bacs	defib Steve Harris	£9.02		
Monies held as Reserves (after payments)					
Amount	Details			Bank total as of 30/01/2024	
£1,500.00	Election (Earmarked Reserve)				£25,411.67
£568.13	Lengthsman (Earmarked Reserve)			Payments Pending	£591.08
£4,202.30	Major Assets Fund (Earmarked Reserve)			Plus Receipts not in bank total	£0.00
£532.36	DAAT (night landing light) (Earmarked Reserve)			Less Money in reserves	£19,870.61
£3,263.20	Asset Maintenance Fund (Earmarked Reserve)			Available Balance	£4,949.98
£3,543.53	Council Contingency (General Reserve)				
£500.00	Grants & Donations (Earmarked Reserve)				
£3,530.29	Toilet Block Fund (Earmarked Reserve)				
£1,859.35	Staff Costs & Training (Earmarked Reserve)				
£371.45	Admin Costs (Earmarked Reserve)				
£19,870.61	TOTAL				