

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Chair - Cllr C Giles, S.Jury, R.Dunn, N.Walker, A.Haynes, J Rolls, S Lune, M. Grigg the Clerk and 9 members of the public. Apology received from Cllr J Lock

271(12/13) MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 December and the Emergency Meeting on 10 December were signed as being a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr S Jury Seconded by Cllr S. Lune with all in favour.

272(12/13) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Cllr Dunn pointed out that a financial contribution to the Dolton Website item should have been included in the Agenda but had not been. To be an Agenda item for next meeting.

273 (12/13) CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondent	Subject	Action
CCD	Creating Chances sportivate – opportunity for work experience and football training for youths	Notice on Board
DALC	December newsletter & January newsletter	Email & reading file
D&D Jubilee Cttee	Letter handing ownership of Fitness Equipment to PC	Acknowledged
Helen Patton + 1	Requesting inserting plastic windows to bus shelter	Discuss in finance
ATAC	Ashreigney Turbine Action Committee public meeting	Noted
TDC	Revised Precept form	Discuss in finance
Clerk	Resignation letter	Part 2.

274(12/13) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Jury declared a personal interest in all matters relating to Dolton & Dowland Village Hall and Diamond Jubilee Committee. Cllr Giles declared a personal interest in Diamond Jubilee Committee. Cllr Dunn declared an interest in Dolton Youth Committee and Zurich

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Mrs A.Coombes	Grit spreader and salting highways
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275(12/13) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a). Accounts to pay

Name	Item	VAT	Total	Cheque No.
Mrs J Sidey	Home use –December £10.00		10.00	620
D&D Village Hall	Hire of Hall December		12.00	624

Martin Lock	Caretaking – monthly charge (£104) & Clearing path to kissing gate of moss (£16) Bleach, Toilet Rolls etc.		£120.00	621
			£ 7.78	622
David Lock	Grass cutting – monthly charge		£165.00	623
SWW	Quarterly bill		£50.98	625
BSS International	Fuji salt spreader	£262.40	£1574.40	619
Sign Shop	2 x Signs for Dennis Cross	£30.00	£180.00	626
Zurich	Insurance for Fitness Equipment		£70.47	627
Mrs M Marshall	Plants for Paddocks walled garden		£23.00	628

Proposed: Cllr A Haynes

Seconded: Cllr J.Rolls

Cheque Signatures: Cllr M. Grigg and Cllr N. Walker

b). Income – none but Clerk has reclaimed VAT payments of £721.16

Clerk circulated qtrly balance sheet to end December showing balance of £3759.99 in current account

Balance in dep acc. £20,799.19 (included interest of £3.43)

c). Any other financial matters:

i. A Budget for 2013/14 of £13436, as previously circulated and discussed, was confirmed. Using TDC's new ready-reckoner, this will be met by a net provision from TDC of £12,248 plus a special grant of £1188. The net effect of this is to increase the Parish Council element of a band D property by £2.73 per year. The Precept will be paid as usual in 2 instalments (2 x £6718.00 less the Clerk's salary/NI and DAPC annual subscription which will be paid on behalf of the parish by TDC). Proposed Cllr. S Lune, Seconded by S.Jury

ii. Acrylic sheets to assist in 'weatherproofing' the window apertures in Rectory Road Bus Shelter were discussed and it was agreed that the Village Caretaker be asked to deal with this - approximate cost £170 + VAT. Proposed Cllr Grigg, seconded by Cllr Jury

276(12/13) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider - none

b). Permissions granted : - none

5c. Refusals advised – 1/0878/2012/FUL Cornerstone, Dolton – Mr D. McCulloch

5d. To receive any other planning matters :emailed Consultation regarding proposed wind turbine at Densham Farm, Ashreigney (outside the Parish) had been forwarded to councillors who have email. The Parish Council unanimously agreed with Mr Dunn's comments. Clerk to inform TDC.

277(12/13) SALT/GRIT SPREADING MACHINE.

The Clerk confirmed insurance is in place. The Snow Warden has confirmed he has no additional personal expenses relating to towing the machine. Cllr Haynes to draft and circulate for approval a Parish Policy regarding areas to be cleared. Cllr Giles proposed that as the machine is a capital item the cost should not be met out of precepted funds but out of capital reserves when the Parish Bond for £40,000 matures in June 2013. Seconded by Cllr Jury with all in favour.

278(12/13) PARISH GROUNDS

(i) Football Field – The Youth Committee letter asked if they may investigate possibilities of how the hard play area can be improved and it was agreed that they may do so. Clerk to let them know.

(ii) Dennis Cross. Cllrs Dunn, Haynes, Jury & Giles had met and confirmed the siting of the outdoor fitness equipment prior to its installation. Cllr Dunn had double checked and been satisfied that all health and safety aspects and regulations had been covered by the installers and the installation taken place in accordance with the Jubilee Committee's contract. Cllr Dunn had kindly erected the two new information signs at the entrances to the field and the weekly inspections had been undertaken.

(iii) The War Memorial – Cllr Jury confirmed that the pots have been planted.

279(12/13) JUBILEE COMMITTEE- The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks and acceptance of the outdoor fitness equipment to the Jubilee Committee. The Parish Council wish to minute their gratitude to the QE II Diamond Jubilee Committee for all their hard work in financing and providing the fitness equipment for the benefit of the community.

280(12/13)EMERGENCY PLANNING – The emergency plan is now complete. A copy was placed in the reading file for Councillors to see.

281(12/13) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE – Cllr Jury and Marian Marshall have planted the Paddocks walled bed with spring bulbs and plants. Cllr. Haynes reported that there will not be any auctions at Hatherleigh until the spring when he will try to purchase suitable planters for the paved area.

282(12/13) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES – i. The Clerk has been informed by Michelle Davies the Footpath adoption manager of DCC that the new footpath will remain closed off until Mr Dixon complies with her request to carry out remedial works. ii. Hedges in Aller Road have not been cut back as requested- Clerk to inform Highways again. iii. Inconsiderate parking of two cars on the blind bend at the top of West Lane is still causing problems. iv. Mr Frank Hooper’s letter to each Councillor requesting support for a 20 mph zone and appropriate signage through the village were discussed and the Clerk was asked to write informing him that while they would wish to see traffic speeds reduced, they cannot see how imposing another speed zone and signs in addition to the 30mph zone, would make any significant difference to traffic speeds without constant on-going policing. v. The Clerk to write a general letter to all residents of Stafford Way asking people not to cause damage to grass verges and kerbs or drive across or park on the roundabout. Cllr Lune volunteered to deliver the letters. vi. Cllr Jury wants motorists exiting from the Village at Dolton Beacon to take more care as it had been reported that a green car had shot out of the junction regardless of approaching traffic.

283(12/13) MEETINGS ATTENDED - none

284(12/13) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Lune had heard that the Vicar is very poorly and enquired if it is appropriate for the Council to send a get well card. Cllr Jury would like the Council to consider before next Christmas purchasing lights for the tree by the millenium stone at the bottom of Rectory Road. Cllr Grigg mentioned potholes in Chapple Lane.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7 January 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared a Part 2, and asked members of the public to vacate the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....