

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 3rd October 2005 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs.Giles, Berkley-Sage, Grigg, Silltow, Kendrew, Jury, Chivers, Heal (7.40pm) The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock, Mr.P.Allin of National

Playing

Fields Association. 14 members of the public.

Apologies: Dist.Cllr.Ferguson

629. The Chairman introduced Mr.Paul Allin from the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA)

who gave a talk on the protection of open recreation spaces. The main points to arise were:-

- a) NPFA is a charity and have no commercial interests in any schemes. Formed in 1925 by a consortium of interests who wanted a legal mechanism to protect playing fields.
- b) Parish Councils can choose to sell/change of use of recreation spaces. They need to think of the long term interests of future generations.
- c) This used to be done by restrictive covenants. Parish Councils give over freehold of land to the NPFA to hold and protect. They are excluded legally from management. They have no say whatsoever – control stays in local hands.
- d) Deeds of Dedication are now used – whereby the NPFA holds the property on a charitable trust in perpetuity.
- e) If a tier of Local Government should disappear eg. Parish Councils, then the powers are taken up by the next tier and the restrictive covenants will survive.
- f) No building can be erected on the site without the permission of the NPFA. Any structure that supports outdoor recreation would not be a problem eg. changing rooms but you could not build a sports hall containing indoor netball or tennis courts.
- g) Funding – no restrictions on where interested parties obtain funding, may even get better funding if you can prove “long term protection” for outdoor recreation.

There followed a question and answer session from Councillors and members of the public:

- a) Costs to the Parish Council – the only cost to a Parish Council would be on obtaining legal advise on the Deed of Dedication
- b) If a charity where does NPFA obtain funds – private donations, other charities, membership subscriptions.
- c) Would the NPFA be swallowed up by Government legislation – no they have their own individual identity and are non-beneficial owners.
- d) Do you have to ring fence the entire area of a recreation space – no only that which you choose.
It also allows for “land swap” and any income received for land is ring fenced only to be spent on replacement land.
- e) Access – must be for all members of the public
- f) A comparison was made between the village hall and it’s custodians and trust responsibilities.

Cllr.Kendrew thanked Mr.Allin for his attendance and interesting talk.

630. The minutes of the meeting held 1st August 2005, having been duly circulated, were confirmed as being a true and correct record, with the following amendments and signed by the Chairman. a) min.610 to include the name of Cllr.Giles.b) min.612 to read 19th October 2005. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

631. Orchard Gate Phase 2 COU Plot 1 (min.589 refers) TDC had confirmed that the Section 106 agreement had been signed on 6th June and registered with the Land Registry Clerk had written to Messrs.Saltmarsh & Jury in respect of the £7,500 due to the Parish Council for replacement childrens play facilities.

632 Internal Auditor (min.591 refers) following free rerun of the advert, still only had one enquiry being £100 flat rate. Resolved that Mrs.J.Gist remain our internal auditor and the position be advertised again in three years time.

633. Health & Medical Facilities (min.592 refers) letter received from Mrs.Kelly, Chief Executive of North Devon Primary Care Trust NHS “in an ideal world every village would have a surgery – in reality would prove poor value for money for the NHS. A number of surgeries have closed across the country as the realities of upgrading have proved to be too prohibitive”.

634. Dennis Cross (min.594 refers) dialled padlock now in use and picnic table notice obtained.

635. Open Days for Parish Councils (min.595 refers) no Cllrs. had attended in September. Cllrs. Lock, Jury, Giles, Berkley –Sage,Grigg, and the Clerk attending on 12th October.

636.DCC Rock Environment Treatment Scheme (min.596 refers) Resolved that Clerk complete the grant form – as we do have a quarry in the Parish.

637. Portman Building Society Fixed interest bond (min.600 refers) Clerk reported as follows:

- a) Nat.West Bank only does private individual bonds.
- b) Nationwide Building Soc. fixed interest of 4.50% with two individual names on certificate.

Name of the Parish Council would only appear on their records.

c) Portman Building Society fixed interest bond 4.55% already in name of Parish Council.

d) Reinvested sum of £75,000 in new bond with Portman

e) Reclaimed income tax of £800.39 plus £39.42 – not yet received.

f) Sum of £3,022.13 deposited in Dennis Cross account with Portman made up as to years interest

on bond of £2864.44 plus additional £157.69 accrued from date of maturity to reinvestment.

