

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Chair Cllr John Lock, C Giles, S.Jury, R.Dunn, N.Walker, A.Haynes, S Lune, M. Grigg, retiring Clerk, new Clerk and 7 members of the public. Apology received from Cllr J Rolls

#### **285(12/13) MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January were signed as being a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr S Jury Seconded by Cllr C.Giles with all in favour.

**286(12/13) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – 1. The Chairman introduced the new Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Wendy Holland. 2. The Emergency Plan, compiled by the volunteer Emergency Committee, which had been circulated in the reading file, was approved and accepted by the Parish Council with the recommendation that it be forwarded to TDC Emergency Officer, Ruth Staddon. The Emergency Committee were congratulated for their good work in compiling the Dolton Emergency Plan. 3. Cllr Jury had received thanks from users of the Bus Shelter for the speedy installation of ‘windows’. The Council expressed their thanks to the Village Caretaker for his good work.

#### **287 (12/13) CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondent	Subject	Action
D&D Jubilee Cttee	Balance of unspent money £220.64 to PC	To be banked
Sam Williams	Stafford Way – parking	Discuss in Highways
Brant family	Stafford Way – parking	As above
Mike Cowell	Stafford Way – Parking	As above
TDC	Draft ND & Torridge Local Plan for consultation	Reading file & planning
TALCP	Tap Fund – re Torrington Crier	Reading file – agenda item next meeting
Best Kept Village	Devon best kept village flier	Reading file – agenda item next meeting
Torrington Bluecoat Children’s Centre	Request regarding events coming up in village	Forwarded to Diary & VHC. Reading file
DALC	Various newsletters	Reading File

**288(12/13) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllrs Lock and Jury declared a personal interest in all matters relating to Dolton & Dowland Village Hall

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

**The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to invite members of the public to speak :**

Mr. A. Edwards	Spoke on his plans for Caravan Site at Acorn Farmhouse.
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Phil Ware	Parking problems at Stafford Way.
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**289(12/13) FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a). Accounts to pay

Name	Item	VAT	Total	Cheque No.
Mrs J Sidey	Home use –January £10.00		10.00	
D&D Village Hall	Hire of Hall January (2 meetings)		18.00	
Martin Lock	Caretaking monthly charge £104.00		156.00	
	Insert Bus shelter plastic windows £52.00 Materials (platic & Screws	19.25	115.43	
David Lock	Grass cutting – monthly charge		£165.00	

Proposed: Cllr A Haynes

Seconded: Cllr N Walker

Cheque Signatures: Cllr R.Dunn and Cllr C..Giles

b). Income Income – £220.64 – balance of moneys unspent by Jubilee Committee (not yet paid in)

Balance in Curr.Acc.: £4039.92 at 16 January Statement less uncleared chs. £198.00 –actual balance £3841.92

Balance in dep acc. £20,799.19

Any other financial matters: A contribution to the running costs of Martin Lock’s Dolton Website was discussed but declined by Mr Lock.

**290(12/13) PLANNING**

1.. Applications to consider -1/1097/2012 –(i) Arous, Cleave Hill for Mr Bowle – rebuild etc;1/1176/2012- No objections,(ii) Variation Cond.2 – 20 touring caravans on part amenity land – Acorn Farmhouse for Mr A.Edwards. No objections provided there are no adverse effects on neighbouring properties in West Lane regarding loss of privacy and noise intrusion.

2. Permissions granted : none

3. Refusals advised – none

5d. To receive any other planning matters : Draft ND & Torridge Local Plan – in reading file. Ward Cllr. wishes to arrange a joint meeting with neighbouring Parishes to discuss the draft plan. To be an agenda item for next meeting.

**291(12/13) SALTING/GRITTING POLICY**

A copy of the agreed policy has been sent to the Diary and published on two noticeboards. The Snow Warden had spread salt during the recent ‘snowy’ weather and covered the central triangle and included Stafford Way, Orchard Gate and West Lane, using 6 x 25K bags of salt. Several nice comments had been received. It was agreed that the Snow Wardens fuel costs will be met on receipt of an invoice from him.

**292(12/13) PARISH GROUNDS**

(i) Football Field – nothing arising

(ii) Dennis Cross. Cllr Dunn had carried out weekly inspections and noticed a small amount of rot on balance beam. Spring on the gate needs adjustment – will be dealt with by Cllr Dunn.

(iii) The War Memorial – nothing arising

**293(12/13) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE** – The annual Spring clean-up to be arranged for April.

**294(12/13) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES** – Parking problems in Stafford Way do not fall within the remit of the Parish Council to settle. The comments in the emailed letters received from residents were noted and Clerk to acknowledge. Cllr Haynes will draft a statement, for approval by the Parish Council, to all residents on responsible parking practices.

**295(12/13) MEETINGS ATTENDED** –Cllr Dunn attended a meeting of the Ashreigny Action Group on Wind Turbines which was well run with balanced views being expressed.

**296(12/13) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was reported that petrol is being taken from cars in Stafford Way and residents should be on their guard about this and any instances reported to the Police.

Cllr Dunn asked for permission to publish interesting snippets from ‘old minutes’ of the Council’s meetings in the Dolton & Dowland Diary .

Cllr Lock has been handed the Minutes of the last Cricket Club to store with the Council’s papers.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th March at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....