

DROXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Droxford Parish Council held at
7.30 pm on Thursday 18 December 2014 at Droxford Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Pietro Acciarri, Barbara Chandler – Chair, Roger Foster – Vice Chair, Janet Melson, Louise Withers

IN ATTENDANCE: Rosemary Hoile – Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: District Cllr Caroline Dibden,

- 185.14 Apologies for Absence:** Colin Matthissen. Cllr Dibden had notified the Clerk of her late arrival from overrunning previous engagement.
- 186.14 Declarations of Interest regarding Agenda items:**
Cllr Acciarri declared his interest in any matter relating to Townsend.
- 187.14 Public participation:**
No members of the public were present.
- 188.14 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18th November 2014: APPROVED,** subject to inclusion of an amendment sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting to reflect more accurately Cllr Withers report on the status of the Townsend application. **ACTION** – Clerk to amend Minutes and obtain Chair's signature.
- 189.14 Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting not elsewhere on the agenda:**
Defibrillator: The defibrillator kit was delivered but the external cabinet missed off delivery, lost by UK Mail. WEL Medical had assured Cllr Foster of a replacement cabinet delivery after Christmas. **ONGOING**
- 190.14 Planning :**
- 190.14.1 **Applications:**
SDNP/14/05999/TCA Cedar Cottage, South Hill, Droxford SO32 3PB: 1 No sycamore to fell. Previous application withdrawn - delegated decision.
- 190.14.2 **Planning Decisions – Appendix B: NOTED**
- 190.14.3 **Planning Appeals** - Appeals in progress listed in Appendix B. **NOTED**
- 190.14.4 **Planning Enforcement – Appendix B: NOTED**
Cllr Acciarri updated the Council.
- 191.14 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Dibden reported -**
- Silver Hill application had finally been approved by the Planning Committee amidst continuing reservations held by some officers regarding design and by High Street retailers concerning the status of existing businesses. However it had been concluded that on balance the scheme would improve a very run down area and retain prominence which would otherwise be diluted by out of town development.
 - Winchester has won an award for the city centre
 - There is to be a consultation regarding River Park. The options are either to re-build /refurbish existing facilities or relocate the facility to Bar End.
 - WCC has set up an apprenticeship scheme with grants available to employers.
 - Dementia Awareness: Winchester aims to be at the forefront of how cities will cope with the condition in the future.
 - Fairness and Equality: The effect of rural isolation was discussed with regard to comparative allocations of scarce resources.
 - Cllr Dibden is trying to push enforcement higher up the agenda. She suggested the Council write to WCC.
- ACTION** – The Clerk
- Ward boundaries – WCC failed to reach cross party agreement but agreed certain principles i.e. parishes should not be split and wards with similarities should be put together. There should be no change to the 6 city wards. The set of principles has been submitted to the Boundary Commission who will issue a consultation for another opportunity for comment.
- 192.14 Finance:**
- 192.14.1 **Finance Statement** - Appendix A: The Council instructed the Clerk to withhold payment for the defibrillator until the external cabinet had been delivered and installed satisfactorily. All other items **APPROVED**

192.14.2 **Parish Council Budget 2015-2016:**

The clerk circulated the second draft of the budget which included the shortlist of projects arising from the draft Parish Plan requiring additional funding and a substantial increase in the Precept for 2015/2016. The previous meeting with Cllr Matthissen had not been able to take place due to bereavements in families of both Cllr Matthissen and the Clerk. Discussion centred on whether to set a sum aside each year towards a project, or to assign a larger sum to a specific project aiming to improve the look and quality of living in the village. It was agreed to look at allocating a fighting fund of £2000 per year for projects in the next draft.

ACTION – Cllr Matthissen and the Clerk

Following completion of the Parish Plan, a grant will be required to support the Village Design Statement.

ACTION – The Clerk to request formal application from the Parish Plan Steering Committee.

ACTION – Prioritise actions identified in the Parish Plan for which the Council has powers to act – Cllr Acciarri

192.14.3 **National Joint Council - Local Government Services 2014-2016 Salary Award:**

(Confidential) The Council agreed to delegate to Finance & Audit Working Group to inform Clerk of their decision. **ACTION** – FAWG

193.14 Play Area, Recreation Ground and Cemetery and Allotments

To receive Play Area report: Cllr Toman not present.

194.14 Roads, Transport and Highways:

194.14.1 Highways - Cllr Melson reported on the meeting she and Cllr Foster held with Andy Smith to discuss:

- The safety of roads within the Police Station Lane/Union Lane/Northend Lane triangle.
- The junction of Midlington Hill with Midlington Road on the A32. A mirror installed by residents to enable a sight line south is now cloudy.

The councillors were advised there are many constraints upon what can be done. Hampshire Highways and HCC are responsible for different aspects. Due to limitations of what is currently possible, a rolling program is considered desirable. At the moment Councillors are at the scoping stage and will meet in the new year to put together some recommendations. **ACTION** – Cllr Foster and Cllr Melson.

194.14.2 Brijan bus service - Saturdays: Cllr Melson said the Saturday service will cease in the new year due to lack of demand for the route to be commercially viable. The average passenger rate for Droxford on Wednesdays is 5/6 people. The new timetable will be put on the website. **ACTION** - the Clerk

194.14.3 Request for electronic speed device on A32: Highways advised Cllr Melson there had been extensive consultation between the SDNPA and Hampshire Highways. The A32 alongside the former Uplands Park Hotel had been comprehensively analysed over the years and further measurement was not necessary.

195.14 Footpaths

Footpath Cutting Plan June 2015: To approve footpath maintenance plan: Councillors requested Footpaths Droxford 502 (bordering the Mill House) and Droxford 16 along Lark Rise between Mill Lane and the old railway line be added to the list. **APPROVED. ACTION** – the Clerk (deadline 1 February)

196.14 Parish Matters

Broad band update: The Clerk reported the agreement between BDUK and HCC was signed on 21st November. Michael Peagram had informed the Clerk that Glenn Peacey had not updated him regarding Droxford.

197.14 Rolling Action Plan – To be reviewed at the next meeting.

198.14 Correspondence: Noted. No action required

199.14 Items for the next agenda: PC meeting calendar/grass seed where mock station removed from Churchyard.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Signed.....Date.....