

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2016

IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PUBLIC SESSION: Question 1 – *How much did the Parish Council pay for the land they have recently purchased?* - Reply -This will be coming up under finance later in the meeting. Question 2 – *Would it be possible for a portaloe to be placed behind the bus shelter in Rectory Road for the bus drivers to relieve themselves?*- Reply – This area is owned by Tarka Housing and not the Parish Council.

PRESENT: Cllr J Lock – chairman, Cllrs Haynes, Martindale, Rolls, Walker, Dunn, Grigg, and Rendell the clerk and 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Giles

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

Cllr Lock declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall and planning application 1/1022/2016/COU.

73(16/17) MINUTES: The minutes of the Council meeting and Part 2 held on Monday 3rd October 2016 were amended to state at the end of the minutes:- *There was a part 2. Members of the public left the hall. Councillors were then updated on the on-going legal matter.* The minutes were then signed as a true and correct record

74(16/17) CLERKS REPORT: Following a query regarding part 2 sessions in the public session at the last meeting the clerk had consulted with Lesley Smith at DALC and Jamie Hollis at TDC. Both agreed the Councils reason for having part 2 meetings was justified. It was suggested there should be a brief description on the agenda and in the minutes for the public record.

75(16/17) CORRESPONDENCE

correspondent	content	action
DALC	newsletter	Email and reading file
Devon Highways	Invite to conference – Hatherleigh 22 nd November 9.30-2.30	
DCC	Community composting and recycling centres consultation	Reading file –and email– it was also suggested the clerk replies suggesting advice is given on how to dispose of oil tanks etc
Phil Norrey DCC	Informing of changes to DCC leadership team	Reading file
Darryl Jagger – neighbourhood highways office	Informing salt bins will not be routinely filled this year – must be reported if salt required	noted
Devon Communities together	Informing of Information and advice surgeries	Noted, reading file
Simon and Carol Baily	Football field hedge trimming concerns	Clerk to reply and apologies

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Jamie Hollis TDC	Reminder of procedure for speaking at District Council's plans committee	Noted and reading file
DCC	newsletter	Reading file
NHS	Consultation on and details of Devons sustainability and transformation plan	email
Devon communities together	Village green magazine	Reading file

76(16/17) FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay 7th November 2016

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office October		10.00	928
Mr D Lock	October -grass cutting		242.41	929
Mr M Lock	October - Caretaking		120.00	930
D&D village hall	October meeting		8.00	931
*Trowers & Hamlin	Completion Statement inc Toller Beattie fees	119.00	775.01	932
Alan Haynes	New flag		56.80	933
Royal British Legion	Wreath for remembrance day service		15.00	934

*This was the completion statement for the land purchase. Previous payments had been made which had totalled £13,476.12 – this included the purchase price of the land, legal fees, searches and land registration and vat (£139.60) – this money will all be taken from allocated funds for village /community projects s106 money. (95day notice account)

Proposed Cllr Rolls, seconded Cllr Dunn
Cheque signatories -Cllrs Walker & Grigg
Invoices checked by Cllr Haynes

b) income - none

c) statement of bank accounts as of 5/10/16, current account £15093.93, Reserve account £6862.47, 95 day account £41365.30

d) Asset report – Cllr Rolls produced an up to date asset report which attached to the minutes.

e) Annual community grant – 2 grant applications had been received from Dolton 1st responders and the PCC for churchyard upkeep. Cllr Dunn declared an interest in matters relating to the churchyard. Cllr Grigg proposed and Cllr Haynes seconded that £350 should be awarded to each. All agreed.

f) Precept – it was agreed a working party consisting of the clerk and Cllrs Haynes and Giles be set up to prepare next year's precept.

77 (16/17) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider – **1/1022/2016/COU** – Cleave Farm, change of use of agriculture building to a blacksmiths workshop – Cllr Lock declared an interest and left the room. – Council had no objection to this application and were pleased to see work opportunities being created in the village.

b) Applications granted by TDC – **1/0886/2016/FUL** -Hill Cottage, Dolton –proposed 2 storey extension

1/888/2016/FUL – Ham Farm Country Cottages –use of 3 holiday cottages as video studios and use of guest lounge as office

1/0721/2016/LBC - Poole Cottage, Dolton – repairs and alterations

1/0561/2016/FUL -North Woodtown – garage and greenhouse

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1/0862/2016/FUL –Glencoe -2 room- in-roof detached dwellings

- c) Applications refused – none
- d) Stafford Barton Hedgerow – Cllr Dunn reported he had spoken the enforcement officer at TDC many times about the removal of approx. 130meters of hedge alongside a public footpath at Stafford Barton. The enforcement officer had informed him he did not intend to pursue the matter as there was insufficient evidence as to what the hedge looked like previously. It was proposed the clerk writes to the enforcement officer stating the Parish Council were disappointed with this decision, would like to see the hedge reinstated and ask what could be done to stop this happening in the future.

78(16/17) PARISH GROUNDS

- a) **Football Field** – i) Air Ambulance landing site –open meeting to take place Wednesday 9th November 4-6.45pm in the village hall. Funding for the project to be an agenda item at the next meeting. The Bondleigh Band Christmas concert in the village Hall on Sunday 4th December will raise funds for the project.
- b) **Dennis Cross** – A quote of £65 to trim the hedge back had been received. It was agreed this should be accepted.
- c) **Memorial garden** – Cllr Haynes would put up the newly purchased flag for the remembrance service on 13th November. Cllr Rolls would lower and raise it at the service. Cllr Giles would be asked to lay the wreath.
- d) **Village Hall field.** – now the purchase of the field was completed it was decided to invite the village hall committee to join a working party to plan the way forward with the project. The date of the first meeting was set for Wednesday 16th November, 7.30pm in the small hall. The clerk would liaise with the village hall committee.

79(16/17) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

- i) Traffic speed through the village – Cllr Rendell had obtained information about various illuminated traffic speed warning signs which came in a range of styles and prices. The clerk would contact the clerks of High Bickington, Winkleigh and Merton to enquire about their signs.
- ii) Salt spreader – Cllr Lock would contact Danny O’Sullivan again about rehoming the salt spreader.
- iii) Highways conference –Cllr Martindale agreed to be the Councils representative at the Highways Conference in Hatherleigh on 22nd November .
- iv) General Maintenance - The village caretaker to be asked to cut the Virginia creeper from the bus shelter in the square and spray the moss in Martins Lane. Cllr Rolls would purchase weed killer to spray the paved area at the bottom of the Paddocks. The clerk would report the hole in the Road in West Lane and at the junction of the Square with Church Street.

80(16/17) TAP FUND 2016/17 – Defibrillator - This year’s grant would be £860 and had to be spent by the end of February. Cllr Rendell would contact the 1st Responders for an accurate price of a kit. The Clerk would contact the village hall about positioning it on the outside of the hall. It was agreed the Parish council would fund costs in excess of the grant to see the project through.

81 (16/17) MEETINGS ATTENDED – none

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ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR – Cllr Walker commented it was good to see the Youth committee money had been distributed. Cllr Martindale thanked Cllr Lock and the clerk for seeing the recent land purchase through.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 5th December 2016

Signed.....Date.....

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