

Drewsteignton Parish Council.

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Minutes for meeting of Drewsteignton Council that took place on Monday the 21st of October at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall.

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

Also present, Lou Butler(clerk).

Business Transacted

1.10.24: Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that an audio recording would be taken from item 1 on the agenda to aid note taking and would be deleted once the draft minutes had been written.

2.10.24: Current vacancies

Chair informed the meeting of the current vacancy in the Crockernwell ward.

3.10.24: Apologies for absence:

Cllr Hember forwarded her apologies, as she is on extended leave of absence for family commitments. Cllr Brennan proposed the apology and Cllr Di Battista seconded the motion. All in favour motion carried RR24/040

4.10.24: Minutes of the Last Meetings. [Draft Minutes available on the website.](#) Cllrs considered the approval of Minutes of the meetings held on 16th of September 2024. Cllr Bennie proposed they were a true and accurate depiction of the meeting and Cllr Rowe seconded, all in favour. Motion carried RR24/041

5.10.24: 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 were declared.

6.10.24: 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. Members of the public may not speak during other items. No members of the public were in attendance.

7.10.24: To receive reports (if any) from County Cllr. McInnes & Borough Cllr Guthrie. With reports from parish Cllrs

Clerk updated the Cllrs on Cllrs McInnes latest update with speeding in Crockernwell still being of concern to him. He was also onboard with Moretonhampstead' s speed limit campaign to make Dartmoor towns and villages 20mph zones. With Devon County council funds, he made the clerks aware that most of the council's money is still being put into adult social care and pothole management. The community is still being advised to report all pothole on the highway's portal.

8.10.24: Planning (DNPA unless otherwise stated) (Chair):

- a) [0401/24, Section 73, Variation of condition 2 of approved ref: 0653/18 for the erection of single storey double garage and other actions. Originally reviewed by PC 03/01/19 expiry 05/11/24](#) a positive response was recommended by Cllr Bennie with the new plans still being in keeping with the property's previous application. Cllr Brennan seconded the response. All in favour. Motion carried. RR24/042
- b) Alleged unauthorised residential use Martins Farm, Whiddon down. Dated 29/08/24 West Devon weekly caseload report. Clerk reported that the park authority is aware of the suspected residential use of the land. Which now has a mailbox at the entrance.
- c) Clerk advised of an extra planning application that had been loaded onto the system that day of 18 solar panels at Brierley, Drewsteignton EX6 6RD Cllrs reviewed the information online and requested that the clerk arranged a site visit.

09.10.24: Highway matters

- a) Drop kerb Crockernwell has now had the green light from Devon Highways. The work will commence soon and will make the kerbs in Crockernwell accessible for wheelchair and pram users to the bus stops.
- b) Moretonhampstead PC had requested that the DPC gave some information on the MVAS device that we use. The council agreed that it was a useful deterrent for speeding and that the impact is most noticed with the device being located in different places. It was also noted that it is a dated unit and the newer units available now are more robust and energy efficient.
- c) A382 Road closure for one week commencing 4th November for drainage works.

10.10.24 Current and new business

- a) Overgrown hedges and trees Turnpike rd. Whiddon down. Cllrs discussed the access issues in turnpike rd. Whiddon down and requested that the clerk contacts the homeowner to request the hedges are cut in a timely manner.
- b) Photography competition. To be extended until November's Parish Post cut off date. After questions were raised by a member of the public regarding which locations were in the competition.
- c) The sandy park defibrillator is now fully installed and registered on the defib network so all emergency services will be aware of its location and availability.
- d) Clerk will be on annual leave from 25th of October till 4th November.

11.10.24 Review of Council Policies & Procedures:

This month's review documents were as follows....

DPC 010 Health and safety policy.

DPC 011 Confidential reporting policy.

DPC 012 Complaints and Grievances policy.

Cllrs reviewed the policies and agreed to them being put onto the website for public view.

12.10.24: Finance and Consideration for approval of purchases.

Available below

13.10.24: Confirmation of the next Council meeting:

Chair confirmed that the next meeting will be held on the 18th of November 7.30pm at Whiddon down village hall.

Monthly breakdown of Receipts and Payments

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2024 and 31/03/2025)

	Budget	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Variance
PAYMENTS															
Payments															
Staff Costs	5,665.00	376.34	671.00	275.39	556.85		809.80							2,689.38	2,975.62
Staff Expenses & Traini	350.00	44.12			106.00		27.15	452.66						629.93	-279.93
Subscriptions & Membe	1,500.00	98.00	256.99		12.00	12.00		12.00						390.99	1,109.01
Insurance	550.00		553.03											553.03	-3.03
Utilities	2,250.00	202.94	224.33	43.81	84.00	115.96	71.36	100.83						843.23	1,406.77
Communications (Phon	850.00	74.00	740.00	74.00	74.00		148.00	88.30						1,198.30	-348.30
Admin (Stationery, Print	200.00		26.00	14.00			14.50							54.50	145.50
Audit & Professional Fe	100.00														100.00
Elections								86.98						86.98	-86.98
S.137	50.00				25.00									25.00	25.00
Loan Repayment															
Open Spaces	1,705.00				21.74		246.00							267.74	1,437.26
Reserves 1	2,000.00				308.32		500.00							808.32	1,191.68
Reserves 2	2,250.00	113.99						30.00						143.99	2,106.01
Other/Miscellaneous							30.00							30.00	-30.00
Receipts															
Precept															
Grants/Donations															
Bank Interest															
VAT Refund															
Other Income															