

## **Dolton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Heal, Giles, Berkley-Sage, Siltow, Kendrew, Jury  
Grigg (left 9.35pm) The Clerk Mrs.Lock, Mr. S.Gaskin, Mrs.C.Patchett  
19 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr.Chivers (away) Dist.Cllr.Ferguson (TDC meeting)

806.Torridge Volunteering Group – the Chairman introduced Mr.S.Gaskin and Mrs.C.Patchett who gave a resume of their organisation and work. Main points as follows:-

- a) They are based in Torrington and have several different projects eg. Time Bank, Grass Roots The aim is to create more activity in rural areas with the older age groups.
- b) GrassRoots project covers 63 parishes throughout Torridge and covers the whole spectrum of ages. They have organised such events as group first aid training, and they can organise such things as police checks.
- a) They are running a coffee morning in conjunction with the Village Hall mini market on 10<sup>th</sup> March . Various leaflets and posters were left and would be displayed around the village.

The Vice Chairman thanked Mr.Gaskin and Mrs.Patchett for their attendance and input to the meeting.

810. The minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with one amendment – min. 800 words to be added “Cllr.Berkley-Sage stated that the allegations were unfounded as she was not a Parish Councillor at the time of the allegation”. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr. Jury. All agreed.

### ***MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES***

811. Pavement Arscotts Cottage (min.762 refers) Mr.W.Jury had reported to the Chairman that he was not allowed to do this highway work under a separate contract from DCC Highways. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Heal that DCC Highways now be asked to carry out this work.

812. Football field toilet block (min.763 refers) plumbing work finished all by fitting one washer. Cllr.Kendrew had sealed the entrance off and would now obtain price for a new door and window, which would be fitted by a working party.

813. Muga/Skateboard area DCC Education Dept (min.765 refers) DCC replied that although Dolton School is VA, provision of play areas comes under their remit, and the proposals for Dolton playing field are interesting. DCC to report back again concerning the lease arrangements.

814. Footpath Stafford Way (min.767 refers) the question of keeping the walkway clean had been referred by TDC to their Operational Services Dept.

815. Orchard Gate Phase 2 affordable houses (min.768 refers) no further information from Mr.M.Brown’s office until 9<sup>th</sup> Feb .

816. Muga/skateboard area (min. 769 refers) trial plot had been dug by Mr.M.Cowell free of charge.

817. Deeds of Dedication (min.789 refers) meeting fixed for Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Advertised in

Feb.diary and will be in March diary. Resolved to send letter to school about the meeting.

818.Best Kept Village Competition (min.801 refers) results from last year were copied for each Councillor to identify weak areas to be worked on. Resolved this be an agenda item next meeting.

819. Highway matters (min.802 refers) DCC Highways had been busy in various areas of the village.

820.TDC Planning Guides (min.806c refers) Clerk had obtained 12 copies. These were available for members of the public at this meeting, as not room to leave them in the Post Office.

### ***FINANCIAL MATTERS***

821.Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:

a) Mr.K.Hardy	wages	£101.00
b) Village Hall	hire	£ 6.60

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

822.Muga/skateboard work – Clerk reported 1.50 hours spent this month. Resolved that this arrangement continued.

### ***PLANNING MATTERS***

823.Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.

824. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr. Mrs.Genge                      Ashbourne House                      single storey rear extension.  
Parish Council had no objection so long as the proposed extension does not interfere with neighbouring properties.

b) Mr.Mrs.Madge                      land south of Edgefield                      approval of reserved matters.  
(Cllr.Jury – work may involve son, Cllr.Lock – neighbour, Cllr.Berkeley-Sage – supporter of DRAG declared interests and left the room) Parish Council made the following comments:

i) Design: pleased to see natural stone being used which will blend in with the side of the hill. Tarka 2 and Taw 2 conservatories should be wood not plastic as the design statement boasts of “white painted wood windows and doors.”

ii) Site layout: some plots seem to be close to the main road. Plots 6 and 7 should have frosted glass in rear windows to minimise effect on neighbouring properties.

iii) Landscaping: there should be higher general screening for neighbouring properties.

iv) Vehicular access: the access splay could be made wider.

v) Pedestrian access: where is the pedestrian access into the village? This cannot be up Cleave Hill which is too dangerous as there is no pavement. It was agreed that a right of way can be made through the Parish Council owned playing field following the line of the hedge, and then into the existing entrance of the playing field. However, this must be at no cost to the Parish Council.

c) Ms.J.Watts                      London House                      demolition of existing rear sheds  
replace with new. Shop front  
alterations

(Cllr.Lock – worked on property and Cllr.Berkeley-Sage – friend, declared interests and left the room)

Parish Council made the following comments:-

- i) Shop front alteration – no objection, the design will enhance the property.
- ii) New rear extension – no objection

825. Permissions granted:-

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| a) Mr.Mrs. R.Turner   | land Buckland Hill    | dwelling              |
| b) Mr.Mrs.F.McCulloch | Greenbank Barfield Rd | double garage         |
| c) Mr.Mrs.Gale        | Northfield Cottage    | ground floor bathroom |

826. Refusals:- none advised

827. TDC Local Development Core Strategy – key topics across the district. This will be an ongoing process of continual involvement for the community. Copy supplied to each councillor for feedback at the next meeting. Resolved that this circular be made available to members of the public on request, displayed on the noticeboard and printed in the magazine.

