

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

**Present:** Cllr J Lock, Chairman, Cllrs Burnage, Boyes, Byrne, Giles, Grigg, Jury, Rolls, Partridge, the Clerk and 4 members of the public

**Apologies:** None

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record on the proposition of Cllr Jury, seconded by Cllr. Rolls with all in favour.

#### **78(10/12) Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Cllr Burnage enquired if there had been any feedback on the Active Villages Project. The Clerk has distributed posters and application forms which should be returned direct to Mr Jarroudi of TDC.

62(10/11) Inconsiderate Parking. The Clerk has contacted both the Highways Department, who say it is a matter for the Police, and the Police who suggest that perhaps a Cllr could knock on the door and have a diplomatic word with the vehicle users.

65(10/11) Allotments. In the absence of Allotments in the Parish Dolton residents may contact Ashreigny Parish Council to apply to hire allotments in the Parish of Ashreigny.

#### **79(10/11) Correspondence**

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Church Street Stores	Requesting repairs to Notice Board	Clerk to follow up
TDC	Torrington Advisory Gp Meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> December postponed until early New Year.	Noted
CCD	2010 Conference Report	Emailed & reading file
TVS	Torrington Volunteer Gardening Service for over 60s requiring assistance	Details on Notice Board, in Diary and website
BT	Poster on "on-line community connections"	Reading file
GT&DLCP	Invite to meeting at Bluecoat Children's Centre 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Emailed & reading file
NALC	Legal Briefing – Clearing Snow & Ice	Emailed & reading file
TDC	List of Christmas Bank Holiday collections dates	Notice Board
Mr & Mrs G. Madge	Letter to address rumours and misunderstanding to Edgefield land and PP	Noted
National Housing Federation	Booklet – A Practical Guide for Parish Councils	Reading file ( to be returned to Clerk)
Came & Co	Parish Council Newsletter	Reading file
CCD	Village Green	Reading file
TDC	Response on standard of street sweeping – has been addressed and charge hand will carry out spot check	Noted
TDC	T&CP Regs. Scoping Opinion –Solar Park with Photovoltaic Panels Land at OS 258472 115077 Cowflop Cross, Dolton	Discuss in Agenda item on Planning
TDC	Overgrown trees at the walk-way to Stafford Way believed to belong to DCC	Noted. Clerk to contact DCC

## 80(10/11) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Lock and Jury declared personal interests in respect of matters relating to the Village Hall and Cllr Lock on Planning Application 1/0954/2010/FUL Stony Fields Fm, West Lane.

### PUBLIC SESSION

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

Name	Subject	Response
Mr Gary Skull	Planning Application Stony Fields Farm, West Lane Stabling & Menage	Comments noted.
Mr Graham Hutchings	Village Hall Grant Application - explanation of reason for request	Comments noted

## 81 (10/11) Finance

### a) Accounts to pay

Supplier	Description	VAT	Total	Chq.No
Mrs J Sidey	Clerk wages 2 Nov-6 Dec.(inc) 5 weeks @ 8 hrs per week = 40 hrs @ £8.34 £333.60+£10 home office,+Bk. Ink Cartridge £21.49	£3.20	£365.09	486
DALC	New Clerk and Pre-Election Briefing Courses Fees	£8.76	£58.76	487
Village Hall	Hire in October PC £8.00 Vision Gp £6.00 Hire in November PC £8.00 Vision Gp £6.00		£14.00 £14.00	488 489
Web Hosting Pro-formae (Re-imburse C.Burnage)	Renewal of Vision Group website		£56.99	490

**Proposed by Cllr Boyes and Seconded by Cllr Partridge that the accounts be paid. All agreed.**

Cheque signatories: Cllr Giles and Cllr Grigg

### b. Income – none

Any other financial matters: i. On the proposition of Cllr Burnage, Seconded by Cllr Boyes it was unanimously agreed that the Precept for 2011/12 should be set as last year at £12,300.

ii. The TDC budget questionnaire was completed for return to TDC. iii. Cllrs. Lock and Jury, having declared an interest, left the room while the Grant Application for the Village Hall was discussed. **On the proposal of Cllr. Grigg, seconded by Cllr Byrne** it was unanimously agreed to Grant the Village Hall the sum of £1,250 (Ch. No.491).

