

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 7th November 2005 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs.Heal, Berkley-Sage, Grigg, Kendrew, Jury, Chivers.
The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock, 17 members of the public. Sgt.M.Hooper and Constable M.Pearse.

Apologies: Cllrs.Giles and Silltow

681. The Chairman introduced Sgt..M.Harper to the meeting who reported as follows:-

- a) He covers twenty one parishes and Torrington.
- b) Police Community Support Officers were hopefully going to be introduced into rural areas.
- c) He was given a copy of the Vital Village Plan and Clerk would send him a Diary.

682. Community Constable Pearse reported as follows:-

- a) 11 crimes reported in Dolton from June – October. 3 recorded incidents, 2 neighbourhood disputes, 1 drink/drive, 3 criminal damage, 1 burglary, 1 theft (reported for insurance purposes)
- b) There was a detection rate of 50% (national rate of 22%)
- c) Anti social behaviour had been reported at the bus shelter in Rectory Road.
- d) A speed check in Rectory Road would be carried out before Xmas.
- e) People should be encouraged to use the police complaints box situated on the outside wall of the village hall, and also the police surgeries on Wednesday afternoons.

683. Chairman reported incidents of vandalism in Aller Road after the carnival at two properties. Also a car being driven the wrong way down Aller Road.

The Chairman thanked both officers for their attendance and input to the meeting.

684 The minutes of the meeting held 3rd October, having been duly circulated were confirmed as being a true and correct record (with rider being attached for min.651) Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Jury. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

685. COU Plot 1 Phase 2 Orchard Gate (min.631 refers) Both Mr.Saltmarsh and Mr.Jury had confirmed to the Clerk that they had paid over the sum of £7,500 to TDC on 1st June on the signing of the Sec.106 agreement. Clerk wrote to Legal Dept. and Planning Dept. of TDC on 1st October requesting that this money be paid to the Parish Council. The Solicitor for TDC said that the sum was payable to the District Council. He would check with Planning Dept. but felt we would have to submit a scheme for play equipment before any moneys were released by Torridge. The Chairman had spoken to our Dist.Cllr. on this matter but she had not come back to him.

686. DCC Rock Environment Treatment scheme (min.636 refers) Cllr.Kendrew making further enquiries as to suitable schemes, if any.

687. Portman Building Soc. (min.637 refers) sum of £839.81 plus interest of £4.81 total of £844.62 received from Inland Revenue and paid into Portman Dennis Cross account.

688. Pavement outside Arscotts Cottage (min.640 refers) *(Cllr.Jury declared an interest and left the room)*

- a) DCC Highways – tender of £1,100 could be slightly more or slightly less, depending on excavation works. They could not give accurate figure breakdown as rates used for building

up are confidential to term maintenance contractors.

b) William Jury – quote of £1,450 to include all materials, labour and fees.

Proposed Cllr.Heal seconded Cllr.Berkley-Sage that Mr. Jury's quote of £1,450 (one thousand four hundred and fifty pounds) be accepted. All agreed.

689. Royal Oak (min.646 refers) further sum of £13 landed over from Quiz Night for the defibrillator fund.

690.DAPC AGM – Cllr.Kendrew had supplied all councillors with précis of meeting

691. Water leaks Rectory Road (min.673a refers)

a) the leak outside the property Studley Rectory Road had been resolved.

b) the leak outside the property Coppers – water being released for pressure and quality purposes during SWWater works in the area. It was turned off on Friday 4th Nov. but may have to be switched on again Monday 7th Nov.

692. Waste Paper Bin Rectory Road (min.673c refers) insurance policy with regard to street furniture only covers bus shelters. New bin had been purchased and Council resolved that damaged bin be resited in the football field and the new bin on the bus shelter in Rectory Road.

693. Grass cutting Dennis Cross (min.676a refers) D.Jones had been instructed to pick up all cuttings.

694.Fly tipping Chapple Cross (min.676b refers) no further incidents at occurred. Correction to be made in magazine this month stating Chapple Cross not Dennis Cross.

695. Honeysuckle Cottage Chapel Street (min.677a refers) Chairman had spoken to the owner who said he would trim back the hedge at the appropriate time. Situation to be monitored.

696. Barlands Rectory Road (min.678c refers) TDC Enforcement Officer had visited the property and confirmed that there had been a breach of planning permission. Owners informed that they must either close the vehicular access or apply for retrospective permission.

P U B L I C S E S S I O N

FINANCIAL MATTERS

697. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Village Hall	hirings	£ 13.20
b) Glasdon UK Ltd	waste paper bin	£127.12
c) Mrs.S.Richards	flowers War Memorial	£ 22.00
d) Mr.K.Hardy	wages	£101.00
e) Audit Commission	fee 04/05	£141.00
f) D.Jones & Son	grass cutting etc.	£293.00

Proposed Cllr.Grigg seconded Cllr.Kendrew that the above accounts be paid and Cllrs.Jury and Chivers signed the cheques.

698.TDC Precept forms – received and to be returned by 4th Jan.06. Precept to be an agenda item at the next meeting..

699.MUGA/Skateboard project – Cllr.Kendrew reported on meeting with other interested parties regarding fund raising applications/avenues. Following a discussion it was resolved

that the Clerk be paid an hourly rate, on top of Parish Council hours for this work. Position to be reviewed every month.

