

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Monday, January 4th 2010 in the Village Hall @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs C Giles (Vice Chair), Burnage, Grigg, Partridge, Rolls, Byrne and Jury,
the Clerk - Mary Harris and 9 members of public

Apologies: Cllrs J Lock & R Boyes

The minutes of the meeting held on December 7th 2009 having been duly circulated, were signed by Cllr Giles, (Chair at the meeting) as being a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Jury

Seconded: Cllr Grigg

All Agreed

80 (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 a meeting be arranged to discuss the authority's decision and its decision making process and how the Parish Council can have a better input.

The Clerk was asked to follow up the maintenance log that had been sent to the North Highways DEPT in December.

81 (09/10) CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Torrige District Council	Forthcoming Consultation – 3 rd February 2pm – 7pm at Castle Hill, Torrington on the draft Core Strategy. On TDC website from 21 st January	Reading File
Torrige District Council	Notification that the County Solicitor will be drawing up the new lease agreement for the recreation ground	Correspondence and old lease papers to the Chairman

82 (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	Drainage problems – New Housing at Barlands	Clerk to pass concerns onto TDC Environmental dept
Ann Coombes	Dolton Vision Group – the group's work remit & next public meeting ?	Cllr Burnage reported that the Group was working to its agreed terms of reference, considering Quality of Life & Housing issues as examples. An open meeting to be arranged by the Group
Dawn Madge	Concerns regarding inclement weather and the need for the community to work together	Discussed at the agenda item (Maintenance). Ideas such as DCC Posters / Helplines to be publicised. Checks on the Salt Bins

83 (09/10) FINANCE:

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

Supplier	Description	VAT	£	No
M Harris	Clerk salary 257.28 expenses 30.01		287.29	408
D D Village Hall	Hire of Hall November		8.00	409
M Stubbings	17 days of relief caretaker duties		97.41	410
K Hardy	Caretaker wages		91.68	411

S W Water	Water charges (08-12)		48.36	412
Zurich	Policy 122004-7657 £324.54 & VAT 48.68 Policy 122004-7653 £555.03	48.68	928.25	413
ROSPA	Site Inspections/ Playing Fields/ Equipment checks /Checklist template	44.10	338.10	414
ProjectorPoint	Purchase of Projector and Screen	142.63	957.63	415

Proposed: Cllr Byrne Seconded: Cllr Jury All Agreed Cheque signatures Cllrs Grigg and Partridge

b) Invoices: None

c) Any other financial matters:

c.1) Grant Application St Edmunds Church applied for a grant towards the costs of grounds maintenance in the churchyard. It was recommended - £80 be granted. **Proposed: Cllr Partridge Seconded Cllr Jury , Agreed**

c.2) Projector and Screen purchase – the Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Committee to request permission for storage and installation.

84 (09/10) PLANNING:

a) Applications considered: none

b) Permissions granted: advised of Willow Cottage 1/1024/2009/LBC

c) Refusals advised: none advised

d) Any other Planning Issues: none

85 (09/10) RECREATION GROUND:

The ROSPA report had arrived and the Clerk suggested that she research its findings and compiled a list of the highlighted issues that needed action and those that might need inclusion into a new parish Grounds maintenance contract. The Clerk had circulated a draft Specification for the April 2010 Grass Cutting and Maintenance Contract at the November meeting and it was suggested that it be an agenda item in February.

86 (09/10) PARISH ACTION PLAN:

The Dolton Vision group had not held a meeting in the interim period between Parish meetings. However, several key actions had been taken forward. Cllr Burnage reported that the Devon Re-investment Service had offered 2 days of Advice and Guidance to the Group - mutually convenient time to be arranged. Arrangement of open meeting was to be discussed by the Dolton Vision Group. It was also requested that web-space and a domain name be purchased, at a cost of £56.99, as part of the Group's public information and communication toolkit.

C Burnage	Purchase of Web-space & Domain name for Dolton Vision	7.43	56.99	416
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Proposed: Cllr Rolls Seconded Cllr Byrne All agreed Cheque signatures Cllrs Grigg and Partridge

87 (09/10) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE:

Agenda item postponed until February to allow for applications for the design of the memorial garden to be received by the Chairman

88 (09/10) HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & MAINTENANCE:

The Clerk had sent the updated M & R Log to North Highways but due to the December period and closure of offices there had been no reply. The Clerk will re-send the list.

The Clerk will remind Torridge District Council of its Dog Bin requests. (Aller Rd, Church Gate, West Lane)

89 (09/10) MEETINGS ATTENDED:None

90 (09/10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Burnage asked for items for the next Newsletter to be sent to him by the end of the week. It was suggested that Emergency numbers for the County Highways etc could be included.

Cllr Grigg informed the meeting that the District Council road sweeper was still sweeping debris into the drains and that one drain by the Sewage works was completely blocked.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm