

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Monday November 2nd 2009 in the Village Hall @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllr J Lock (Chairman), Cllr C Giles (Vice Chair), Cllrs Boyes, Burnage, Grigg, Partridge, Rolls, the Clerk - Mary Harris and 5 members of public

Apologies: Cllrs Byrne and Jury

The minutes of the meetings held on September 14th and October 4th 2009 having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Boyes

Seconded: Cllr Rolls

All Agreed

58 (09/10) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: none

59 (09/10) CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Torridge Community Transport As.	Request for grant aid	To send application form
Holsworthy Town Council	Pay and Display Schemes	Send support e mail to DCC
Torridge District Council	Flood Protection Aqua Sacs	noted
N Devon Coast /Countryside	Letter raising awareness of Biosphere	Invite to future meeting
Torridge District Council	Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy	Draft noted
D & D Village hall Flyer	Fundraising flyer sent to all households	Noted that DD VHC could work within the Dolton Vision partnership group rather than independently

60 (09/10) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : none

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Roger Dunn

DDVHC had received 2 letters regarding fundraising

61 (09/10) FINANCE

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

Supplier	Description	VAT	£	No
D D Village Hall	Hire of hall Sept hire		8.00	394
M Harris	Clerk salary 450.24 Expenses 48.97		499.21	395
C Burnage	Village Life magazine		48.35	396
K Hardy	Caretaker wages 184.81 Expenses 2.0		186.81	397
R Lock	Postage Dolton Vision		18.72	398

Proposed: Cllr Partridge

Seconded: Cllr Boyes

All Agreed

Cheque signaturers Cllrs Giles and Grigg

b) Invoices - The Dolton Cubs will not be invoiced for hire of the Recreation Ground. Event cancelled

c) Any other financial matters: Current Account stands at £17898 ; Precept to be set at the next meeting

62 (09/10) PLANNING

a) Applications considered:

(1) 1/1024/2009/LBC Willow Cottage , West Lane , Enlarge , replace rear window /front porch

The Council offered the following comments: No objection provided the LBC considerations were taken into account

(2) 1/0994/2009/FUL Church St, Dolton. Conversion of garage/store to games room

The Council offered the following comments:

It is in Dolton's conservation area – please consider those implications

It was proposed by Cllr Reed Partridge and Seconded by Cllr J Lock that the following comment be added:

“ No objection to the building becoming a games room but have reservations of it becoming a residential building in the future. “ Cllr Boyes proposed an amendment , seconded by Cllr Grigg- “ No objection to the building becoming a games room.” The motion was voted upon and was defeated 4 votes to 3.

The original proposal was carried.

b) Permissions granted: none

c) Refusals advised: 1/0750/2009/FUL Drakes Barton , Dolton Garden Room Extension

d) 1/1035/2008/FUL – this application (Dixon Construction) was still unresolved and no communication had been received by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to contact Torridge District Council planning dept to ask for an explanation.

63 (09/10) RECREATION GROUND

ROSPA had provided a costing for the Risk Assessments and Equipment Checklists and the Clerk informed the Council that she had booked the Inspector to call. The cost of an inspection done before March would be £198 + vat plus £5 for the Risk Assessment + £25 for the check list.

64 (09/10) PARISH ACTION PLAN

The Dolton Vision group had met to discuss their draft terms of reference and had agreed that they would be an advisory group attached to the Parish Council. As such , under Standing orders the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council were automatically invited to join the group. Cllr Giles declined and Cllr Lock suggested that he attend as and when required. It was noted by Cllr Burnage that the recent flyer distributed by the Dolton Village Hall Committee outlining plans to embark on a major fund raising project to refurbish the hall could be seen to be working outside the Dolton Vision partnership.

65 (09/10) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE

The Clerk circulated a draft Specification for the April 2011 Grass Cutting and Maintenance Contract . The timetable for re tendering will start in January 2011. The draft specification included new areas for maintenance that had become variations within the current contract plus the new work within the memorial garden of design and planting. It also included the idea that weekly or monthly play equipment reports be conducted with the contractor becoming ROSPA trained.

It was considered that the design of the memorial garden could be a community project and the Clerk will send out adverts within the village and into the Diary to ask for submissions in time for the next meeting. The planting and maintenance would be included within the new Parish Maintenance Contract. The play equipment checks were considered for inclusion into the next contract.

Councillors were asked to bring any new areas for maintenance to the next meeting.

66 (09/10) HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & MAINTENANCE

The Clerk to bring a quote for a new Dog Bin to the next meeting

The Chair to re visit the Bus Shelter in the rain (to check on a leak ?)

To note that the issue regarding the SWWater leaks at the recreation ground will require an invoice to the School for part of the final bill.

Cllr Boyes informed the meeting that the trading vans had left Barland Close Car park.

67 (09/10) MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Lock , Cllr Burnage The GT&DMCTA(LCP)

Cllr Lock Dolton Primary School – Federation Information

68 (09/10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Lock – Requested that a member of the Council be in Flag duty for Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Robin Boyes agreed , if he was not required elsewhere.

A PART 2 was convened and the Chair requested that the Public vacate the meeting

The general meeting closed at 9.15 pm