PLANNING MATTERS

700. Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.

701. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr. Mrs.Crisp Cartlinhay Cottage New window in original barn opening
install velux roof window.

Council had no objections.

b) Mr.G.Madge OS.8183 Dolton land use to construct area for
private use for horses

Council had no objections but asked why all boxes of question 6 were not completed.

c) Mr. Mrs.Pole Westlake Langham Conv. of 2 barns to holiday accom..

Council had no objections and made the following comments:-

i) the copy of title plan dated 12th Sept. 05 is not accurate – it does not show the property opposite known as Langham House.

ii) has the owner of the property Langham House been notified of the application

iii) this is a very extensive application which fits the local plan eg. suitable for self catering accommodation. This must however remain as holiday accommodation.

702. Permissions granted: none advised

703. Refusals: Mr.Mrs.Cobbledick Ham Farm ext.to existing holiday let

704. MUGA/Skateboard Park/Edgefield – letters received from Mr.Jenner-Parsons and DRAG both enclosing copy letter from solicitor of TDC “condition no 8 of consent for 1/1151/04 COU does not prohibit the development until such time as a new access is in place. In my view therefore the Parish Council could proceed with the development even if consent no 1/1573/03 is not implemented”.

705. The Rectory – Cllr.Kendrew raised the question that if the Rectory is now empty, and should it remain empty, could it be used as rented accommodation for a local family. Resolved that Parish Council write to the Church Wardens with this idea and give Parish Council support to the Church should they decide to take the matter forward.

VITAL VILLAGE/DESIGN STATEMENT

706. The Chairman had spoken to Cllr.Siltow prior to meeting and reported: a) that delivery of letters to every household would be done this week, for collection the following week.

b) return of 75% of households in favour if project to proceed. c) no funds from Parish Co. required at this stage.

FOOTBALL FIELD

707a) Toilet Block: Mr.E.Levett submitted quote for installation of toilet for approximately £155.00. He also recommended installation of self shutting sink, cold water only, at approximate cost of £135.00. Resolved that Council proceed with both these works. No tenders received for the building work. Chairman will chase up, and if nobody comes forward, then Cllrs.Kendrew and Lock will organise the work to be carried out.

707b) Dog fouling – Cllr.Berkley-Sage had received complaints about dog fouling on the football pitch. Football Club have had to clear the pitch before matches could start. Clerk supplied each Councillor with details of Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 which encompassed dog fouling.

DEEDS OF DEDICATION

708 Information from Mr.Allin of National Playing Fields Association in the reading file for Councillors to study. Agenda item next month.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

709 Cllr.Kendrew reported on a second successful meeting when those present opted to proceed with the “community responder team”. 12 people have volunteered and Cllr.Kendrew is awaiting details of training.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

710 Cllrs.Lock and Kendrew had attended MUGA/Skateboard meeting with members of Football Club, Youth Committee and School Governors. Main points to arise:-

- a) Mr.Marsden had taken a copy of the planning permission for the School Governors.
- b) School must be on board for the scheme for funding purposes.
- c) Mr. I.Williams had been approached to be Project Manager.
- d) DCC have ownership rights on the hardcore area. Clerk to check title deeds/lease.
- e) Funding applications – already mentioned in min. 699.

711 Cllrs.Lock, Jury, Berkley-Sage had attended two planning seminars with TDC:-

- a) Interesting but some aspects repetitive.
- b) Useful to be able to put names to faces.
- c) It is not law that District Councils have to have an Enforcement Officer. Discussion took place on this point. Resolved that clerk write to TDC on this point.

CORRESPONDENCE

712. MCTI – minutes of last meeting in reading file. Next meeting 23rd Nov. Chairman to attend.

713. DC Highways – road closed – Rectory Road for one day 10th November.

714. Torrington Area Advisory Meeting – 8th November. Cllr. Jury to attend.

715. Mrs.J.Watts – each Councillor had received correspondence concerning retrospective planning application for a conservatory at London House. Clerk confirmed that Councillors should not enter into individual correspondence. When complaint received concerning a planning matter that the Parish Council reports to the District Council, then it would be good practice to send a copy of that letter to the property owner concerned.

716. Mr. E.Barker – public footpath between Stafford Way – Stafford road. Who is responsible for the upkeep/cleaning of this area. Resolved that Clerk write to DCC Highways for confirmation.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

717. The following blocked drains were reported:

- a) Chapple Lane to Chapple Farm
- b) West Lane
- c) Halfpenny Land Rectory Road
- d) Brook Road
- e) Bottom of Chapple Hill

718. Cllr.Berkley-Sage:-

- a) property in Aller Road, (with blue paint) has dangerous loose roof slates
- b) Reading file takes too long between meetings. Agreed that each Councillor should keep the file for maximum three days.
- c) Torridge Voluntary Service – agenda item next month.

719. Cllr.Kendrew reported that he had heard from Miss M.Constable of The Rural Housing Trust. She had been unwell and wishes to know if we still wanted to take this matter forward. Parish Council still wishes to pursue the matter.

720. Cllr. Chivers – complaints received about school burglar alarm. This had now been rectified.

721. Date of next meeting Monday 5th December 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

Signed.....chairman.....dated