

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr J Lock, Chairman, Cllrs Burnage, Giles, Byrne, Jury, Rolls, Boyes, Partridge the Clerk and 7 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr M. Grigg (Funeral mtg.)

The Minutes of the meeting held on August 2nd 2010, having been circulated, were signed by the Vice-chairman as being a true and correct record subject to the following amendments.

42 (10/11) a.

"Cllr Burnage thought the development too far out and would not discourage people from driving to the village shop" should read "Cllr Burnage said that the site couldn't be any further from all the existing facilities and amenities and therefore does not help to discourage car use, which is heavily promoted by sustainability policies these days."

"he also thought that an updated Housing Needs Survey would establish if a need for the development exists" should read "Cllr Burnage said that the Local Authority could not make a decision without up to date information.", "has there been any public consultation under DVT2?" should read "there hadn't been any public consultation which is strongly advised by the Local Authority" and also "that the location of the site does not sit well with the DVT2 policy." "The Chairman temporarily closed the meeting to hear from DVG members." should read "The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to hear from DVG members."

42 (10/11) d. ii.

"Dugouts on the football field. No objections but not to use metal sheets in the construction." should include after the word construction "but metal sheets would be acceptable on the roof with appropriate sharp edge protection."

Proposed: Cllr Boyes

Seconded: Cllr Byrne

Agreed

44(10/11) Matters Arising from the Minutes -

There was a short debate on the approved comments sent to the Planning Department (Minute 42(10/11)).

45(10/11) Correspondence

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Licensing Manager TDC	Consultation on second review of Statement of Licensing Policy with draft policy and questionnaire – comments by 8 th October	Circulated by email and reading file
TDC Malcolm Harris	Reviewing Parish Plans requesting current status of Plan	Update forwarded
DALC	Booking form and details on Empowering Communities in Devon - a local perspective Fee £15 + VAT/person	Reading file
DALC	DALC AGM Sat.25 Sept. at County Hall with debate on matters put forward by members- suitable resolutions to be submitted by 17 th Sept.	Reading file contains AGM Minutes 2009; Annual Report 09/10. Attendees?
Environment Agency	Emergency Planning follow-up (mainly re flooding)	Reading file
TDC	Torridge View Community Magazine	Reading file
DALC – Lesley Smith	Draft submission on legislative reforms for info	Reading file
Zurich	Confirming cover for Cllr doing play inspections under Public Liability section.	Noted

Cardiac Science	Defibrillator – medical device correction mandatory software update available	Forward to 1 st Responders?
GT&District LCP Market & Coastal Towns Initiative	Agenda, Minutes & Draft Review document	Circulated by email and Reading file
Lesley Smith	Consultation doc. for parishes to respond on how land can be designated as National Park or AONB by 8 th October	Circulated by email and Reading file
Village Green	2010 Rural Communities Conference 20 OCTOBER Woolfardisworthy Comm. Hall	Reading File
NALC	Policy Consultation –Changes to Big Lottery Grand Funding	Reading File
DALC	Newsletter	Reading File
SW Highways	Notification of road closure 17-22 November – Beaford	On Notice Board
Mr Golding	Road Signs indicating Cul-de-Sacs	Forward to TDC

46(10/11) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Lock and Jury declared personal interests in respect of matters relating to the Village Hall.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman suspended the meeting to invite members of the Public to speak.

Name	Subject	Response
Mr D O'Brien	Lorries turning in Orchard Gate	Noted
Mr R.Dunn	Wood Farm Planning Application	Noted
Mr D O,Brien	Procedure on suspending Standing Orders and GM Planning Services.	Noted
Mrs D. Madge	GM Planning Services Letter not yet discussed by Vision Group	Noted

47(10/11) Finance

a) Accounts to pay

Supplier	Description	VAT	Total	Chq.No
Mrs J Sidey	Clerk wages 3 Aug- 6 Sept. (inc) 5 weeks @ 8 hrs per week = 40 hrs @ £8.34 £333.60 £10 home office, Stationery & Printer Ink £29.56		£373.16	473
Village Hall	Hire- 2 nd August		10.00	474
All In Turfing Co.	Turf for Memorial Garden		168.00	475
Emma Simmons	Cleaning supplies for public toilet		10.24	476

Proposed: Cllr Boyes Seconded: Cllr Rolls that the accounts be paid. All Agreed

Cheque Signatures: Cllr Partridge and Cllr Giles

b. Income – A VAT refund £567.76, £10. hire of Dennis Cross by PCC and £10 hire of Football Field by Horticultural Society have been received.

c. Any other financial matters: The Clerk reported a Current Acc. Balance of £10,042.52 (includes above income) less above accounts to pay.

