

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 5th February 2007 7.30pm in Village Hall

- Present:** Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs.Heal, Giles, Grigg, Berkley-Sage, Kendrew Jury, Chivers and Silltow. The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock 31 members of the public
- Apologies:** none

The minutes of the meeting held 8th January 2007, having been duly circulated, were signed by the chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Silltow.
All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

324. Playing field toilet (min.289 refers) ongoing matter.

325. Drains Langham Cross (min.290 refers) DCC Highways reported that the road from Chapel Cross to Langham Chapel had been ploughed and swept. Chairman stressed that unless the drains were cleared the problem would remain

326. Housing Survey (min.291 refers) reply from TDC copied to each Councillor. Main points to arise:-

- a) not possible to state exact time period for how long survey will stand.
- b) TDC can use the document to assess Dolton housing needs.

327. Housing Association properties (min.292 refers) letter from Housing manager of TDC (copied to each Councillor) setting out the current allocation policy. Cllr.Giles reported on a young couple living in Dolton had rung up TDC and asked to be put on the housing list and to be sent a form. They were told that unless they were black, of ethnic minority, with a large family, wife pregnant – they stood no chance and it was a waste of time even sending them a form. Resolved that Clerk speak to the couple concerned, write to the Housing Dept. and contact our District Councillor.

328. Bin bags (min.293 refers) TDC Policy and Resources Committee had voted to keep free bin bags, now goes before a full council meeting.

329. Section 106 agreements (min.300 refers) reply from solicitor of TDC (copied to each Councillor) Main points:-

- a) comments concerning enforcement are his own not government guidelines. If Section 106 agreements are not drafted correctly or carefully enough, enforcement issues can arise.
- b) Orchard Gate phase 2 affordable houses – Section 106 sought to restrict the sale price. None have been sold therefore no breach. Such a 106 agreement would be drafted in a much better way, if prepared today.

Cllr Kendrew stated that we need government guidelines on enforcement issues, not the solicitors personal experiences – important that all councils work to same guidelines.
Resolved that Clerk write to TDC again.

330. Flower tubs Rectory Road (min.306 refers) to date no volunteers. Resolved that we ask again in the Dolton & Dowland Diary.

331. Aller Road hedges (min.318 refers) hedges of land farmed by W.Strawbridge had

been trimmed, but not those of Messrs.Saltmarsh and Jury.

332. Hectors Close Aller Road (min.319 refers)

a) DCC Highways are aware of the drainage problems, but TDC as the planning authority have powers of enforcement. Mr. Pickard would be in breach of his planning consent by allowing water from the site to flow onto the road both via run off and the spring. No reply received as yet from TDC or Mr.Pickard.

b)Hectors Close Rectory Road entrance – nothing on the planning approval for the reinstatement of the lane.

333. 30mph sign Rectory Road (min.320 refers) TDC Highways reported that the sign will be replaced “in the not too distant future”.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

334. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mr.K.Hardy	wages	£107.00
b) Mr.K.Hardy	expenses	£ 2.00
c) H.J.Ward	cement etc.(litter bin)	£ 10.28
d) Village Hall	hire	£ 6.60

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

335. Dolton Village Hall – letter received from Mr.N.Wood Chairman:-

a) Requesting that Parish Council apply and pay for the planning application for the refurbishment of the hall in the sum of £67.50, instead of £135.00. (*Cllr.Berkley-Sage declared a personal interest, sitting member of the village hall committee and did not take part in the discussion*). Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Jury that the Parish Council pay for and absorb this cost. All agreed. Cheque duly signed for the said amount.

b) Finance for refurbishment of the hall – request for financial assistance from the Parish Council. Copy letter, costings and plans in the reading file for Councillors to study. Resolved that this be discussed under financial matters in the March meeting.

336. County Councillor John Rawlinson – moneys available for certain village projects. Information in reading file for councillors to study and discuss in the March meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

337. Adjoining parish notices in the reading file.

338. Application to consider:-

a) Mrs.Crisp Cartlinhay Ext/COU garage to sitting room.
Council had no objection to this application but made the observation that the new window by the look of the drawings, would be immediately above an oil tank. Is this correct?

