

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting Monday 4th December 2006 7.30pm Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Heal, Giles, Grigg, Silltow, Kendrew, Jury Berkley-Sage, and Chivers. The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock 13 members of the public.

Apologies: None

The minutes of the meeting held 6th November 2006, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with one amendment. Min. 214d to read "Cllr.Grigg did not trust future Parish Councillors". Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Silltow. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

249. Rubbish Bin Rectory Road (min.211 refers) delivered and installed. Clerk to inform TDC.

250. Defribillator (min.213 refers) Cllr. Kendrew reported:-

- a) he had given Beaford Parish Council forms and posters concerning First Responders for consideration at their council meeting held tonight with a view to people from Beaford joining the Dolton Group of First Responders.
- b) two further people from Dolton had completed training.

251. Deed of Dedication (min.214 refers)no further information received from NALC. Councillors had received further letter from Ms.C.Beedles. Following discussion it was resolved:-

- a) Clerk contact Sports Council on the matter, following press cutting on football pitches
- b) decision should be made at the February 2007 meeting as to the way forward.

252. Lease DCC/hardcore area (min.216 refers) no lease received from Mr.Williams of Devon Property Services.

253. Retreat overgrown holly tree (min.217 refers) owner of property had given permission for the holly tree overhanging football field toilets to be pruned.

254. Speed limits Rectory Road (min.220 refers) replies from:-

- a) DCC Highways – consider it “unlikely they could give a high priority to enforcement in Rectory Road in the light of results of speed surveys in 2002 and 2006 and also a lack of a record of speed related crashes that have produced casualties”.
 - b) Police – unable to carry out speed checks owing to changes in legislation regarding equipment used – these items having been temporarily withdrawn.
- Council resolved to write to DCC Highways asking that the damaged and withdrawn 30mph sign in Rectory Road be replaced and that when speed checks are carried out, that the strips are outside the property Barlands Rectory Road, and enquire if the “flashing light speed signs” are available for hire by councils.

255. Brook Road hedges (min.221 refers) these had been trimmed.

256. Playing field toilets (min.233 refers)quote still awaited for block glass.

257. TDC/Design Statements (min.235 refers) no reply received from Mr.P. Green of TDC.

258. Blocked drains (min.244b refers) Clerk to report road to Langham Cross still blocked with water.

259. Aller Road – poplar tree (min.246 refers) DCC Highways will contact Messrs.Saltmarsh and Jury.

HOUSING SURVEY

260. Clerk had copied all Councillors with final copy of housing survey from Sue Southwell together with her e.mail. Councillors commented as follows:-

- a) Cllr.Kendrew – found Sue Southwell’s e.mail concerning “mutual distrust” in the village depressing and that the alternate website accessed by her was not helping.
- b) Cllr.Silltow – had e.mailed and spoken to Sue Southwell on his concerns.
- c) Cllr.Grigg – not aware of “any bad atmosphere in the village”.
- d) Cllr.Berkley-Sage reported that Moira Constable felt that Dolton’s problems were a typical situation in many villages.

It was proposed by Cllr.Kendrew seconded by Cllr.Giles and agreed by all councillors that:

- a) Parish Council adopted the housing survey. All Councillors signed the document and TDC and Sue Southwell to be informed of it’s adoption.
- b) Clerk to write to TDC and ask:
 - i) how long will the survey stand
 - ii) how will TDC use the document
 - iii) do TDC require any further help from Dolton Parish Council
 - iv) what is the next step for Dolton Parish Council

FINANCIAL MATTERS

261. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) K.Hardy	wages	£ 107.00
b) K.Hardy	expenses	£ 1.55
c) Glasdons UK Ltd.	litter bin	£ 114.45
d) Dolton Village hall	hire	£ 13.20
e) Mrs.S.Richards	plants War Mem.	£ 30.78
f) D.J.Jones & Son	Dennis Cross etc.	£ 230.00

Proposed by Cllr.Silltow seconded Cllr.Kendrew that the above accounts be paid and Cllrs. Jury and Chivers signed the cheques.

