

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 2014 IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Apologies:

Present: Cllr J Lock -Chair, Cllrs C Giles, S Jury, S Lune, R Dunn, J Rolls, A Hayne the Clerk, and 5 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. Cllr Dunn in matters relating to Zurich Insurance

PUBLIC SESSION – there were no comments from the public.

67(14/15) MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st September 2014 having been circulated were agreed and signed as being a true and correct record.

68(14/15) CLERKS REPORT- nothing to report that was not included later in the agenda.

69(14/15) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
DALC	Newsletter	Reading file
SLCC	magazine	Reading file
DCC	North devon Link Road strategy	Reading file
Devon Highways	Information for Town and Parish councils	Reading file

c) quarterly balance sheet and budget report – presented to council and accepted

d) community grants 2014 – just one application so far, grants to be awarded at the next meeting

e) clerks request to attend ‘Preparing for Elections’ course – South Molton, 26th January 2015, cost £20.00 + vat –agreed.

f) It was agreed to obtain quotes from Mr David Lock for cutting the basketball area and the surrounds of the football field for 2015/16.

71(2014/15) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider –

1/0907/2014/TRE- to reduce the height of 8 conifers to approx. 7ft – The Retreat, Cleave Hill,

1/0901/2014/FUL- Solar Array,100 panels in a single row – Tockley Farm, Dolton

1/0771/2014/FUL- Erection of garage, porch and alterations – Edgefield, Cleave Hill. Council had no objections to any of the three applications above.

b) Permissions granted– 1/0740/2014/FUL – Acorn Farm Park, holiday lodges

c) Permissions refused - none

72(2014/15) UPDATES TO STANDING ORDERS – these had been circulated to Councillors and were approved. Proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Giles

8.00pm Cllr Grigg arrived and apologised for being late.

73(2014/15) MEETINGS ATTENDED – Three members of council plus the clerk had attended the Devon Highways conference held at Clinton Hall on 17th September. Highways face large cuts in their budgets and are keen to promote self-help in communities to deal with issues like sign cleaning, weed pulling, footway cleaning, bus shelter cleaning and grass cutting in low risk areas. They are also keen that parishes should appoint a road warden - similar to the snow warden - who would attend a training course organized by highways and would carry out risk assessments etc for work carried out. More information of Highways self-help and community support was placed in the reading file for councillors to read.

74(2014/15) PARISH GROUNDS

a) Football field – a broken seat has been removed. It was agreed the banks should be strimmed again. The entrance gate should be fitted this month. There was no more progress on the new lease to the school.

b) Dennis Cross – nothing to report

c) Memorial Garden – a moss treatment has been applied.

75(2014/15) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC -

a) Asset Report – not completed yet.

b) Pride in Our Village – Clean Up day arranged for Saturday 18th October. All meet at the Paddocks at 10am.

c) Hedge trimming – the clerk would follow up issues relating to hedge trimming in Aller Road.

76(2014/15) HEALTH – nothing to report

77(2014/15) TAP FUND 2014/15 – Dowland would like a new seat to replace the broken one at FurzePark Cross. A quote for this had been received from James Kendrew. Cllr Hayne agreed to submit the application to TDC. If possible it was decided to try to repair the old seat and have it repositioned.

78(2014/15) ITEMS FOR ATTENTION

Cllr Giles reported a car at Cherubeer had a rifle bullet pass through its windows whilst parked in the yard outside the house. It was commented how good the planted flower box looked on the Dolton sign at the entrance to the village.

8.30pm - The Ward Councillor R Lock arrived after attending a meeting of Beaford PC. A number of queries were addressed to her by Councillors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2014

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