

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 8th January 2007 7.30pm in Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Heal, Berkley-Sage, Grigg, Silltow, Kendrew Jury, Chivers. The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock. 19 member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr.Giles

The minutes of the meeting held 4th December 2006, having been duly circulated, were signed by the chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Silltow

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

285. Deed of Dedication Football Field (min.251a refers) Sport England had confirmed they are a statutory consultee on planning applications affecting playing fields. All Local Authorities are required to consult with them on any planning application submitted which affect any part of a playing field. Resolved that Deed of Dedication be agenda item next meeting and Clerk would send out information resumes to each Councillor.

286. Lease hardcore area Football Field (min. 252 refers) DCC are still working on a new lease and that of a drainage agreement with the adjoining land owner.

287. Speed limits Rectory Road (min.254 refers) DCC Highways reported:-

- a) further speed limits tests can be carried out and equipment placed at Barlands. However previous experience shows that moving the site of a survey by a short distance rarely makes a significant difference to results.
- b) DCC do not have a scheme for “leasing” flashing lights. There is a rolling programme where Council owned lights are sited for four week periods in towns and villages.

288 Design statement (min.257 refers) Clerk had copied for each Councillor letter received from Mr.P.Green of TDC. Main points to arise were:-

- a) if such document is to be adopted by TDC to supplement planning policy and given substantial weight in making decisions on planning applications, it needs to be prepared as a SPD (Supplementary planning document) this must follow quite strict legal and procedural requirements which include public consultation and the preparation of a sustainability appraisal.
- b) TDC have no resources at this time to undertake such preparation. May be possible to assist with Sustainability Appraisal (this was thought by Parish Council to be a move forward in the right direction)

Council resolved that Design Statement be agenda item for next meeting and that Cllr. Berkley-Sage contact Yarnscombe PC who she understand has carried out a Design Statement prepared as an SPD with a sustainability appraisal.

289. Playing field toilet (min.256 refers) Cllr.Kendrew still awaiting quotes.

290. Drains Langham Cross (min.256 refers) road still flooded. Highways have cleaned the gullies only and left bags of salt. The drains must be cleaned before problem is solved. Resolved that Clerk write again to Highways.

291. Housing Survey (min.260 refers)

- a) Moira Constable – e.mail request to attend Parish Council meeting 5th March to report if any progress has been made. Resolved to invite her to the March meeting.

b) No reply from TDC Liz Steele or Lisa Skinner. Clerk to contact again before next meeting if no reply received.

292. Housing Association property in Dolton (min.271 refers) TDC confirmed that:

a) recently vacated house was relet to the highest pointed suitable applicant, who was not a resident of Dolton.

b) there is no record of a Section 106 Agreement restricting the allocation of these properties to Dolton people, or for that matter adjoining parishes.

Council resolved to write to TDC Housing Manager, Devon & Cornwall Housing Association and TDC solicitor asking whether a local occupancy clause ie. any vacant property be allocated to the highest pointed Dolton resident could be imposed on these Dolton properties.

293. Bin bags (min.275c refers) TDC Service Manager confirmed that a full council meeting would be held to make any decision regarding charging for bin bags. Resolved that Clerk write to our Dist.Cllr.Mrs.P.Ferguson stating that Dolton Parish is against charging for bin bags.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

294. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) K.Hardy	wages	£107.00
b) K.Hardy	expenses	£ 3.87
c) Audit Comm.	fee -05/06	£141.00
d) S.W.Water	14/9 – 13/12/06	£173.10
e) Mrs.R.Lock	quarterly wages	£438.75
f) Mrs.R.Lock	quarterly expenses	£ 97.45
g) Village Hall	hire	£ 6.60

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

295. Cllr.Kendrew reported that the First Responder Group required 3 extra keys to be cut for the village hall. Proposed Cllr.Lock seconded Cllr.Grigg that the Parish Council pay for these keys. Cllr.Berkley-Sage to clarify with the village hall the position with regard to purchasing extra keys which had to be done through them.

PLANNING MATTERS

296. Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.

297. Application to consider:-

a) Mr. Mrs.Hammond South Furlong Single storey extension & alts to master bedroom.

Council had no objections to this application but alterations must not impede the access of the neighbouring property.

298. Permissions granted none advised

299. Refusals none advised

300. Section 106 Agreements – Clerk had copied to each Councillor letter from TDC solicitor concerning Section 106 agreements. Main points to arise:-

a) noted that Sec.106 obligation can be amended or revoked at any time by agreement with the authority (see advice note on file for exact details)

b) obligation enforcement – Councillors felt that the enforcement procedure should be made more robust. Councillors asked if the points on enforcement were the views of TDC solicitor or taken from the Government circular and guidance? Resolved that Clerk ask this question of the solicitor and question the enforcement obligations on affordable houses of Orchard Gate phase 2.

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301. Cllr. Jury reported that she was awaiting confirmation from the Section 106 officer of TDC that the £7,500 from Saltmarsh and Jury was available to the Parish Council. Before this is received no tenders for tarmacing can be sent out. Resolved that Dist.Cllr.Ferguson be asked to look into this matter.

FOOTBALL FIELD

302. Nothing further to report – matters covered elsewhere in minutes.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

303. Cllr. Lock – Winbeg meeting at Winkleigh reported as follows:-

- a) feeling from the meeting that it was not a foregone conclusion that the appeal will be thrown out.
- b) they are trying to get the enquiry held at Winkleigh.

CORRESPONDENCE

304. TDC Declarations of interest – following a recently heard case by the Standards Committee of TDC, the following advice was circulated to all Clerks concerning how to minute declarations of interest:-

- a) declarations of interest must be recorded and the reason accurately stated.
- b) also recorded should be instances when members challenge other members over their declarations or non declarations.

305. TDC – new 2007 register of electors received (721 on register)

306. Horticultural Society – reported that the three volunteers who had looked after the flower tub at the Dolton sign in Rectory Road wanted to give this job up. Resolved that letter of thanks be sent to the Hort.Society and that Clerk put notice on noticeboard and article in Diary asking for new volunteers.

307. DCC Highways – management reorganisation – our new highway engineer will be Paul Stewart. All correspondence to be sent to Civic Centre Barnstaple not Gas Lane Torrington.

308. Chulmleigh Community College – letter concerning “community co-operation and involvement” in reading file. Agenda item next month to discuss any action.

309. DCC Highways – road closure part South Street 22-24th January to repair water leak.

310. Torridge Community Transport – Jane Williams newly appointed liason officer with TDC. Letter handed to Cllr.Chivers.

311. DAPC – newsletter in reading file including information pack for 2007 elections.

312. DCC Mineral & Waste Development Framework Stakeholders workshops to be held 14th Feb. and 22nd March. Information in reading file – any councillor wishing to attend must make their own booking.

313. DAPC “National Housing Federations Rural Housing & Regeneration Conference” on 7th Feb. in Dunchurch Worcester. Some bursaries available on first come first served basis to help offset the high cost. Information in reading file. Councillors must make their own bookings if interested.

314. Village Green – in reading file. Extra ordered copies for councillors handed out.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

315. Cllr.Lock – is a further public meeting for Deed of Dedication. required? Agreed that public meeting be held at 7pm prior to council meeting on Feb .5th. Also to be agenda item in February with March decision date.

316. Cllr.Berkley-Sage – recycling shed the tarmac area is breaking up. Clerk to report.

317. Cllr.Heal – asked that letter of congratulations be sent to Sue Smith (nee Strawbridge) who grew up in Dolton and whose father was a Dolton Parish Councillor, on being awarded the OBE in the New Years Honours list.

318. Cllr.Grigg:-

a) hedges needed trimming along Aller Road (those belonging to Saltmarsh and Jury and W.Strawbridge).

b) Chapel Lane drains need attention.

319. Cllr.Kendrew:-

a) Hectors Close development Aller road – extreme problem with surface water from this development. Clerk to write to TDC, DCC Highways and the developer S.Pickard.

b) Hectors Close entry from Rectory Road – clerk to look at planning permission with regard to reinstatement of the lane.

320. Cllr.Jury – 30mph Rectory Road sign still not replaced. Clerk to ask if such 30mph signs could be placed further from the village to warn people earlier.

321. Cllr.Chivers – toilet in the Square was reported to her as not being fit to use. She would inspect the toilet and report back to Clerk.

322. Clerk reported that Lesley Smith of DAPC had been awarded the MBE in New Years Honours List. Letters of congratulations from Dolton Parish Council to be sent.

323. Date of next meeting Monday 5th Feb 2007 – 7pm public meeting concerning Deed of Dedication followed at 7.30pm by monthly council meeting.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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