48(10/11) Planning

a. Applications considered:

- i. **1/0591/2010/LBC Corner Cottage North Street Dolton – Removal of asbestos corrugated sheets and replace with traditional corrugated steel profile sheeting.** No objections. The removed asbestos sheets should be handled with care and safely and correctly disposed of in accordance with current regulations.
- ii. **1/0269/2010/FUL Wood Farm, Dolton – Change of use and conversion of outbuildings to holiday accommodation.** No objections, but regarding the Roundhouse it appears that not much of the existing roundhouse will be preserved and the proposed structure seems to have a larger footprint than the existing roundhouse. If this application is approved under “Tourism Accommodation Justification” the building should always remain as Tourism Accommodation (Holiday letting) only.

b. Permissions granted – none

c. Refusals advised – none

d. To receive any other planning issues – none

49(10/11) Parish Grounds

i. Dennis Cross. Cllr Jury had noticed that the grass had been cut but not picked up as it should have been. The Chairman will speak to Simmons Services about this. Cllr Jury had obtained three quotations for a further piece of apparatus following consultation with older children. and after discussion on the withdrawal of the £10,000 needed to cover the cost, and the timescale, the Chairman to ascertain from the Bank details for encashing the £60,000 Bond. It was noted that confirmation had been received from Zurich that public liability cover was in place for a Cllr. to undertake weekly inspections of the play equipment, so regular weekly inspections with appropriate inspection recording can now begin (Cllr. Burnage).

ii. Football Field. It had been noted that dogs had been taken into the field by local residents attending the recent Cricket Match following the Horticultural Society Annual Show despite a sign on the gate banning dogs, other than guide dogs. Cllr Jury had spoken with the people concerned and had inspected the sign on the gate but found it to be so faded it is almost unreadable. The Clerk was asked to purchase a replacement sign. All in favour

iii. War Memorial Garden. The newly laid grass is well established and has been cut but not short enough and the Chairman will contact Simmons Services for it to be cut again. Cllr Jury volunteered to purchase new plants for the pots and do the planting. All in favour.

50(10/11) Parish Action Plan. Cllr Burnage gave an update on the work of the Dolton Vision Group who have had an initial meeting with GM Planning Services to ascertain if their expertise would enhance the work of the Vision Group. Following that meeting a letter had been received from GM Planning giving an outline of their services and offering a package of developing a comprehensive community plan for Dolton that covers social, economic and environmental needs at a total cost of £6,000, which cost would include undertaking a Housing Needs survey at a cost of £1500. Cllr Burnage said that the letter has been circulated to the Vision Group for their information and a meeting is planned next week to discuss the content, although he felt that what GM Planning were offering was not really what the Vision Group were after and is too expensive. Cllr Burnage said that as previously reported the Vision Group intend very soon to write to local landowners to ascertain what land is available. Cllr Burnage then proposed that a letter should be sent to TDC Planners to let them know that the Dolton Vision Group are drafting a Housing Survey form to submit to the Parish Council for approval, which it is anticipated will be more relevant to Dolton’s community needs than the CCD’s current Housing Needs Survey form and to inform TDC about the work of the Vision Group to address the aims and aspirations outlined in the Dolton Parish Plan. The Clerk was also asked to respond to the draft emailed consultation document forwarded by NALC from the DCLG on the proposed capping of precepts to say that Dolton Parish Council are concerned that with extensive funding cuts and loss of services being likely at Local Authority level, it will not be possible to provide and sustain local amenities, facilities and services should a precept capping be imposed. All agreed.

51(10/11) Maintenance and Traffic Issues

a) to receive updates on local issues – Cllr Jury had spoken with the Lengthsman when she saw him in West Lane and had been told that he was unable to clear all the debris from the gulleys by hand. The Clerk was

asked to contact Highways Department requesting that the gully clearing vehicle be sent to clear all the gulleys in the parish before the onset of winter.

b) ownership of the Square and inconsiderate parking – Cllr Lock said that this question came up from time to time and it had previously been established that other than the frontage of The Royal Oak, Devon County Highways owned the land. Following a short debate on parking problems the Clerk was asked to write to DCC Highways Department enquiring if there is anything that can be done to ameliorate the situation for public safety reasons.

52 (10/11) Pride in our Village – nothing to report

53(10/11) Meetings attended - none

54(10/11) Any Other Business

Cllr Lock had received a complaint from a lady in Orchard Gate that there were no pavements only grass frontage to the road edge.

A PART 2 was convened and the Chairman requested the public to vacate the building.