638. Winchester Scheme (min.610a refers) no reply from TDC.

639. Parish Council Website (min.611 refers) minutes/agendas now available on Parish Council

section of dolton.org.uk. Resolved that web site information be placed on noticeboard.

640. Pavement Arcscotts Cottage (min.614 refers) DCC Highways work to extend pavement to

Shillings Gate would cost approximately £1,100 (one thousand one hundred pounds).

Resolved that

we obtain detailed quote from them and obtain further quotes from W.Jury and M.Cowell.

Cllr.Jury reported there might be a problem with tree roots.

641. Aller Road (min.624 refers) DCC Highways reported that they had no powers of enforcement

over issues of mud/other detritus on the road. Police have such powers.

PUBLIC SESSION

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

a)	Glasdons	waste paper bin	£127.12
b)	South West Water	June-Sept rates	£ 29.91
c)	Village Hall	hirings	£ 14.85
d)	Cornwall Devon Media	advert intenal auditor	£ 26.32
e)	K.Hardy	2 months wages	£194.00
f)	K.Hardy	expenses	£ 3.10
g)	Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£438.75
h)	Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 60.82

Proposed Cllr.Silltow seconded Cllr.Heal that the above accounts are paid and Cllrs.Jury and Chivers signed the cheques.

643. Audit Commission – accounts approved and accepted and signed off. Clerk to arrange for Notice of Conclusion to be displayed on noticeboard.

644. Minimum wage went up to £5.05 on 1st October. Resolved that caretakers wages be paid accordingly.

645. Design Statement – Cllr.Silltow reported that the Steering Committee was requesting no funds at this stage

646. Royal Oak – handed over £92 raised from a quiz evening to go into the funds for a village defibrillator. Resolved that letter of thanks be sent to the Royal Oak and the donation be deposited in the Dennis Cross Fund account at Portman and ring fenced “defibrillator fund”.

PLANNING MATTERS

647.Adjoining Parish notices in the reading file.

648.Applications to consider:-

a) Mrs.J.Watts application) (Cllr.Lock & Jury declared interests and left the room)	London House	Conservatory (retrospective application) Co.had no objections to this application
b) Mr.Mrs.McCulloch	Greenbank	Double garage. Co.had no objections to this application.

c) Mr.Mrs.Stratton Addisford Cottage Demolition existing single storey ext. & erection of single storey rear ext. with accommodation within roof & single storey side ext.

Co.strongly objected to this application on the following grounds:-

- i) The works will totally change the character of the listed building and we quote SS51 SE 5/35 as submitted with the application “Addisford – this is an unusual example of a modest cottage which has survived in a very unaltered state with only a sympathetic C20 addition having been made”
- ii) The visual impact of the whole property will change.
- iii) Rear extension – the proposed new pitched roof coming perpendicularly out of the roof from the original cottage will disturb the C17 thatched roof.
- iv) The glass panels do not match cobwalls- it will look like a barn conversion.

649. Permissions granted:

a) Mr.P.Neal The Barn South St. Single garage

650. Refusals advised:

a) Mr. & Mrs.Gale Northfield Cottage ground floor bathroom extension
b) Parkway Homes Fishleigh Park residential development

651. Dixon Construction land adj. 7 Barlands Way – Mr.Dixon informed the Parish Council he is proposing to build 2 semi detached bungalows, one of which to be reserved for local people. Resolved that we reply:-

- a) send a copy of the Housing Survey from the Village Plan.
- b) TDC hold housing needs list, not the Parish Council.
- c) Parish Council will continue to make representations concerning the footpath

VITAL VILLAGE

652. Cllr. Silltow reported that no village organisations had requested a glossy copy of the Village Plan

DESIGN STATEMENT

653. Cllr.Silltow reported as follows:

- a) a meeting was held 19th September (minutes to be displayed on noticeboard and website) 7 members of the steering group and 8 members of the public present.
- b) Steering group had resolved to obtain mandate from the village, through groups and households to decide if the project should proceed. This would take the form of a simple yes or no answer.
- d) Next meeting 24th October.

