

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr J Lock, Chair, Clls S.Jury, W. Byrne, J.Rolls, A.Haynes, R.Dunn, N.Walker, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllrs C.Giles and M. Grigg

126(11/12) MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January, having been circulated, were signed as being a true and correct record subject to an amendment that in Matters Arising from the Minutes Cllr Dunn had queried whether the names of members of the public who speak in the public section should be minuted had been omitted”.

Proposed by Cllr Jury seconded by Cllr Rolls and carried

127(11/12) CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Fields in Trust	Further invitation to join the scheme	Reading file
Diamond Jubilee Ctt	Request for funding	Agenda item 6
CCD	Free event “Planning System explained” Tue 6 March, Okehampton 10.00-1.00p.m.Booking essential	Reading file and emailed Names to Clerk asap
Community Leadership SW	News for Towns and Parishes	Reading file and emailed
NALC	Policy Consultation on Allocation of Accommodation	Reading file and emailed
NHS North Devon	Launch of new PULSE newsletter	Reading file
NALC	Reminder to register QEII Jubilee Beacon lighting	Agenda item 9
NALC	Legal Briefing on using Royal Names and Titles in Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Year	Reading file
Rural Services Network	Parishes pilot neighbourhood plans	Reading file and emailed
DPFA	Newsletter	Reading file
Dolton AFC	AFC will not be taking up grant offer-not cost effective	Noted. Agenda item 6.
GTLocal Comm Part	Minutes of last meeting	Reading file
Torr Area Advis. Gp	Agenda and Minutes of 20 Sept.	Reading file
Mrs Dawn Madge	Issues with PC’s discussion on Action Plan/Vision Group	Agenda item 10

128(11/12) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lock and Cllr Jury each declared personal interests in all matters relating to Dolton & Dowland Village Hall and Diamond Jubilee Committee

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Name	Subject	Response
Mr M Lock	Drains	Will notify Highways

129(11/12)FINANCIAL MATTERS

Name	Item	VAT	Total	Cheque No.
Mrs J Sidey	Clerk's expenses £10 home use, £4.32 postage, printing ink x 2=25.90		£40.22	
D&D Village Hall	Hire of Hall –PC Meeting £10.00 ; Jubilee Meeting £8.00		£18.00	

Proposed the above accounts be paid: Cllr W Byrne Seconded: Cllr J Rolls
Cheque Signatures: Cllr. R Dunn and Cllr N Walker

- b). Income – Payment rec'd from Roborough PC for training £42.56
Balance in Curr.Acc. £7,258.22 less above cheques. Balance in Dep Acc. £20,789.59
- c).Any other financial matters: None

130(11/12) PLANNING

- 5a. Applications to consider – none
- 5b. Permissions granted – none
- 5c. Refusals advised - none
- 5d. To receive any other planning matters : Consultation requested on the application to erect 3 wind turbines in Winkleigh Parish. Response: Dolton Parish Council can see both sides of the argument and have no further comment to make on this application.

131(11/12) PARISH GROUNDS

- (i) Specification for new grass cutting/village maintenance contract was agreed after further minor amendment, and an advertisement is to be placed in the NDJ, Dolton Website and parish notice boards.
- (ii) Football Field Drainage. A meeting has been held with Mr Sorenson of DCC as arranged when he verbally confirmed that it should be possible for water to be drained into the system for the Edgefield site at the appropriate time and a letter confirming this would be sent to the Clerk. To date the letter has not been received.
- (iii)Dennis Cross. Cllr Dunn has replaced the faulty spring on the gate. The litter bin is full and has not been emptied for some time. Clerk to ask Simmons Services for the key to the bins so that they can be emptied.
- Cllr Jury has still not heard from Sutcliffe Play. Clerk was asked to send them a reminder.

132(11/12)QEII JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS

- i. At the Public Meeting on 25th January a Committee of volunteers was formed to manage and decide on the form village celebrations should take. Mr E Levett is to Chair the committee, Secretary Mr P Donovan and Treasurer Mrs J Stanford. A first committee meeting is arranged for 7th February. A letter has been received from Mr Levett requesting a donation from the Parish Council to kick start the fund raising Cllrs Lock and Jury having declared an interest as committee members took no part in this item. Cllr Haynes suggested that the response should be that the Parish Council is minded to give a donation of £400 when the Committee has held a meeting and decided a programme of the events to be held and what fund raising towards it will be undertaken by themselves and notified the Parish Council. On the Proposal of Cllr Dunn, seconded by Cllr Byrne it was agreed that £400. would be a suitable donation.
- ii. A replacement union flag is required and Cllr Haynes will make enquiries on price for a better quality material flag.
- iii. Cllr Jury suggested that it might be possible, subject to a successful grant application, to purchase a piece of exercise equipment for adults which would be a lasting reminder of the Jubilee, if the Parish Council would agree for it to be sited at Dennis Cross. Cllr Jury then proposed, seconded by Cllr Rolls with all in favour, that such a piece of equipment if obtained would be sited at Dennis Cross.

133(11/12) PARISH PLAN

- i. **Housing Survey.** Having had time to read the amended Housing Survey received from GM Planning on 8th January 2012, and taking into account that the Parish Plan will soon be due to be reviewed, it was unanimously decided to accept the amended survey and work with the identified need for 7 housing units shown in the survey. The Clerk was asked to send the amended Housing

Survey to the Dolton Website. Cllr Lock commented that at the moment no-one has been able to formulate a way for the Parish Plan to be updated and rolled forward in an acceptable way to reflect changing social needs.

- ii. **Vision Group.** Taking into account the decision to accept the findings of the Housing Survey and the content of Mrs Madge's letter on the Vision Group, it was agreed, on the proposition of Cllr Dunn, seconded by Cllr Jury that the Vision Group should now focus on a variety of topics and that to function in a co-ordinated manner, a Chairman and a Secretary need to be appointed at the next meeting to lead the Group forward. Topics for the meeting to be Local Economy, the Environment, Stronger and safer Community, Traffic and Transport. The Clerk was asked to prepare suitable Posters for the meeting arranged to take place on 27th February at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

134(11/12) EMERGENCY PLANNING

Cllr Byrne was pleased to announce that following the application of a lot of pressure, the long awaited 4 tonnes of salt had been delivered and now volunteers are required to move the bags into storage. Cllrs Rolls, Haynes, Walker and Lock will assist.

135(11/12) HIGHWAYS

Improvements to Dolton Beacon crossing. The Clerk has received an "off the record" telephone call from Mike Newcombe, the Road Safety Officer to say that he has now formulated details of what he considers a "do-able" proposal, which he has forwarded to DCC Cllr Andy Boyd for his comments, following which he will write to the Parish Council.

Clerk to inform Highways of drains which still require attention.

136(11/12) MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Jury had attended the Advisory Group meeting in Torrington, which had include discussion on TDC Policy on wind turbines.

137(11/12) DOLTON YOUTH COMMITTEE

As requested Cllr Dunn had checked back through the information he has and could not find any reference to a written constitution and also spoken with a previous committee member who recalled that Mr Burnage as being the Chairman. Clerk was asked to contact Mr Clive Burnage.

138(11/12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Jury mentioned the problem of dog fouling of the walkway between Rectory Road and Orchard Gate. Clerk has obtained notices and stickers.

Cllr Dunn spoke on the subject of litter strewn around the Parish.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday 5th March at 7.30 p.m.

Signed.....

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