

# Drewsteignton Parish Council.

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## Minutes for meeting of Drewsteignton Council that took place on Monday 15th July 2024 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall.

**Present**, Peter Brennan, Ian Rowe, Anna Imrie, Laurance Bennie, John Redman, Andy Di Battista and Sue Hember.

**Also present**, Lou Butler(clerk) plus 2 members of the public and three representatives from Jackson-Stops

### Business Transacted

#### 1.9.24: 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.

#### 2.9.24: Current vacancies

Chair informed council of current vacancy in the Crockernwell ward.

#### 3.9.24 Apologies for absence:

Chair shared apologies from Cllr Macey which had been sent to the clerk in good time for the meeting. [Cllr Di Battista proposed that the Cllrs accept the apologies from Cllr Macey and Cllr Rowe seconded, all in favour. Motion carried. RR24/35](#)

4.9.24: Minutes of the Last Meetings. [Draft Minutes available on the website.](#) Cllrs considered the approval of Minutes of the meeting held 15th of July 2024, clerk apologised for the late submission to the website and sighted technical difficulties as the problem. [Cllr Imrie Proposed that the minutes were an accurate description of the business transacted at the previous meeting, Cllr Rowe seconded, all in favour. Motion carried. RR24/36](#)

#### 5.9.24: Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs are invited to declare any interests they may have in items on this agenda, including the nature of the interest. Cllrs are reminded of their responsibility to keep their Register of Interests updated. Cllr Brennan declared an interest in agenda item 8.9.24 b) in which he is an immediate neighbour. Cllr Brennan will step out of the room and vice chairman Andrew Di Battista will chair this item.

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

The public were invited to speak on issues on this agenda, raise issues for future consideration, other matters which the council has some control over. The first member of the public to speak was Chip Davis who was representing Drewsteignton Playing Field. Chip had come to the meeting to submit a grant application for the playing field annual firework display in November. He spoke of the playing fields plans to improve the play equipment offering next year. Which will be funded by the proceeds for the firework night.

Steve Harris of Crockernwell then took the floor to make the council aware of his objection that had been submitted to DNPA for the planning in principle application 0345/24. Steve was also thanked for the help and support facilitating the Crockernwell defibrillator.

**7.9.24: To receive reports (if any) from County Cllr. McInnes & Borough Cllr Guthrie. Plus reports from Parish Cllrs**

**8.9.24: Planning (DNPA unless otherwise stated) (Chair):**

- a) [24/0048, Works to Trees protected by TPO, The Rectory, Drewsteignton, EX6 6QW, ex 10-10-2024.](#) Cllr Rowe proposed a positive response should be submitted, due to work to the tree being essential from a health and safety prospective and to preserve the tree. Cllr Brennan seconded. All in favour. Motion carried. RR24/37
- b) [0345/24, Permission in principle for up to five dwellings and up to four live/work units, Land To West Of Crockernwell, ex 23-09-2024](#) Cllrs requested that the clerk should make arrangements for a site visit, which would need to be held by the end of the week. With an extra ordinary meeting planned for the same time. Due to the short turnaround on the proposal.
- c) [0354/24, Full Planning Permission, Minor alterations and repairs, Drewe Arms, Drewsteignton, ex 22-10-2024](#) Chair updated the members of the meeting on the current work that was being undertaken at the Drewe arms, which falls within the making the building “warm and dry” parameters this wasn’t subject to needing planning permission. The meeting was also informed that this was work on the “long room” and the chimney stacks. Cllr Redman proposed a positive response to the alterations and Cllr Hember seconded. All in favour. Motion Carried RR24/38
- d) Presentation and Q&A session for new housing development in Whiddon down from representatives from Jackson-stops. An Agreement has now been signed with Heritage Homes of Exeter to progress a Planning Application in partnership with Thompsons. Representatives from Thompsons (Jackson Stops) & Heritage Homes attended and provided an update on plans for the site. Heritage Homes are in the first stage of developing plans to address the 45% social housing provision outcome of a Housing Needs Survey and provide a mixed development of first homes, shared ownership, affordable housing for rent and open market housing. Heritage Homes are an experienced and award-winning local developer who have been building zero carbon homes for >10 years. The PC is supportive of developing the site and providing input into the initial concept plans. An emphasis on the provision of high-quality homes for all properties and open space was accepted. The potential inclusion of a children’s playground and DAAT landing site was noted. Heritage Homes agreed that further public consultation would form part of the planning application process over the next 6-9 months.
- e) Update on withdrawn applications from Crockernwell and Whiddon down. Councillors were made aware of DNPA contacting applicants and recommending withdrawal of applications.

**9.9.24: Highway matters**

- a) Chair updated the council of Moretonhampstead 20mph zone proposal. Morton PC are looking to bring in a blanket 20mph zone in all Dartmoor towns and villages and will lobby local government to this effect. They have requested all parish councils that will be affected by this to register interest, which considering the Drewsteignton village speed issue the clerk responded positively.
- b) SWARco Device and maintenance plan has been an ongoing issue and although now fully operational the PC had previously requested an extension on the existing plan. SWARco

responded with an extension of 2 months. Clerk was asked to approach them with a more favourable 4 months.

- c) Highways speed check update (Drewsteignton) has now been confirmed by the speed camera team at Devon highways with 2 sights that will be used. One by Lamb Park and the other at the entrance to the village in the Whiddon Down direction.
- d) Clerk informed council that the drop kerb in Crockernwell quote had now been given the go ahead by DCC. But the clerk was still awaiting a response from the contact in the department to see if any further permissions needed to be sort.

#### **10.9.24 Current and new business**

- a) Sandy Park Defibrillator update will be installed w/c 14/09/24 we will receive a full update when this has been completed.
- b) The chair recognised the great work that the park ranger (Peter Rich) and his team do in the parish. They have been called to actions on numerous occasions in the last 6 months and have cleared a number of trees from footpaths and bridle ways.
- c) After a request submitted earlier in the meeting within the public speaking time. The Drewsteignton bonfire night grant for £500 was agreed by councillors.
- d) Chair shared the idea of holding a Parish website photo competition. This is to freshen up the website and winners will be published in the December addition of the parish post.
- e) With the closure of the Drewsteignton village hall happening soon the council will need to change the date of the December PC meeting. The new date will be the 9<sup>th</sup> of December in Whiddon Down village Hall.

#### **11.9.24 Review of Council Policies & Procedures:**

- a) Chair shared a new "Review of Drewsteignton Parish Council - Policies Schedule 2024/25" Document to streamline the review process of policies this was well received, and the following documents were reviewed and agreed.
- b) DPC 014 Drewsteignton website privacy statement
- c) DPC Accessibility statement for website
- d) DPC 008 Lone working policy
- e) DPC 009 Equality and diversity policy
- f) DPC 023 Reserves policy

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

Approval of financial documents and consideration for approval of payments attached below.

**13.9.24: Confirmation of the next Council meeting: Monday 21st October 2024 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall - Any changes will be posted on the Website. (Last one at Drewsteignton Village Hall)**