

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Monday 7th April 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall , Dolton

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs Boyes, Burnage , Giles, Grigg ,Jury and Partridge. The Clerk ,Mary Harris , 19 members of public

Apologies: none

The minutes of the meeting held 3rd March 2008, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with one typographical spelling error to the name of Cllr Boyes.

Proposed Cllr Grigg Seconded Cllr.Partridge All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

746 Reference minute 736(5di and 5diii) The Chairman confirmed that a letter of support had been sent to Torridge District Council reference a Planning application in the Ashreigney Parish. The Chairman had also sought advice from Torridge District Council (TDC) with reference to the decision not to accept an offer of a presentation from the Rural Housing Trust at a Parish meeting. TDC had confirmed that it had been a sound decision.

The Chairman closed the meeting to invite members of the Public to raise questions.

747 FINANCIAL MATTERS

4a)

4b) Accounts to Pay The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment

Cllr Giles proposed and Cllr Grigg seconded that the accounts be paid.
All agreed and Cllrs Jury and Partridge signed the cheques

4c) Any other financial matters A cheque was received from Dolton Football Club in respect of their annual Recreation ground rent and expenses.

748 PLANNING MATTERS

5a) Applications to consider (none)

5b) Permissions granted : 1/1156/2007 , Barlands , Rectory Rd , Dolton
one open market house and two affordable houses
1/0053/2008 Cotter Muffins West Lane
Conservatory

5c) Refusals advised (none)

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749 DENNIS CROSS PLAYING FIELD – UPDATE

A Part 2 was requested to discuss issues around the caretakers annual leave arrangements.

750 PARISH PLAN REVIEW - UPDATE

Cllr Burnage reported that a working party meeting in March had been very successful in bringing together local organisations to discuss a wider community action plan scheme.

751 AGENDA SETTING & PROCEDURES – UPDATE

Cllr Burnage spoke to his report and the following issues were discussed.

- A Parish surgery is to be held on Wednesday 16th April from 7.30pm until 8.30pm at the Village hall and attended by a minimum of two Councillors.
- The request for agenda items and accompanying information reports was a procedure that had started to work during the month. It was accepted that it was a necessary procedure to ensure that Councillors were well informed prior to a Parish Council meeting.
- Sample procedures had been designed for the administration of grants and these were distributed to Councillors for discussion at the May meeting.
- **It was resolved that** reports to Council be sent for public information to the Dolton Parish Web site along with the minutes of the same meeting .
Proposed Cllr Burnage , Seconded Cllr Boyes seconded All agreed.

752 PARISH COUNCILLORS RESIGNATIONS - UPDATE

Councillors discussed the recent correspondence between Mrs Genge and Berkeley Sage and the Parish Council. It was decided to pursue the issues relating to allegations of bullying.

It was resolved that the Parish Council initiate a Standards Board enquiry into the issues once appropriate advice had been sought from the monitoring officer at Torridge District Council .

Proposed Cllr Boyes ; Seconded Cllr Partridge. The proposal was carried with one abstention (Cllr Grigg)

753 PARISH MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Cllr Jury opened a discussion concerning a number of issues regarding village maintenance. **It was resolved that :**

1. the parish grass cutting tender process begin in May 2008 and that an agreed schedule of works be adopted , and
2. that all proposed works for the Lengthsman be sent to the Clerk by April 30th for information to Devon County Council , and
3. that the Dolton Parish caretakers contract and job description be reviewed in the future to take into account additional play equipment works.

Proposed Cllr Burnage ; Seconded Cllr Grigg All agreed.

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754 PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

The Clerk was awaiting the Insurance Company Zurich's interpretation of a "competent person " for a quarterly inspection system . The company had received the update of equipment now installed at the recreation ground.

755 PARISH CLERK CONTRACT

The hours and salary had been agreed by the Parish Council at their March 2008 meeting (Part 2) and subsequently a contract will be drawn up and signed.

756 APRIL EDITION OF NEWSLETTER

The April edition of the newsletter was discussed and the editorial agreed. The final draft prior to publication , to be approved by Chairman and Vice Chairman.

757 VILLAGE COMPETITIONS CPRE AND CALOR

Following discussion It was decided that the Calor Competition would NOT be entered this year . The Clerk raised the issue of Maps that were required by the CPRE prior to judging and it was hoped that the school would enter the map competition again.

758 DOLTON PARISH AGM & ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS 2008

The AGM 2008 and the May Parish Council meeting will be Thursday May 8th at 7.30pm in the Village hall , Dolton

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting and the guest speaker will be the 19th May 2008 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall and the speaker will be Sue Briant-Evans from Chulmleigh College.

759 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received during the month:

- Dolton Primary School : a suggestion that the old bus shelter may be utilized as additional bike racks. The Council considered that the bus shelter was used by residents and would not be a suitable place for a bike rack.
- All other correspondence received just two days prior to the meeting would go forward to the May meeting.

759 MEETINGS ATTENDED

Councillors had attended the :
Boundary Advisory Consultation Meeting at Torridge District
The Great Torrington & District MCTA meeting
Dolton Working Party to consider Boundary issues
Dolton Working Party to consider Parish Plan issues with local organisations

760 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Giles reported that Devon County Council had not yet cleared the drain at Hilliers Garage and the Clerk would send another letter to the Highways Superintendent..

761 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday May 8th 2008 @ 7.30pm
The Dolton Parish Council AGM 2008. followed by the Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm - 217-

A Part 2 was convened to discuss the issue of annual leave cover for the caretaker.

Signed.....Chairman.....dated

Contributors at the Public Session

C Beedles	Request for Cllrs to speak louder
J Genge	Request that reports to Council be published with the public minutes and agenda
J Genge	Request for meaning of a phrase - Cllr Burnage
K O Brien	DRAG ref RHA meeting
P Gander	Reply
K O Brien	DRAG Conflict of interest
J Genge	Direct Questions
Mrs Peachey	Opinion from a new resident