### ***PLAY EQUIPMENT DENNIS CROSS***

828. Cllr.Kendrew reported on the slide. The model ordered should have been “high pedestal” model no. 6050-062 not the “medium pedestal” as quoted at the last meeting. This would involve extra cost of £495.60 made up as to cost of slide £3094.00 plus 5% carriage of £154.70 a total of £3248.70. Resolved that with this amendment all the equipment now be ordered.

### ***DESIGN STATEMENT***

829. Clerk reported that TDC had sent book of listed buildings of Dolton. With regard to large scale os map with individual buildings identified- we would have to supply own os maps and take information of their archive maps which cannot be removed from TDC offices. All councillors had been sent copy of e.mail circulated by Cllr.Silltow to members of the original steering committee for their information.

830 Cllr.Kendrew reported that TDC, without an appraisal, will not adopt a design statement as a supplementary planning document – this could cost £10,000 plus. East Devon District Council welcome design statements and encourage them. Anything in the pipeline will still effect the local plan. They try and do “in house appraisals”. Tanya Millard of CCD reported hardly any District Councils have facilities to do appraisals. Councils are stuck in limbo because “the bar has been sent too high” by the Government.

831. Cllr.Silltow reported that a design statement would not be difficult to produce. From information he obtained we would only have to look at seven different objectives.

832. Cllr.Berkley-Sage reported on a Council in Surrey where a design statement was “an afternoons work”.

833. In the light of such conflicting information, proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr. Berkley-Sage that Cllr.Silltow send all the new information to TDC for their information and clarification and ideas for the best way forward. All agreed.

### ***FOOTBALL FIELD***

834. All Councillors had been sent a copy of Mr. Williams’s feasibility study concerning the downsizing of the muga/skateboard areas. Chairman and Vice Chairman both thanked Mr. Williams for his work. Resolved that copies of this report be sent to the Football Club and the

Youth Committee. The Football Club had written letter regarding the same facilities, copy provided for each Councillor. Resolved that until the Edgefield planning is resolved, the matter cannot be taken forward.

### ***COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED***

835. Cllr.Lock – MCTI meeting – items discussed included the High Bickington project and how the judicial review went, and the Roborough project. AGM is on 29<sup>th</sup> March at the Bluecoat School Torrington.

836. Cllr.Jury – Area Advisory meeting – meeting disrupted by protestors over the increased parking charges in Torrington. The meeting was a disgrace and many Parish Council representatives left. The new chief executive gave a report on progress being made by the Council, Mr.. Green spoke on future planning matters, and the new Youth Councillor was introduced to the meeting.

837. The Clerk had attended a course on portfolio training for Quality Councils. Only two Clerks present. Very informative. Quality Council to be an agenda item next meeting.

### ***DATE OF MARCH MEETING***

838. Meeting scheduled for Mon.6<sup>th</sup> March – Clerk will be out of the country. Resolved that meeting be rescheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> March, (Youth Committee changing date of their meeting).

### ***CORRESPONDENCE***

839. Allin Bewes, Chair of Scrutiny 2 Committee TDC – looking in depth at some policies of TDC planning documents and asking for Parish Council comments as follows:

- a) ability to convert redundant buildings for local residential needs rather than for only commercial or holiday use. Parish Council would support this if viable, but barn conversions cost more to change into houses and would therefore not be affordable.
- b) very small privately owned individual plots of land sometimes are made available in rural villages but are designated as being “in the open countryside”. Parish Council would support the idea that such small individual plots could be used for single local needs affordable houses.

840. South West Forest – Land Between the Moors AGM 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. Nobody available to attend.

841. DPFA – results of survey for outdoor sports/play areas in the reading file.

842. DCC RocKETS grant application forms in reading file for councillors attention to consider if they can think of any schemes that fit the grant criteria.

843. Ecotricity – a feasibility study being carried out by this firm concerning 8 wind turbines at Hollocombe Moor Winkleigh has been brought to the chairman’s attention. Information in reading file.

### ***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

844. Cllr.Heal:-

- a) village hall heating system appears to be a problem.
- b) can the Clerk ascertain the gritting policies of the DCC Highways Dept., especially when parish areas overlap, as Kingsford Hill is no longer gritted.

845. Cllr.Giles – has written off for an information pack on the the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

846. Cllr.Berkley-Sage – rubbish should not be left at the entrance to the football field all week. This should be taken home. Football Club to be informed.

847. Cllr.Kendrew:-

a) Cuppers Peace (Beaford parish) rubbish along the roadside is a disgrace. To be reported to TDC and enquire if there is any help available for the owners of such properties.

b) Golf Moor Road – roadside rubbish needs removing.

c) Parish Plan – an agenda item next meeting.

d) In order to make various publications easily available to the public, other than displayed in the noticeboard, perhaps “plastic hanging sleeves” could be purchased and kept in the Post Office.

848. Cllr.Jury – the hedge outside the property Honeysuckle Cottage Chapel Street has still not been trimmed back, and is causing damage to vehicles.

849. Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10pm.

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