The Clerk reported a Current acc. bal. of £14,715.90 (less above cheques to be paid) and Dep Acc: £5,556.12.

## 82(10/11) Planning

a. Applications to consider –1/0954/2010/FUL Stony Fields Farm, West Lane Dolton –American style stabling & ménage – no objections in principle but request that any planning permission is conditional on private horsicultural use only as any commercial usage of this site would create inappropriate extra vehicular usage of a single track lane.

b. Permissions granted – none

c. Refusals advised– Wood Farm 1/0269/2010/FUL

d. To receive any other planning matters: The letter on T&CP Regs. “Scoping Opinion –Solar Park with Photovoltaic Panels Land at OS 258472 115077 Cowflop Cross, Dolton” was discussed. **On the proposal of Cllr Boyes, seconded by Cllr Byrne** the Clerk was asked to request more information from TDC.

## 83(10/11) Parish Grounds

**i. Dennis Cross.** The Clerk was asked to request Sutcliffe Play to undertake any necessary remedial work around equipment in accordance with the Zurich Engineering Inspection report at the same time they install the Actizone Compact Climber.

**ii. Public Toilets in Square.** Cllr Lock had met with the new Landlord of the Royal Oak who at this time is not interested in taking over the cleaning and care of the toilet.

**84 (10/11) Parish Action Plan.**

Cllr. Burnage gave a verbal update on the work of the Vision Group, the housing survey forms distributed by GM Planning, and expressed his disappointment at the content of the letter from GM Planning requesting extra money to cover the postage costs of the recently mailed housing survey forms. Following a general discussion of the latter it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should draft a suitable letter of refusal to GM Planning expressing the Parish Council's surprise, anger and disappointment at their request. Cllr Burnage said local landowners would be invited to the next meeting of the Vision Group in January, and that in future all meetings of the Vision Group would be advertised on the Parish Notice-board and an open day is planned for February. He would try to get Mr Bob Patterson to speak at the next Parish Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

It was proposed by Cllr Giles that a large Notice-board for posters advertising all meetings and events in the Village be erected on the brick paved area at The Paddocks to stop the random display of posters on almost all telegraph poles throughout the Village which look untidy. The Clerk to ascertain from TDC if planning permission for the erection of a notice-board would be required. The proposition was seconded by Cllr Jury and carried.

Cllr Burnage thought that in response to the email from CCD asking '**Are you willing to work within a cluster of local councils for representation, service delivery and campaign purposes**' the PC should agree to do so and the Clerk was asked to respond favourably but requesting more information.

Feeling unwell Cllr. Grigg left the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

**85(10/11) Maintenance and Traffic Issues - To receive updates on local issues.**

The Clerk was asked to report water running right across and down the road at West Lane, and Langham Cross to Woolridge Cross and also to ask for the Grit/Salt bins to be refilled as soon as possible.

**86(10/11) Parish Emergency Planning – Appointing a snow warden to be an Agenda item in January Meeting**

**87(10/11) Pride in our Village - Nothing to report**

**88(10/11) Meetings Attended.**

Cllrs Lock and Burnage together with Ward Cllr Lock had attended the Rural Affordable Housing Conference opened and addressed by Princess Ann at Woolsery on 26<sup>th</sup> October and each had attended a different workshop and each gave verbal reports. The general opinion was that emphasis should be put on working with the community, that villages should keep growing and national planning policies are changing. Princess Ann was very keen to get people doing things for their community and said because times are hard now communities should get ready to spring into action when money becomes available.

**89(10/11) Any Other Business**

- i. Cllr Jury asked if people can be instructed on how to use the projector in the Village Hall. This to be an agenda item for next meeting.
- ii. Formation of a public committee regarding the Royal wedding to be an agenda item at next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Signed.....

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