262. Moneys received:-

- a) H.M.Inspector of Taxes rebate on fixed bond £ 703.14
interest

Council resolved that this sum be paid into Portman Dennis Cross account.

- b) NHS Ambulance Trust hire of hall £ 79.20

263. Torrington Care Forum and Dolton Horticultural Soc. – letters of thanks for grant aid.

264. Precept – following discussion on precept matters, it was proposed by Cllr.Silltow seconded Cllr.Kendrew that the precept be increased by £4,000 (four thousand pounds) for 07/08 made up as to £3,000 (three thousand pounds) to cover any grant applications and £1,000 (one thousand pounds) in respect of 50% of any election costs and inflation increases on general expenditure. Total precept to be applied for now being £11,715.00

(eleven thousand seven hundred and fifteen pounds). All agreed.

PLANNING MATTERS

265. Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.

266. Applications to consider: None

267. Permissions granted: Mrs.M.Grigg Allerford – rear single storey dining area extension/rear single storey garage extension

268. Refusals advised: None

269. Peninsula Power – Winkleigh Biomass appeal – resolved that Council write to Planning Inspectorate, Bristol, to reiterate our opposition to the proposed biomass station and request a copy of the decision letter.

270. Winkleigh Parish Council meeting on Wed.6th December would have a public session concerning the appeal.

271. Cllr. Kendrew – a Housing Association property in Dolton had recently been allocated to a family from Torrington. Resolved that TDC be asked:

- a) why was the property not allocated to a Dolton family
- b) on what terms are such properties allocated
- c) what were the details of the Section 106 agreement concerning reallocation.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

272. Clerk asked for any alterations to Councillor's register of interests:-

- a) Cllr.Jury: involvement with Dolton Football Club
- b) Cllr.Grigg: property known as Allerford to be included
- c) Cllr.Berkley-Sage: "previous involvement with DRAG" to replace "supporter of Drag"

DENNIS CROSS

273. Cllr.Jury reported as follows:-

- a) meeting with Andrew Waite of TDC – he had taken project plans to copy and advised that project be done in three stages – groundwork, equipment and youth shelter.
- b) details of further grant sources obtained.
- c) Vicki Braddick had confirmed that TDC held the sum of £7,500 Section 106 money on behalf of Dolton Parish Council.

Resolved that Clerk and Cllr.Jury obtain quotes for groundwork. Chairman thanked Cllr.Jury for her work on this project.

FOOTBALL FIELD

274. Discussion on quotes for ground work to be discussed in Part Two.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

275. Cllrs.Jury and Chivers – Torrington Area Advisory Meeting:

- a) TDC had attended an award ceremony in London for their work at Caddsdwn, Bideford
- b) Talk on Bude Canal
- c) Bin bags – further discussions needed in TDC on question of charging for bin bags.

Resolved that Clerk write expressing Dolton's strong disapproval on charging for bin bags.

- d) Budget questionnaire would be sent to all councillors.

276. Cllr.Lock – MCTA meeting (formerly MCTI):-

- a) Langtree, Merton and Littleham were all working on village plans. Work in kind can no longer be included in a budget.
- b) Sustainability Community Bill details in reading file and also to be posted on noticeboard.

CORRESPONDENCE

277. Zurich playground inspection report – handed to Cllr.Kendrew.

278. Best Kept Village Competition – entry form for 2007. Resolved that Dolton enter again. Clerk reported that School had been awarded a framed Highly Commended Certificate which had been presented at an Achievers Assembly at the school.

279. Dolton School – concerns about site inspectors report and equipment on hard area. Both issues had been resolved.

280. TDC Standards Committee annual report for 2006 in reading file.

281. Police News letter – to be displayed on noticeboard.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

282. Cllr Kendrew – website address should be given in diary report.

283. Cllr.Berkley-Sage:-

- a) reported that a school child had had a slight accident on the hard area of playing field.
- b) could copies of letters sent by clerk be put in reading file. This was neither practical or common practice. All copy correspondence was available from the clerk on request.

284. Date of next meeting Monday 8th January 2007.

The Chairman wished all those present a Happy Xmas and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Signed.....chairman.....dated