

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th JULY 2014 IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Apologies:, Cllr R Lock – Ward Councillor,

Present: Cllr J Lock -Chair, Cllrs C Giles, S Jury, N Walker, S Lune, R Dunn, J Rolls, A Haynes ,the Clerk, and 2 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

The Council were asked if there would be a village consultation on the Local Plan – Yes to be arranged under agenda item 8.

39(14/15) MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2014, having been circulated were agreed and signed as being a true and correct record.

40(14/15) CLERKS REPORT-the clerk reported she had purchased a laptop on behalf of the Council.

41(14/15) HEALTH - this item was moved up the agenda as Cllr Lune had to leave early. Cllr Lune distributed to all councillors the results of the health survey which had been carried out in the village. There had been an excellent response to the survey and the clerk was asked to put up notices thanking residents for their participation. The survey would be read and discussed at the next meeting.
7.40pm Cllr Lune left the meeting. Cllr Grigg arrived and apologised for being late.

42(14/15) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
Community council of devon	Village green magazine	Reading file
DCC	Day services review	Reading file
DCC	Residential review conclusion	Reading file
Torrige Advisory group	Date of next meeting – 10 th September	Reading file
Customer Service Centre Roads and transport team	Reply to councils letter	Agenda – roads and maintenance + reading file
Dolton School PTFA	Request to use football field 17 th July	Agreed,- no charge
Rural Services network	Views sought on rural housing	Completed
Devon Remembers	Update	Reading file

43(14/15) - FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay 7/7/14

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office £10.00 postage£1.24		11.24	749
M Lock	Caretaking		117.00	750
M Lock	Supplies		11.11	751
Grant Thornton	Audit	20.00	120.00	752
D & D Village Hall	Hire		8.00	753
Grounds Maintenance SW	Grass cutting	23.66	141.96	754
SWW LTD	Water 4/3/14-23/6/14 (sprinkler in use)		621.40	755
Ladds of Crediton	Samsung laptop		355.00	756
S Jury	Plants/compost for tubs		15.99	757

It was agreed to pay all accounts except the SWW LTD – see minute 45 below

Proposed Cllr Walker, Cllr Rolls

Cheque signatories Cllr Giles, Cllr Grigg

Invoices checked by Cllr Dunn

b) Income - none

c) quarterly budget report – distributed to all councillors

d) external audit report – the audit papers had been returned from the external auditor with no problems highlighted.

44(14/15)PLANNING

a) Applications to consider – 1/0612/2014/FUL – 4 Hectors Close, single storey garage - council had no objections

1/0567/2014/FUL – East Westcott, Ashreigney 100kw wind turbine on a 23m tower – council had no comments to make

b) Permissions granted– none

c) Permissions refused – none

d) Cllr Dunn advised the Council of a hedge which had been removed against the footpath in front of Stafford Barton. The Council were unaware of any planning permission for this. Clerk to advise TDC planning department of the council's objection to this.

45(14/15) – PARISH GROUNDS

Football field – Contactors on behalf of NPS had removed the hard area and re-turfed it. The Council were very unhappy with the quality of the work done and the unevenness of the surface. The clerk would request a site visit with Peter Baglow of NPS so Councillors could discuss the problems with him. Due to the dry, warm conditions it had been necessary to use a sprinkler to keep the turf moist. The contractors had informed the Chairman of the Council that the council would be reimbursed for this. This water usage included sewerage charges and resulted in a very high water bill. The clerk would contact SWW Ltd to see if they would reduce the sewerage charges in this instance. When the matter was sorted the clerk was given permission to arrange for 2 councillors to sign the water bill as there was no meeting arranged for August. NPS would be invoiced for the total amount. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Grigg.

A request had been received to allow cars to use the parking area for wedding parking on 26th July – agreed providing the football club were not using the field that day.

Hanging the new gate had been delayed due to Lorries entering the field. It would be done in the near future – Cllrs Walker and Rolls.

School Lease – The clerk had been contacted by Sarah Radford of NPS and the terms of the new lease had been agreed. The clerk had contacted Rebecca Cox of Stones Solicitors in Okehampton who were to act on behalf of Dolton Parish Council in the matter.

Dennis Cross – Cllr Dunn reported that some of the wooden posts were showing signs of wear but were ok at present. The clerk had registered with RSoPA for playground inspections to be carried out March 2015.

Memorial Garden - pots had been planted up with flowers.

46(14/15) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC

Grass Cutting – The Council has some serious concerns about the quality of grass cutting being provided by the new contractor. The clerk would write a letter to him expressing these concerns and arrange for councillors to meet with him when he is next in the area.

47(14/15) LOCAL PLAN – The local plan was now out for public consultation. A consultation evening for the residents of Dolton was arranged for Wednesday 23rd July. Cllrs Dunn and Haynes would make the presentation.

48(14/15) TAP FUND 14/15 - no information had yet been received.

49(14/15) MEETINGS ATTENDED – NONE

50(14/15) MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR – Cllr Dunn commented how good the new wall outside the newly developed Union Inn looked. Cllr Jury reminded Council that the deed of dedication for the football field was to be looked at once the hard area was sorted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25PM

Date of next meeting Monday 1st September 2014

A Part 2 Followed – members of the public left the hall.

