

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2017

IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL

PUBLIC SESSION: Q1. Re: Acorn Farm Park – The hedge which was meant to provide screening to adjoining residents along the northern boundary has been removed resulting in the new lodges being in full view to local residents. Is there anything which can be done? A. Ward Councillor Rosemary Lock replied – she had spoken to the new owners who are taking over on 7th April 2017. They are open to suggestions as to how the boundary hedge can be improved. It was advised residents comprise a list of suggestions for improvements which can be presented to the new owners.

PRESENT: Cllr J Lock – Chairman, Cllrs Giles, Martindale, Walker, Grigg, Haynes, Dunn and Rendel the clerk, Ward Councillor Lock, Devon County Councillor Andy Boyd and 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Rolls

Members were invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting

Cllr J Lock matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall.

1. **(17/18) MINUTES:** The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017 were signed as a true record.
2. **(17/18)/ CLERKS REPORT:** Barfield Car Park Tree – the clerk had contacted TDC tree officer who said the land on which it stands had been transferred to Westward Housing, as they were responsible owners there was no reason for a TPO. The clerk had contacted Westward Housing but heard nothing back as yet.

3. (17/18) CORRESPONDENCE

correspondent	content	action
DALC	newsletter	Email and reading file
Nhs	Acute services review - update	Email and reading file
TDC	AONB – grant scheme details	Email and reading file
TDC	May DCC election information	Email and reading file
SLLC	Clerk magazine	Reading file
Grant Thornton	2017 audit papers	

4. (17/18) FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay 3rd April 2017

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office march + usb memory stick£12.00		22.00	958
Mr D Lock	March -grass cutting		267.41	959
Mr M Lock	March – Caretaking		120.00	960
D&D village hall	March meeting		6.00	961
S Jackson	Clear toilet blockage		50.00	962

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TDC	Charge for payroll services	24.00	144.00	963
The Royal Oak	Use of toilet in square		124.15	964
SWW ltd	Standing charge for football field water meter		14.56	965
RoSPA	Annual playground inspection	18.20	109.20	966
TOTAL			£857.32	

Proposed Cllr Martindale, seconded Cllr Giles
 Cheque signatories Cllrs Walker and Dunn
 Invoices checked by Cllr Haynes
 b) Income - £500.00 from D&D Village Hall for Defibrillator
 c) Statement of allocated funds–

Air ambulance night time landing site fund	previous balance	£5500.00
	TOTAL.....	£5500.00
Defibrillator fund	TAP	998.00
	Cake stall	122.70
	VH donation(ward councillor grant)	500.00
	TOTAL INCOME.....	£1620.70
	PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLAT.....	£1610.00
(+£322 VAT)	TOTAL LEFT IN FUND	£10.00
Car Park fund		£27372.77
16/17 budget	start of year budget.....	£14351.00
	Previous balance 6/3/17.....	£2409.25
	Minus payments 31/3/17.....	£857.32
	TOTAL REMAINING 16/17.....	£1551.93
	(carried forward to reserves)	
Parish Council Reserves.....		£29,200.03
Bank Statements	Current Account 28/3/17	£17813.88
	Reserve Account 28/3/17	£6833.04
	Liquidity Manager 95 day	£41401.29

d) Appointment of internal auditor – Mr Graham Hutchings - proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Grigg –all in favour.

5. (17/18) PLANNING

a) **Applications to consider :-1/0280/2017/OUT –Land Rear of Wisteria, West Lane,-** outline application for 5 dwellings and the point of access; The Parish Council objected to this application for the following reasons:- The development had a detrimental effect on adjoining properties which were very close; The access was poor and very narrow; Access into West Lane was poor especially on the corner as it left the Square; The wildlife survey was in adequate and made no mention of hedgehogs which are know to be active in the area. **Telecommunications base station. Grid ref 257655,112645,Rectory Road, Dolton** –this application had already been passed by TDC.

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- b) **Applications granted** – 1/1149/2016/FUL –Aller Ford, loft conversion, new dormer windows/roof lights, 1/0049/2017/TEL - telecommunications base station. Grid ref 257655,112645,Rectory Road, Dolton
- c) Applications refused – none
- d) Any other planning matters – Cllr Haynes raised serious concerns about the number of applications being received outside Dolton’s development boundary. This plan was drawn up in 2011 as part of TDC local plan and is yet to be adopted by government. He was not happy about the time taken by TDC to adopt the Local Plan. Ward Councillor Lock replied – The Local plan was again out for consultation but it was hoped it would be adopted by the end of the year. The National Planning Framework overrides the unadopted Local Plan. The Ward Councillor offered to arrange for David Green (head of planning at TDC) or Ian Rowland to attend a meeting of Dolton Parish Council. It was agreed they would be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 5th June 2017.
Air Ambulance Landing Site planning application – Cllr Lock confirmed the application had been validated – 1/0143/2017/FUL – and would soon be out for consultation. The clerk was given permission to reply in favour for the Parish Council.

6. (17/18) PARISH GROUNDS

- a) **Football Field** – i) Air Ambulance landing site – planning application has been validated
ii)Football Pavillion – deferred to next meeting
- b) **Dennis Cross** – Annual RoSPA inspection has been carried out with a few minor recommendations which Councillor Dunn will deal with. Cllr Dunn was thanked for carrying out his regular inspections.
- c) **Memorial garden** – D Lock has treated the moss.
- d) **Village Hall field.** – Cllr Dunn will inform adjoining residents he intends to have a bonfire to burn up hedge cuttings in the field. Still awaiting quotes to come back from contractors before a grant can be applied for from TDC’s New Homes Community Grant Fund.

7. (17/18) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

- a) **Pride in Our Village Day-** Saturday 25th March 2017- The day was well attended with some excellent help from the Dolton Scout group.
- b) **Andy Boyd** – The Devon County Councillor for the area reported Torridge area had received additional money for pothole repairs. Three roads in the Parish were earmarked for repair and included Wooldridge Cross to Chapple Cross and Chapel Street. The bollards in Stafford Way were still awaiting funding agreement but hopefully will be in place this summer.

8. (17/18) TAP FUND – The Defibrillator should be installed weekend 8th/9th April. Richard Oaten has agreed to do introduction sessions for members of the public.

9. (17/18) POSITIONING OF SEAT BEQUEATHED BY THE LATE MRS ETHEL TURNER
– The family would be happy for the seat to be positioned at the Halsdon Nature Reserve if agreement can be sought.

10. (17/18) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED – none

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11. (17/18) ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR – Cllr Martindale inquired if there were any grants available for the Scouts to purchase materials to build bird boxes. Ward Councillor Lock replied she still had a small amount of funding for 16/17 available if the Scouts would like to apply to her.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - AGM – MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017 AT 7.30PM FOLLOWED BY THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING.

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

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