339. Permissions granted:-

a) Mr.Mrs.Hammond South Furlong Single storey extension & alterations to master bedroom

340. Refusals advised: None

DEED OF DEDICATION

341. Clerk had supplied Councillors with the following information:- notes from first

public meeting, minutes of meeting with Mr.P.Allin of NPFA, precis of various minutes concerning discussions on Deeds of Dedication, letters from the School and Football Club (Youth Committee had supplied each councillor with a letter) , 2 e-mails from NALC.. Cllr.Kendrew thanked the Clerk for all this information. The following comments were made by Councillors:-

- a) Cllr.Kendrew - felt that he now had answers to most of his queries. If Parish Council tier of councils disappear, the playing fields would still be protected by the NPFA. Deed of Dedication will protect playing fields from mistakes made by any Parish Councils. Public will have peace of mind. With charitable status, more money may be available to draw down
- b) Cllr.Lock: - would be happy to have a Deed of Rectification (Deed of Amendment) on the playing fields keeping the matter "in house" but not happy involving the NPFA.
- c) Cllr.Silltow: - If scheme taken with NPFA they inspect playground equipment free of charge. Trustees can bid for funding from NPFA, and they can also draw up work schemes.
- d) Cllr.Berkley-Sage: - football field is the only green space that the school can use. TDC have 3 sites included in the scheme in Bideford ie. Football and rugby grounds and KGV play area. Struggles to find any reasons not to enter such a scheme.
- e) Cllr.Giles: - cannot see any reason not to enter into a deed of dedication.
- f) Cllr.Heal: - Parish Councils have always protected their playing fields and sees no reason to change the situation.
- g) Cllr.Jury: - villagers that have lobbied her are not happy about entering into a deed of dedication with the NPFA.
- h) Cllr.Chivers: - she had been lobbied by cross section of villagers and comments were "it is being taken away from the area".
- i) Cllr.Grigg: - thought it a good idea to enter into a deed with the NPFA.

It was resolved that as Councillors had received three further pieces of information at the meeting, a decision would be delayed until the March meeting.

DESIGN STATEMENT

342. Cllr.Berkley-Sage had nothing further to report as very complex issue. Resolved that this be an ongoing agenda item.

DENNIS CROSS

343. Cllr.Jury reported as follows:-

- a) She thanked the Clerk for eventually obtaining a response from TDC concerning the Sec.106 agreement money due to the Parish Council.
- b) Tenders had been sent out to 3 contractors with sealed tenders to be returned to the Clerk by 19th February.
- c) Letters had been sent to 15 households closest to the playing field.
- d) 2 people had inspected the plans and were not happy with the path (letter from Mr.Mrs.Jenner in reading file).
- e) TDC letter states "moneys will be released on the completion of the scheme". Cllr.Jury had emphasised that the Sec.106 moneys were particularly for phase 1 of the three stage project ie. the path and small piece of equipment. If money not released after stage 1 then Parish Council may have to put the cost of phase 1 upfront.

Cllr.Jury was thanked for her continued work on this project.

FOOTBALL FIELD

344. The chairman confirmed that the piece of land donated by Mr. Mrs.J.Lock had been taken in hand to square off the football pitch. Resolved that:-

- a) 25 metres of hedge to be planted (no later than middle of March) Clerk to obtain prices for a variety of trees and a delivery date – to include a chestnut tree for the corner.
- b) Permanent fence of wooden rails/chain link fencing to be erected. Clerk to obtain quotes from Messrs.C.Weeks,R.Turner and S.Knight.

CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

345. Council resolved to send a copy of the Village Plan and would welcome a visit from a member of the Business & Enterprise Committee at a later date.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

346. Cllr.Lock reported on MCTA meeting – Winkleigh had set up a new committee to look into alternative development for the Airfield. However they are still concerned about the Winbeg appeal.

CORRESPONDENCE

347. Devon Playing Field Assoc. – winter newsletter in reading file.

348. Torrington Area Advisory meeting Tues.20th February. Cllr. Jury could not attend.

349. CDD Disability Access for halls – training courses/funding. Correspondence handed to Cllr.Chivers for the village hall.

350.. Calor Village of the Year competition – information in reading file for councillors to discuss at the next meeting.

351. TDC Progress update 2nd edition – in reading file.

352. TDC Parish council elections – notices of elections and nomination papers would be sent to the Clerk in March

353. TDC Invitation to become Parish Waste Champion:-

- a) TDC looking for 1 representative from each parish. Clerk to publicise in Diary and noticeboard
- b) This will be an agenda item at the Area Advisory meeting.

354. Post Office Network Consultation – information in reading file. Any response to be made by 8th March.

355. Landscapes Southwest (based in Launceston) offering ground maintenance works. Resolved that letter be kept on file.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

356. Cllr.Kendrew:-

- a) thanked Mrs.Coombes for her offer made in the public session to maintain the flower trough in Rectory Road.
- b) Mrs.Coopers property in Aller Road – loose slates on the roof were a danger to the walking public. Chairman to contact Dist.Cllr. for advice on best way of dealing with this matter.

357. Cllr.Jury:-

- a) green bins were being left on the roadside. Clerk to ask through the Diary that

with the Best Kept Village competition being entered again, that bins should not be left on the highway.

b) Emergency Village plans - can Clerk contact TDC to ascertain if they have a blueprint for villages to follow.

358. Cllr.Chivers – no bolt as yet fixed on the toilet door in the Square. Clerk to contact caretaker.

359. Date of next meeting Monday 5th March.

There being no further business, the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Signed

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