

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2015

IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Apologies: none

Present: Cllr J Lock –Chairman, Cllr Giles (vice-chair) Cllrs R Dunn, J Rolls, S Jury, N Walker, M Grigg, S Martindale, A Haynes the Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

Members were invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting.

Cllrs Lock and Jury declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall.

PUBLIC SESSION – no comments

53(15/16) MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 7TH September 2015 had been circulated and were signed as a true and correct record

54(15/16)CLERKS REPORT- The clerk reported Janice Alexander – Rural Housing Enabler – would be attending the November Council Meeting

55(15/16) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>+CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
DALC	Newsletter – email and reading file (includes guidance notes and application form for transparency funding	Email and reading file
SLCC	magazine	Reading file
Stones Solicitors	Informing of merger with Trowers & Hamblins LLP from 1 st October to be known as Trowers and Hamblins LLP(incorporating Stones).	noted
Zurich Insurance	Informing of insurance premium tax from 6%-9.5%	noted
Geoffrey Cox QC MP	Petition to improve our rural roads	Petition handed out to Councillors
Devon Highways	Invite to parish and town council conference at Bradford and Cookbury village hall Wed 21 st Oct.	Have booked 2 places
Hugh Griffith – snow warden co -coordinator	Request for update of snow warden details	
Devon Highways- Rob Turner	Urban grass cutting options	Obtain more information and agenda item for next meeting
North Devon Health Care trust	Pulse magazine	email
Boundary commission	Consultation in north devon	Reading file
Ilfracombe & district transport minibuses	Donation request	Deferred to nov meeting- agenda item grants

56(15/16)FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay 5th October 2015

Mrs W Holland	Home office – sept		10.00	844
Mr D Lock	Grass cutting monthly charge +verge cutting		259.00	845
Mr M Lock	Sept caretaking+ wash down and remove weeds from footpath		126.00	846
D&D village Hall	sept meeting		12.00	847
Sww ltd	Fixed charges for water and sewerage		14.00	848

Proposed Cllr Rolls seconded Cllr Giles

Cheque signatories – Cllrs Walker and Grigg

Invoices checked by – Cllr Haynes

b) income - TDC 2nd half precept £5161.06

c) quarterly bank reconciliation was distributed and is attached to the minutes.

d) 6 month budget report was presented to council

7.55PM- WARD COUNCILLOR ROSEMARY LOCK ARRIVED ALONG WITH CLLR JANE WHITTAKER THE LEADER OF TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL – THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. THE MEETING WAS SUSPENDED TO ALLOW JANE WHITTAKER TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.
8.45PM – WARD COUNCILLOR ROSEMARY LOCK AND CLLR JANE WHITTAKER LEFT. COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED

57(15/16) PLANNING

- a) Applications to consider –1/0848/2015/FUL – Barlands House –convert into 3 dwellings –Council had no objection but felt the plans were poor with little detail on room use in the development.
1/0947/2015/TCA – Hilltop, Cleave Hill – crown reduction and trim by 25% 2 x beech and 3 x oak trees. Council had no objection but noted the trees were not oaks.
- b) Permissions granted– 1/0492/2015CPE – Eastlake farm, - use as 3 separate dwellings.
1/0914/2015/TCA -Dolton School – polland 1 x beech tree
- c) Permissions refused – 1/0842/2015/AGMB – Chaffcutters Lodge, Dolton – farm building – prior notification of change of use Class Q(a) to 3 dwellings
- d) Any other planning matters – none

58(15/16)PARISH GROUNDS

- a) Football field – i)land registration – nothing to report
- b) Dennis Cross Playing field – nothing to report
- c) Memorial Garden – Remembrance Day - Cllr Rolls agreed to lower the Flag on behalf of the Council. Councillors were reminded that flower pots had to be moved. It was agreed a wreath would be laid on behalf of the Parish Council.

59(15/16)TRAFFIC AND MAINTENANCE

- i)Asset Report Cllr Rolls presented a report of the councils assets. It was agreed repairs to the bus shelter in the square- roof (ridge tiles) - should be carried out this financial year. Enquiries to be made about obtaining the wooded shingle roof tiles.
- ii) Pride in Our Village – it was decided there was no need for this event this autumn. The table and benches in Dennis Cross were in need of teak oil treatment. Cllr Walker offered some teak oil and the caretaker was asked to treat. The hedge in Brook Road was very overgrown on the corner. Cllr Lock would speak to the landowner.
- iii) landscaping/planting village tubs – the offer to do this had been withdrawn – Marion Marshal is happy to continue as before.
- iv) flower tubs in square – no progress
- v) village bins – the clerk had spoken to the road sweeper who said Dolton was generally very tidy and in his opinion there was no need for more bins in the village. It was decided to follow his advice.
- vi) The dog bin in Aller Road had not been moved, the clerk had contacted TDC who said it would now be moved in October.

vii) Driving Safer for longer course – Friday 9th October –Dolton Village Hall.

60(15/16) COUNCIL WEB SITE- The working party would meet in the near future and report to the next meeting.

61(15/16) TAP FUND – village IT to be investigated

62(15/16) MEETINGS ATTENDED – none – next advisory 20th October 2015.

63(15/16) ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR OR FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA – Bush in Martins Lane by kissing gate very overgrown – homeowner to be asked to cut back by Cllr Lock January meeting to be on Monday 11th January 2016.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 2nd November 2015

MEETING CLOSED 9.25PM

There was then a Part 2 and members of the public were asked to leave the room.

Signed.....Date.....

**DOLTON PARISH
COUNCIL**

QUARTERLY BALANCES

**NATWEST CURRENT ACCOUNT
51507951
30/6/15-30/9/15**

Bal b/f 30/6/15		<u>8,809.27</u>
pus current a/c receipts	5,411.06	
sub total		<u>14,220.33</u>
Less payments to 30/09/15	1,091.49	
balance at 30/9/15		13,128.84
Statement to 30/09/15		<u>13,145.83</u>
outstanding cheques	841	6.00
	843	10.99
	844	10.00
	845	259.00
	846	126.00
	847	12.00
	848	14.00
total outstanding	437.99	
BALANCE		<u>12,707.84</u>

**RESERVE ACCOUNT
51538520**

Bal b/f 29/5/15		20,822.96
interest 30/6/15		0.73
interest 31/7/15		0.70
interest 28/8/15		0.64
interest 30/9/15		0.75
BALANCE 30/9/15		<u>20,825.78</u>

**LIQUIDITY MANAGER 95 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT
51573148**

bal b/f 27/6/15		41,244.04
interest 30/7/15		7.01
interest 30/8/15		6.33
BALANCE 31/8/15		<u>41,264.61</u>

