

# Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 1st August 2005 8pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Grigg, Berkley-Sage, Silltow, Kendrew, Jury  
Cllr.Heal (8.15pm) The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock 13 members of the public.  
Apologies: Cllrs.Chivers and Giles

The minutes of the meeting held 4th July 2005, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with the following amendments:-

- a) Min.551: to read "Clerk and Cllr.Kendrew had attended training and were now working towards setting up the Torridgeside Website for the Parish Council.
- b) Min.553: to include "new litter bin to be purchased and sited at the bus shelter Rectory Road. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Silltow.
- c) Min.568: new "c" to read - Cllr.Grigg felt that DRAG should be involved - there should be as wider involvement as possible. "c" to become "d" and "d" to become "e".

Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Jury. All agreed.

## ***MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES***

589. Orchard Gate phase 2 play area (min.554 refers) Clerk had spoken to Mrs.Chapple,Legal Dept. of TDC who had located the file relating to this application. .As soon as she ascertains that the Section 106 has been signed by all parties, it was resolved that the Clerk write to Messrs.Saltmarsh & Jury to obtain the sum of £7,500, being the amount agreed for the loss of the amenity area.

590. London House Conservatory (min.555 refers) Clerk read letter from Miss Watts and Cllrs.Silltow and Lock had spoken to her on this matter. It was resolved that the Parish Council had gone through the correct procedure concerning the conservatory.

591. Internal auditor (min.562a refers) Clerk reported advert placed in the NDJ at a cost of £26.32 had an error and that the paper were giving a free rerun. One enquiry received - quoting cost of £100.

592. Health & Medical facilities (min.5657 refers) Clerk reported that our enquiry would now be dealt with by Mrs.Katherine Gronqvist of the North Devon Primary Care Trust.

593. Fields Protection Officer NPPFA (min.571 refers) Mr.P.Allen can attend our Council meeting on Monday 3rd October. Resolved that this meeting commence at 7pm with Mr.Allen's presentation the first agenda item.

594. Picnic Table Dennis Cross (min.572 refers) table in situ. Resolved that Clerk:-

- a) obtain sign "property of Dolton Parish Council" from Trophyman Barnstaple.
- b) purchase a dialled padlock for the new gate.

595. Parish Council Open Days (min.575 refers) Clerk reminded all Cllrs. to contact TDC to book their places either in September or October.

596. DCC Rock Environmental Treatment Scheme - grants (min.578 refers) further information in reading file to ascertain if we would be able to obtain any grant moneys.

597. Hedges Buckland Road (min.584 refers) these had now been trimmed.

## ***FINANCIAL MATTERS***

598. The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mr.K.Hardy	wages	£ 97.00
b) Mr.K.Hardy	expenses	£ 2.37
c) Portsmouth Arms Sawmills	picnic table	£252.00
d) Mrs.J.Gist	internal auditor	£ 42.50
e) Village Hall	hire	£ 6.60

Proposed Cllr.Silltow seconded Cllr.Grigg that the above accounts be paid, and Cllrs. Jury and Heal signed the cheques.

599. Internal Auditor Report as follows:-

- a) all cheques have been signed on stubs by two councillors noted as approved.
- b) there was an error of omission regarding the interest received on the Portman fixed interest bond. The second page of the book shows interest being credited to the account, net, in the amount of £2073.16 which needs to be reflected in the parish council accounts. I have photocopied the accounts and adjusted the copies to reflect this, which I enclose for your use. This was easily missed, as the first page did not appear complete (the page was not full).
- c) the remainder of the accounts were complete and accurate.

Clerk had made the necessary adjustments to boxes, 3, 7, 8 on the audit form which were initialled by the chairman and clerk. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Silltow that the amendments are approved and accepted. All agreed. The Clerk supplied each councillor with a copy of the income, and summary page of the accounts to reflect this change.

600. Portman Fixed interest bond - matured 21st July 2005, net interest received of £3201.54.

Proposed Cllr.Silltow seconded Cllr.Kendrew that:-

- a) £75,000 be reinvested in a one year bond. Clerk to ascertain best terms.
  - b) the tax of £800.39 be reclaimed.
  - c) the balance of interest and tax rebate be invested in the Dennis Cross account.
- All agreed.

## ***PLANNING MATTERS***

601. Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.

602. Applications to consider:-

- a) Mr. P.Neal                      The Barn South Street      Single garage

Council had no objections in principle to this application but as the garage will be visible from the road, it is very important to the Parish Council as to what materials are used, as the proposed site lies within the village conservation area. We are relying on the Conservation Officer to take up our comments. Nowhere on the application are materials mentioned.

- b) Mr.Mrs.M.Gale                      Northfield Cottage                      alterations to extend bathroom & ancillary works.

Council have no objections to the proposals, but would make the following comments:-

- a) the property is a listed building and lies within the village conservation area.
- b) we do not think that a velux window will be in keeping.
- c) we note from the plans that there is only one door.

