

# **Drewsteignton Parish Council.**

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## **Minutes for meeting of Drewsteignton Council that took place on Monday 15th April 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) 3 members of the public.

### **Business Transacted**

#### **1.4.24: 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.

#### **2.4.24 Co-option Vacancy – Crockernwell (Chair)**

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

#### **3.4.24 Apologies for absence:**

No apologies as all councillors were in attendance.

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

Cllrs considered the approval of Minutes of the meetings held 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 They were agreed to be an accurate record of the previous meeting. [Cllr Di Battista proposed and Cllr Macey seconded.](#) All in favour. Motion carried RR2024/17

#### **5.4.24: 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.

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

After a fly tipping incident at the underpass at Drewsteignton on 27/02/24 a member of the public came to the meeting to report how they had been a victim of the incident. They informed us that they were in contact with the police after witnessing the people in the act and who also stole fuel from their vehicle that had been parked there overnight. Clerk reported that West Devon CC had phoned her to thank everyone for the high number of reports about the rubbish. With 11 people contacting them. Unfortunately, the rubbish had not been removed at this time.

Concern was raised by another member of the public about the late-night drinking outside the Drew arms. With the parishioner making it clear that they are happy about the reopening of the public house. But with several reports of unsocial behaviour, littering and very late-night drinking outside (1am) this was asked to be something for the parish council to be made aware of.

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

Clerk reported that there had been no reports at this time.

#### **8.4.24: Planning (DNPA unless otherwise stated) (Chair):**

After reporting a planning application on the agenda, it emerged that the planning application belonged to the South Tawton ward. This was left for the clerk to report to DNPA.

#### **9.4.24: Highway matters**

Clerk informed council of a planned road closure at Spinsters Rock, Drewsteignton commencing on 20/05/24 9.30-15.30.

#### **10.4.24: Current & New Business**

- a) This year's new playing field equipment survey was circulated to the council. With action required in the areas of the wooden play equipment needing some TLC. Cllr Rowe to review play area and advise on what needs to be achieved. Moving forward the chair and clerk are to meet with the playing field committee.
- b) The clerk presented the council with a portrait of the king, which the council have gifted to the Whiddon down village hall. Cllr Rowe to pass onto the relevant committee member. Clerk then updated the council on the purchase of the sandy park defibrillator, which was set to arrive that week. This was made possible thanks to the generosity of Chagford show with their match fund grant. Which was presented to Cllr Brennan at their most recent meeting. Now with three defibrillators within the parish the chair proposed that we ordered a stock of pads and spare batteries. Our Crockernwell defib has been used recently but on this occasion, we are sad to report it wasn't successful. But this does mean it is decommissioned until replacement items are put in place.
- c) The chair read a letter from the Drew arms community society. Where they have agreed to "park" the car park idea and focus on making The Drew warm and dry and fit for purpose for the future. This information will also be made available in the parish post.
- d) The annual asset audit is due to take place. With information already obtained from the playing field. The rest of the list will be checked by Cllrs and clerk over the next 5 weeks to be confirmed at the next meeting.

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

- a) Clerk had to make an apology for lack of financial documents for approval as she had had an IT issue. This was while compiling year end. So, all figures were delayed until the next meeting. This does mean that the laptop that was added to the budget will now need to be purchased.
- b) Cllr Brennan suggested the PC sell back assets to The Drew arms community society. The council had held these assets (on file) since the pub was closed and now it would be a good time to sell them back at purchase price of £3. The items are one fruitwood bar table, a Georgian grandfather clock, plus a selection of pub memorabilia. [The above was proposed by Cllr Di Battista and seconded by Cllr Macey. All in favour. Motion carried. RR2024/18](#)

**12.4.24: Confirmation of the next Council meeting was made by chair: Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall - Any changes will be posted on the Website.**

Chair closed the meeting.