

# DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 in the Village Hall @ 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Lock , ( Chair ) Giles (Vice Chair), Burnage, Boyes, Grigg, Partridge, Rolls, Byrne and Jury, the Clerk - Mary Harris and 6 members of public

The minutes of the meeting held on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 having been duly circulated, were signed by Cllr Lock (Chair at the meeting) as being a true and correct record. There was one amendment to the information given to the Parish Council by Torridge District Council in respect of the Torrington venue for the Core Strategy consultation process. The venue to be Howe Centre and not Castle Hill.

**Proposed: Cllr Partridge Seconded: Cllr Jury All Agreed**

### **91 (09/10) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning dept again with reference to the Dixon Construction Plans and to request that an officer attend the next meeting to discuss the authority's decision and its decision making process

and how the Parish Council can have a better input. Maintenance - Clerk to notify authority regarding Fire Hydrant

Indicators on Aller Rd.

### **92 (09/10) CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **Correspondent Subject Action**

TDC Forthcoming Consultation – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2pm – 7pm at

Howe Centre, Torrington on the draft Core Strategy. ON

TDC website from 21<sup>st</sup> January Core Strategy

Note that the document is

placed in the reading file

CPRE Best Kept Village Competition No entry this year

Mrs Crook, resident of

Dolton 01805 804301

Bus Shelter in the Square. Can it be removed due to

vandalism and youths congregating

Notify resident that Shelter is

in Conservation area.

DCC Highways

maintenance

Notification of a surgery event at Merton Hall on the 10<sup>th</sup>

February 10am – 12pm

No appointment system but

Cllrs welcome to go along and

discuss issues

St Edmunds Parish

Church

Hire of Dennis X field on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> for Songs of Praise @6pm Charge £10 and agreed date

### **93 (09/10) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none**

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman closed the meeting to invite members of the Public to raise questions

#### **Name Subject Action**

Ann Coombes D r a i n a g e problems – New Housing at Barlands Housing Association had been contacted and were actioning issues

David O Brien Consultation meetings such as the TDC/NDDC Core Strategy

appeared to centre on other areas of the County

Noted

### **94 (09/10) FINANCE:**

**a) Accounts to Pay** - the Clerk presented the following accounts for agreement to pay:

#### **Supplier Description VAT £ No**

St Edmunds Parish Church Grant towards Churchyard maintenance 80 417

M Harris Clerk salary 257.28 expenses 20.20 277.48 418

D D Village Hall Dec Hire 16.0 419

K Hardy Caretaker wages 91.68 and £7 expenses 98.68 420

Baptist Church Use of Hall 24.0 422

Torridge Community

Transport Assoc

Grant 500.0 423

**Proposed: Cllr Boyes Seconded: Cllr Byrne All Agreed** Cheque signatures Cllrs Giles and Partridge

**b) Income:** None

**c) Any other financial matters:**

c.1) The Nationwide Annual Bond of £60000 had matured with interest of £1561 which could be transferred to the NatWest Reserve Account.

Cllrs Lock and Giles to meet the NatWest Business Adviser to arrange a transfer of the Bond into a suitable NatWest Saving Scheme and to ensure that it was put into the name of Dolton Parish Council.

**Proposed . Cllr Byrne Seconded Cllr Grigg All agreed**

**95 (09/10) PLANNING:**

**a) Applications considered: 1/0065/2010/COU** Change of Use and conversion of first floor store to coffee shop/bistro Church St Stores – Cllrs discussed the application and made some comments – there will be further consideration of the application at the next meeting.

- **1/0042/2010/EXT** Renewal of consent for single storey extension – South Furlong – Satisfactory – as this is a renewal - previous comments apply

- **1/12227/2009/LBC** – proposed internal alterations to design of windows – Stafford Barton – Satisfactory and the Cllrs commented that the Listed Building Conditions should apply

**b) Permissions granted: 1/1163/2009/FUL** 3 Church Close – alterations double garage

- **1/1164/2009/CON** 3 Church Close – demolition of outbuildings

- **1/0994/2009/FUL** Church St – games room

- **1/1071/2009/LBC** Stafford Barton – works to Gatehouse Cottage

**1/1024/2009/LBC** Willow Cottage – window , porch etc

**c) Refusals advised:** none advised

**d) Any other Planning Issues:** The Chair had been copied into e mail correspondence from Ian Sorenson at Devon County Council and G Madge regarding an agreement to put surface water from the parish land into the adoptable highway surface water system drainage. The Clerk read the e mail out in full.

It was noted that the SkateBoard /MUGA planning application was coming up to

its third year timescale deadline and that the Ward Cllr was discussing issues with the planning officers to consider

the next stage.

**96 (09/10) RECREATION GROUND:**

The Clerk outlined the list of the highlighted issues that needed action from the recent ROSPA report. Cllrs Lock and Jury agreed to action both the removal of defunct items and to research play equipment replacements.

**97 (09/10) PARISH ACTION PLAN:**

The Dolton Vision group had invited Maria Bailey , Torridge District Council to their last meeting . She considered

the group to be a very positive partnership working group and that its values and community led approach was a good example and fitted into the Local Development Framework. The web site was up and running with all the latest information and the information on the web address would be promoted in the Village Life Newsletter.

Devon Re-investment had been invited to a Dolton Vision meeting to offer advice and information on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

The idea of a Village Open meeting was raised but there is a need to consider the subject matter , the relevance at

this early stage and the value to the community before a meeting was arranged.

**98 (09/10) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE:**

There had been little interest in designing the Memorial garden from the general public although Cllrs Jury and Giles had brought along some ideas. These would be discussed with the Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

There is a tree stump to be removed which the Chair will action. Cllt Jury raised the issue of a Clean Up in the village again and Cllr Jury and Lock will organise a working party.

**99 (09/10) HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & MAINTENANCE:**

The Clerk had sent the updated M & R Log to North Highways , to Devon CC and to Torridge District Council and

received many positive replies regarding forthcoming actions on drains , litter bins , dog bins , parish road sweeper

but only a very few issues had been actioned in the interim period. Poor weather may have been one reason. The

Clerk will re issue requests for Salt Bins to DCC , for Dog Bins ( ordered , arrived but not installed ) to TDC regarding Personnel issues ( road sweeping )

Cllr Partridge asked if anything could be actioned regarding the lights from the Beacon Buses at the Beacon Garage. The Clerk was asked to investigate this issue. Cllr Jury was informed that the Corn Food Refuse Bags could be purchased at Castle Hill , Torrington

**100 (09/10) MEETINGS ATTENDED:** None

**101 (09/10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None

A Part 2 was convened