603. Permissions granted:-

- a) Mr.P.G.Ware                      72 Stafford Way                      private hardstanding for vehicles
- b) Mr. & Mrs.K.Squire                      South Grove                      double garage

604. Refusals advised:-

- a) Saltmarsh & Jury                      os 6325 Aller Road                      28 dwellings
- b) Mr.C.Jones                      North Ham                      granny annexe

605. Mr. & Mrs.Madge Edgefield - application for approval of reserved matters withdrawn.

606. Cllr.Silltow - asked if notification received concerning Little Bay extension application had been received. Clerk reported no reports from TDC.

## ***VITAL VILLAGE***

607. Health & Medical facilities - prior to the commencement of the Council meeting, a successful public meeting was held concerning obtaining a village defibrillator.

608. Cllr.Silltow asked which village groups as listed on page 35 of the Village Plan should receive a glossy copy of the plan. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Lock that Village Hall Committee be supplied with a copy, and a note be put in the Diary asking groups to apply to Cllr.Silltow if they required a copy. Cllr.Silltow would determine the cost of each copy for an individual to purchase.

### ***DESIGN STATEMENT***

609. Public Meeting August 10th 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

### ***COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED***

610. Cllr.Kendrew - Audit Inspection Planning Dept. of TDC. Reported as follows:-

- a) TDC were striving to give a better service.
- b) The Audit Inspector was impressed with the Council's progress and also impressed with Mr.A.Seaman.

610. Cllrs. Jury, Berkley-Sage, Grigg, The Clerk attended the DAPF AGM held in Dolton and reported as follows:-

- a) Mr.D.Scott of Mid Devon Council explained the "Winchester Scheme" whereby if a housing development is too small for on site play provision, they take money for off site provision which goes into a central pot for the district, and Clubs etc. can apply for grants.
- b) Section 106 Agreements are between the developer and the Council. Only time parish councils can have input to a 106 is if they are going to be responsible for a project contained in that agreement.
- c) 2008 Olympics to include BMX as a sport and the 2012 Olympics to include skateboarding.

611. Cllr.Kendrew - Website training with TDC - reported that the Clerk and himself cannot realistically set up the TDC website for the next few months. Resolved that Clerk approach Mr.M.Lock if he will host the parish council minutes/agendas on his existing Dolton website and provide the necessary link to the TDC website when it is up and running.

612. Cllr.Silltow reported he had been asked by the CCD to give a presentation on Parish Plans at Filleigh on Oct.16th to which he had agreed.

### ***CLERKS CONTRACT***

613. Clerk had made the necessary amendments as per min.570. Cllr.Kendrew as Vice Chairman and the Clerk signed the contract.

### ***PAVEMENT ARSCOTTS COTTAGE***

614. DCC Highways had previously stated that the situation could be slightly improved if the hedge was uprighted, but there would be no money available for a new project. eg. extending the pavement. Following a discussion it was resolved that:-

- a) pavement should be extended as far as Shilling's gate. Clerk to write to Highways to get an estimate of the cost and the correct procedure to follow for the work to be carried out.
- b) Ascertain Highways thoughts on the siting of a bollard as an alternative solution.
- c) This was an important issue for the Council in view of the volume of people traffic using this area.

### ***CORRESPONDENCE***

615. Standards Board - Cllr.Berkley-Sage - the allegation will not be investigated.

616. DCC Highways road closures:-

- a) London House Fore Street                      1 day                      30th August
- b) 1-4 Meadow View Aller Road                      5 days                      8th - 12th August

617. Horticulture Society request to use Dennis Cross for Flower Show barbecue/sports. Request granted.

618. Geoffrey Cox MP - holding surgery in the Village Hall Wed.10thAugust 10.30am.

619. TDC Parish Council Open Days - times for 15th Sept. changed to 9.30am 10.30am & 11.30am

620. TDC Draft Statement of Community Involvement - document in reading file. Any observations to be made by 25th August.

621. Police "Stop and Search" poster to be displayed in noticeboard.

622. Shaping Health - information on Patient & Public Involvement forums in reading file.

623. MCTI - minutes of last meeting in reading file. Next meeting 21st September. Chairman would be away - Cllr.Berkley Sage to attend.

***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

624. Cllr.Lock and Cllr.Jury - mud in Aller Road. This development was still presenting problems and with the advised road closure order, the situation must be monitored carefully with the police case no. 625 being reopened for complaints. Police and Highways to be kept informed.

625. Cllr.Grigg - complaints received concerning toilet in The Square.

626. Cllr.Berkley-Sage:-

a) broken seat in the football field.

b) any news from the Rural Housing Trust. Cllr.Kendrew reported nothing heard.

627. Cllr.Kendrew - request that football field toilets be agenda item for the next meeting.

628. Date of next meeting Monday 3rd October.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Signed.....chairman.....dated