

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Apologies: Cllr Giles, Cllr Jury, Ward Councillor R Lock

Present: Cllr J Lock –Chairman, Cllrs R Dunn, J Rolls, N Walker, M Grigg, S Martindale, A Haynes the Clerk, and 5 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 declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall.

PRESENTATION - Dolton Parish Community grants were presented to representatives from 1st Dolton Scout Group, Friends of Dolton 1st Responders and St Edmunds PCC churchyard maintenance fund. All expressed their sincere thanks.

PUBLIC SESSION – Concerns were made about the increasing numbers of heavy goods vehicles travelling through the village. To be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

75(15/16) MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015 had been circulated and were signed as a true and correct record

76(15/16)CLERKS REPORT- Over 100 signatures had been collected and forwarded by Cllr Jury for MP Geoffry Cox’s petition to improve the state of our rural roads. Concerns over poor footpath signage around Stafford Barton had been acknowledge by footpath officer but no more heard. The dog bin in Aller Road had been repositioned.

77(15/16) CORRESPONDENCE

	SUBJECT	ACTION
DALC	newsletters	Email and reading file
Torrige Advisory	Will cease to send paper copies of agenda and minutes. Electronic copies to be sent to clerks and chairman	noted
Barnstaple town council	Request for funding towards records office	PC decided not to contribute
DCC	Investigation into Himalayan balsam in area	Cllr Martindale reported on work at Halsdon nature reserve. Clerk to forward the information.
Devon Community Resilience Forum	Newsletter.	Email to emergency committee and reading file
Healthwatch voices	newsletter	Reading file/Friday market
Devon Senior voice	newsletter	Reading file
SLCC	November magazine	Reading file

78(15/16)FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay 7th December 2015

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office – nov -£10.00 stamps £7.22		17.22	856
Mr D Lock	Grass cutting monthly charge		195.50	857
Mr M Lock	Nov caretaking		117.00	858
D&D village Hall	Nov meeting		10.00	859
DALC	Budgets and precepts course	5.00	30.00	860
1 st Dolton Scout group	Grant (agreed at last meeting)		300.00	861
Friends of Dolton 1 st Responders	Grant (agreed at last meeting)		300.00	862
St Edmunds PCC – churchyard maintenance	Grant (agreed at last meeting)		300.00	863
Torridge,North, Mid & west Devon CAB	Grant (agreed at last meeting)		200.00	864

Grant awards had been signed before the meeting to allow presentations to be made.

Proposed Cllr Martindale, seconded Cllr Haynes

Cheque signatories – Cllrs Walker and Dunn

Invoices checked by – Cllr Haynes

b) Income - none

c) Bank statements - current a/c £12260.99 30/11/15, reserve account £20827.17 30/11/15, liquidity manager 95day account £41278.85 30/10/15

d) Cllr Haynes presented the working parties recommendations that the 16/17 precept should be set at £14351.00

Proposed Cllr Haynes, seconded Cllr Lock all in agreement

79(15/16) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider 1/1173/2015/TCA felling of beech tree, St Edmunds Church

b) Permissions granted– 1/0834/2015/FUL-1st floor extension –Cosden, 3 Hillers, Dolton.
1/1173/2015/TCA felling of beech tree, St Edmunds Church

c) Permissions refused – none

d) Any other planning matters- none

80(15/16) PARISH GROUNDS

a) Football field – i)land registration – nothing to report,

b) Dennis Cross Playing field – nothing to report

c) Memorial Garden – A Gist had carried out the renovation of the war memorial. Cllr Rolls would move the tubs back beside the memorial.

81(15/16) TRAFFIC AND MAINTENANCE

i)hedge trimming - Cllr Lock had spoken to new owners of cottage adjacent to Martins Lane who had promised to cut back over hanging shrubs. Clerk would contact Tarka housing regarding trimming back banks in Aller Road.

- ii) Cllr Rolls agreed to look into clearing debris under bridge at the bottom of Stafford Hill
- iii) Cllr Dunn would erect Christmas lights on the tree in Rectory Road.
- iv) Cllr Haynes would investigate the possibility of erecting a mirror to aid visibility when leaving the village hall.
- v) Leaky roof in public toilet – caretaker would continue to monitor the situation
- vi) There had been a lot of mud on the road through the village recently due stone movements from Cleave Hill. It was confirmed that those making the mess were responsible for cleaning this up.

82(15/16) HOUSING SURVEY

Following the presentation by Janice Alexander the Rural Housing Enabler at the last meeting it was proposed that the Council should ask them to conduct a Housing survey on the Council’s behalf. Proposed Cllr Walker, seconded Cllr Martindale

83(15/16) COUNCIL WEB SITE- Cllr Haynes presented through the large screen the Parish Council’s new website pages on the Village website. This would go live on 14th December. Funding would be applied for to purchase a new printer scanner. Martin Lock was thanked for the work he had contributed in setting up the new site.

84(15/16) TAP FUND – It was decided to go ahead with enhancements to the bus shelter roof in the square. Cllr Lock had spoken with John Folland from Dowland who was happy to join with Dolton on the project.

85(15/16) MEETINGS ATTENDED – none

85(15/16) ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA – the clerk reported that enquiries had been made about renting a garage from the chapel to store the councils gritter and salt. Unfortunately the garage had already been let. It seemed unfair to expect the snow warden to rent a space to keep it in. It was suggested an ad be placed in the diary to see if there is a suitable space available in the village.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2016

MEETING CLOSED 8.46PM

There was then a Part 2 and members of the public were asked to leave the room.

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

