

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr J Lock, Chair, Cllrs C.Giles, S.Jury, R. Dunn, M. Grigg, and N.Walker, the Clerk and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr J Rolls, Cllr W Byrne and Ward Cllr R Lock

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November, having been circulated, were signed as being a true and correct record on the **Proposal of Cllr Jury Seconded by Cllr Giles.**

101 (11/12) Matters arising from the Minutes - None

102(11/12) Correspondence

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Victim Support	Thanks for donation of £50. Due to the generosity of people like yourselves we are able to continue our support for victims of crime	Noted
SWHighways	Road closure Village to Chapple Cross 20/1/12 to 26/1/12 Chapple Cross via Langham to Broadmead 27/1/12 to 9/2/12. Between 08.00-18.00. Diversion routes will be signed from each end of closures	Noted – details to go on Notice-board
Sarah Radford NPS	Re-drafting of Licence to School for use of playing field	Agenda item 8.
Mr Derek Thorp	DVG future direction / Housing Needs Survey- copied to Cllrs	Agenda item 9.
Kieran McGinley	Request for donation to assist in taking part in a world challenge trip to Marrakech next July. Has to raise £1049.	
Mr. Sorenson / Mr. Madge	Letter 29/11/11 Mr/Mrs Madge and earlier Emailed correspondence re Residential Development Cleave Hill – copied to Cllrs	Agenda item 7.
Dolton Rangers FC	Grass cutting of pitch & request for a grant	Agenda item 8.
Mr Alan Haynes	Application to be Co-Opted to fill vacancy on PC	Agenda item next meeting

103(11/12) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lock and Cllr Jury each declared a personal interest in Dolton & Dowland Village Hall.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Name	Subject	Response
Mrs Madge	Youth Committee funds	Will enquire for guidance from DALC

104 (11/12) FINANCE

a) Accounts to pay

Name	Item	VAT	Total	Cheque No.
Mrs J Sidey	Home use £10. Postage £6.16; Ink £17.50		£33.66	
D&D Village Hall	Hire: PC £10.00; VG £6.00;		£16.00	

It was Proposed by Cllr Dunn and Seconded by Cllr Grigg that the above accounts be paid.

All in favour. Cheque signatories: Cllr Giles and Cllr Walker

b). Income – None. Balance in Curr.Acc. £6819.86 less above cheques. Balance in Dep Acc. £20,788.07

c). Any other financial matters: i) Precept: Following a discussion on anticipated expenditure in 2012/2013 it was unanimously agreed that the Precept should remain as last year at £12,300.

ii). The request for a donation received from Kieran McGinley was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that this should be refused on the grounds that to do so could involve the Council in having to give similar donations to others in the parish taking part in this or similar expeditions and in addition each person taking part is supposed to raise the money by their own efforts. Clerk to write suitable letter of refusal.

105(11/12) PLANNING

a. Applications to consider – none

b. Permissions granted – 1/0891/2011/FUL 20 Stafford Way –Single storey extension; 1/0904/2011/EXT Neals Family Butchers – ext of time of PP

c. Refusals advised – none

d. To receive any other planning matters : The final paragraph of Mr Madge's letter advising of the cessation of drainage provision onto the Residential Development Site at Cleave Hill from the Football Field was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Sorenson of DCC Highways to arrange a site meeting for himself and the Parish Council in the new year to discuss ways of dealing with the water drainage from the Football Field.

106(11/12) PARISH GROUNDS

1. **Specification for Grass cutting/village maintenance contract.** A second draft Specification was discussed and Cllr Dunn will email suggested amendments to the Clerk for a third draft to be drawn up for discussion at January meeting.

2. **Football Field.**

DCC/School. Revised draft clauses for the License Agreement for the school to continue to use the field have been received from Mrs Sarah Radford and the Parish Council are happy with the amendments. Setting of the rent cannot be decided until new Tenders for grass cutting are received and new Contract fixed from April 2012.

3. **Dennis Cross. Weekly Playground Inspections.**

Cllr Dunn gave a report on the state of the boundary wood and wire fence between Brook Cottage and the playing field and recommended its complete replacement as soon as weather permits next Spring. Cllr Jury has contacted Sutcliffe Play to enquire if they can provide a protective barrier assembly for the swings and what the cost would be and also the cost to replace the missing rubber covers on the Actizone Multi-play Climber and is awaiting hearing from them.

107(11/12)Parish Action Plan - Dolton Vision Group

The meeting of the Vision Group planned for Monday 14th November has taken place and was well attended. The Housing Survey and the future of the Dolton Vision Group were discussed. Maria Bailey has been in discussion with Rachel Webdell of TDC Housing regarding the conclusions to the Housing Survey but was not able to report back to the Parish Council in time for this meeting. Mr Thorp's letter was discussed and Cllr Dunn will email information on the background to the Vision Group's formation and aims to him. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge Mr Thorp's letter which will be discussed again in the new year.

108(11/12)Parish Emergency Planning

In the absence of Cllr Byrne, Cllr Jury reported that a date for the Snow Warden instruction and also the issue of free grit/salt was being arranged by the Snow Warden.

109(11/12)Maintenance and Traffic Issues

1. A letter has been received from SWH to say that the road from Dolton Village to Chapple Cross will be closed on Friday 20th January until Thursday 26th January 2012 and also the road from Chapple Cross via Langham to Broadmead on Friday 27th January until Thursday 9th February 2012 will be closed for machine patching works between the hours of 08.00 and 18.00. Diversion routes will be signed and maintained from each end of the closures. Maps and details will be displayed on the Notice Board in January.
2. Cllr Giles reported that the Rubbish Collection Vehicle drives up Chapel Street from Stafford Hill, ignoring the one-way signs. Cllr Jury has also seen this on many occasions and despite this having been pointed out to the driver, the practice continues. Clerk to write a letter of complaint to TDC asking for the driver to be instructed to obey the road signage. This is also an ongoing problem in Aller Road with motorists ignoring the one-way signs and the Clerk to write to DCC Highways requesting directional arrows be painted on the road surfaces in Chapel Street and also particularly at the Hectors Close junction in Aller Road for traffic exiting Hectors Close to turn left onto the one-way system.
3. The Clerk was asked to report water pooling on the roads in West Lane, Breaky Lane, and Stafford Hill by the Sewage Works where the culvert has been blocked for many months.
4. Cllr Jury reported that the Litter Bin fixed to the telegraph pole at the top of Dillons Lane has been removed. Clerk to ask TDC to replace it.
5. Complaints have been received that the pool of water at the edge of Aller Road where the bungalow is being erected by Dixon Construction has been there for more than six months with no effort being made to remedy this. The Clerk had taken photographs and informed TDC and the Environment Agency in May but still no action had been taken. Neighbouring properties adjacent to the site were now suffering from rising damp, flooding and water-logged ground. Clerk to contact the Planning Department again and TDC Ward Cllr will make enquiries.
6. BT have remedied the problem with the door of the Telephone Kiosk in the Square and it now opens easily.

110(11/12)Proposed Memorial Seat – Rectory Road

Permission to site the seat has been received. Mr Hooper has been advised.

111(11/12)Meetings Attended. The Chairman had attended the GTCLP Meeting and gave a verbal report.

112(11/12)Any Other Business.

Cllr Grigg had noticed that the Union Flag in the Memorial Garden is becoming frayed. To be replaced after the winter is over.

Cllr Jury asked for assistance in moving the pots in the Memorial Garden which are too heavy for her to move. Cllr Dunn will assist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday 9th January at 7.30 p.m.

Signed.....

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