TOILETS AT FOOTBALL FIELD

654. Cllr.Kendrew asked that following the conversion of part of the toilet block by the school, what would the Parish Council do with the remainder. Following discussion it was resolved that:-

- a) remaining toilet to be brought up to scratch for public/school use with touchpad entry.
- a) Cllrs.Lock and Kendrew to draw up tender for work which would be sent to Messrs. E.Levit

- I.Herridge, A.Stubbings, F.McCulloch and P.Pearson.
b) A waste paper bin to be purchased for use at the football field.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

655. Cllr.Kendrew had attended the AGM of DAPC and he would type and circulate to all Councillors events at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

656. Village Green – in reading file.
657. Wickstead Play Equipment – latest catalogue in reading file “improving childrens fitness range”
658. DCC New Chief Executive appointed – Dr.Phil Norrey.
659. DCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan – in reading file.
660. TDC Evening Planing Seminars – Merton Village Hall 3rd Nov. 6pm Cllrs..Berkley-Sage, Giles, Silltow, Jury, Kendrew , Lock and the Clerk to attend.
661. DCC Waste Local Plan – deposit version – in reading file.
662. Symes Robinson & Lee – sponsored cycle ride by staff for Poppy Appeal. Details noted.
663. DCC Highways – Fore Street closed 19-21 Sept. Works completed.
664. CPRE AGM 4th October – details noted.
665. DCC Highways Mobile Lengthsman visit 31st Oct – 1st Nov.Cllrs. to report any works required to the clerk
666. TDC Notice of Publication of District Local Plan – Clerk confirmed she had received copies of the plan. Any member of the public wishing to see the plan can make an appointment to view.
667. TDC – Review of Local Services – Clerk had completed and returned the questionnaire.
668. Torrington Advisory Group meeting for Sept. had been cancelled. Next meeting 8th Nov.
669. Police Enquiry point – hours now changed to 4pm – 5pm on Wednesdays at The Chapel.
670. Best Kept village competition – Dolton only scored 79 points. Comments in reading file.
671. TDC Evening Planning Seminar 3rd November 6pm at Merton Village Hall. 7 Cllrs. to attend.
672. Youth Committee – had a meeting with TDC concerning funding for the MUGA/Skateboard

areas. Now calling a meeting on 17th October between themselves, Parish Council, Football Club and School to take the project forward. Resolved that Cllrs.Lock and Kendrew will represented the Parish Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

673.Cllr.Lock:-

- a) Water leak Rectory Road – problem still not resolved despite many visits from SW Water and other private firms. Clerk to write strong letter to SW Water
- b) Recycling Centre damaged by dark blue Suzuki Jeep hitting it. Damaged had been reported
- c) New waste paper bin in situ at bus shelter Rectory Road had been vandalised. Clerk to report these matters to police and check insurance policy.

674, Cllr.Heal – hedges in Buckland Road needed trimming between

675. Cllr.Giles – anything heard from the Rural Housing Trust. Cllr.Kendrew reported no.

676. Cllr.Berkley-Sage:

- a) Request that when Dennis Cross playing field is cut, that the grass be picked up. D.Jones to be informed.
- b) Fly tipping at Chapel Cross – rubbish dumped too early and by persons other than specified 5 households. Piece to be put in diary.
- c) Trafalgar celebrations – village hall committee had taken on the organisation of the weekend but she needed help with the barbecue on the Saturday evening after 7pm. Chairman to see if any help available

677. Cllr.Grigg :-

- a) hedge outside Honeysuckle Cottage Chapel Street needed trimming.
- b) drains at Chapple Cross needed attention.

678. Cllr.Jury -

- a) She had witnessed drivers using Chapel Street the wrong way – already reported to the police.
- b) Drains Rectory Road – two below the Manse blocked, one with concrete.
- c) Barlands Rectory Road entrance – changed to vehicular access from pedestrian.
- d) Parking on The Paddocks corner – witnessed large horse lorry parked overnight.

679.Clerk reported that the flower boxes at the War Memorial had been vandalised over the weekend

Spate of vandalism to be reported to the police.

680, Date of next meeting Monday November 7th 7.30pm.

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

Signed.....Chairman.....dated