

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

Apologies: Cllr R Lock –Ward Councillor

Present: Cllr J Lock, Chair, Cllrs C.Giles, S.Jury, , J.Rolls, A.Haynes, R.Dunn, N.Walker, S Lune, M Grigg the Clerk, and 25 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.

Cllr Lock declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland village Hall, Ham Farm and Edgefield. Cllr Giles declared an interest in matters relating to Mr R Neil's Field. Cllr Roles declared an interest in matters relating to the Union Inn. Cllr Jury declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall and Fishleigh Park.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The following questions and comments were made:-

Due to holiday commitments some the council flower boxes would not be watered over the coming weeks, could cover be arranged?

Suggestion that the Union Inn could be used for sheltered housing or more than two homes.

Union Inn difficult to split into more than two properties due to the restrictions of being a listed building.

Where would the road to the new development boundary adjacent to Aller Road go?

The new flower tubs look very attractive.

#### **348(13/14) MINUTES**

The Minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2013, having been circulated were signed as being a true and correct record. Unanimously approved.

#### **349(13/14) CLERKS REPORT**

- 1) Locked gate on footpath at Wood Farm. This had been reported but there had been no feedback from the footpath officer, but it appears that the gate is not always locked.
- 2) Faulty light on footpath into Aller Road. This had been reported and now appears to be working.
- 3) Barrier on footpath twixt Stafford Way and Stafford Road. This will be looked at by Julie Pepworth the Assistant Neighbourhood Officer for DCC to see if alterations can be made to make it more assessable for residents with mobility scooters.
- 4) A total of 7 half barrel planters had been purchased from MVF who had been very helpful providing free delivery and good discount. They are in position between the Paddocks and The Union Inn. Members of the public are welcome to help themselves to a sprig of herbs from the tubs.
- 5) Japanese Knottweed. There had been no response to this being reported. This would be followed up as there are also residents with the weed in their garden who would like to know how to deal with it.
- 6) Hedge obscuring the 30mph sign on entrance to village. Reported and has been trimmed around.
- 7) Give Way signs – at the war memorial and Brook Road have been knocked down. This has been reported but not repaired yet.
- 8) Water running across Aller Road below Hectors Close – runs continuously and does not appear to be very 'clean'. This will be reported
- 9) Missing Boundary stone south of Locks Cottage in Aller Road. To be reported.

#### **350 (13/14) CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Karen Thurlow, Family support and outreach practitioner, Bluecoat centre	Would like to attend a council meeting to inform of their services	Invite to meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> sept.
Community council of Devon	Confirmation of membership (no membership paid)	Leave and see how it develops
Devon Home Choice	Making locals aware of three bedroom house available to rent in the village	Reading file,
Torrington Area advisory group	Meeting 16 <sup>th</sup> July, Torrington Methodist Church	Reading file, Cllr R Dunn to attend
TDC	Letter explaining problems with the reissuing of Council Tax notices	
DCC	Announcement of start of new development at Woodland Vale Care home. Newsletter.	Reading file
DALC	Health watch update	Reading file
DALC	July newsletter, training courses	Reading file
Rural Services network online	newsletter	Email, reading file
TAP fund	Available again 2013/14	Reading file, agenda item next meeting
Beverly Thouless	Request to use Dennis Cross playing field Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 6-7.30pm for Songs of Praise	Usual charges to apply
Mr G Madge	Objection to preferred sites of local plan Code of Conduct, part 3 local plan	Discuss under local plan
Mr G Madge	Objections to referred local plan sites, correspondence with TDC – received too late to be an agenda item at this meeting	Reading file,
Diary Report	It was reported that an article in the July edition of the Dolton and Dowland Diary written in good faith, contained a number of inaccuracies. After discussion the Council felt they were failing to communicate well enough with the public.	The clerk to write an account of council meetings for the Diary each month. Consider reviving the council newsletter. Agenda item next month.

### 351(13/14)FINANCE a)Accounts to pay

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
MVF	4 half oak barrels, compost, plants	34.55	214.20	665 (paid)
MVF	3 half oak barrels, compost, plants	25.33	162.94	666 (paid)
Mrs W Holland	Home office £10.00 Postage £1.20 Eggesford gardens – plants for tubs £21.48		32.68	667
Martin Lock	Caretaking monthly charge - £104 supplies	2.15	104.00 12.93	668 669
M Marshall	plants		41.20	670
TDC	Payroll service for clerk	31.00	186.00	671
D&D village hall	June meeting		8.00	672
David Lock	Grass cutting		165.00	673

Cheque signatories: Cllr Dunn and Cllr Grigg

b) Income – none

Balance in current account £5,788.88- 28.6.13

Balance in deposit acc. £61,710.28 (statement date 28.6.13)

c) Quarterly balance sheet – attached to minutes in file

d) Reinvestment of community bond - The community bond had matured and was at present in the Reserve Account. This facility was no longer available to reinvest in. Cllr Lock had spoken to Nat West Bank and been given various options. It was proposed to reinvest the money in a liquidity 95 day notice account. Cllr Lock and Cllr Giles would visit the bank to arrange. Unanimously approved.

e) The clerk expressed a wish attend a 'Budgets and Precepts' course run by DALC on Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> October, cost £25 +vat. Councillors are also welcome to attend. The council approved this and agreed to pay the cost of the course.

### **352(13/14) PLANNING**

a) Applications to consider – 1/0549/2013/FUL Erection of holiday dwelling – Ham Farm – the council have no objections.

1/0526/5013/FUL Conversion of Union Inn in to two refurbished 4 and 3 bedroom dwellings. The Council accepted the property was no longer viable as a public house, but thought if viable the site was capable of accommodating more than 2 properties.

b) Permissions granted – 1/0342/2013/FUL Brightly Barton alterations and extension

c) Refusals advised – none

### **353(13/14) LOCAL PLAN**

Cllr Hayne restated the background to the plan. He had concerns that the two sites within the new development boundary would generate more than the required 34 houses. There were also concerns that the public felt they had not been properly consulted. In debate other council members felt that within the short time frame allowed the public had been adequately consulted with a public meeting and presentation, plus council meetings which the public could attend. It was proposed that the plan should remain as it was submitted to TDC. All unanimously agreed.

In response to Mr Madge's query regarding code of conduct:- as the 8<sup>th</sup> May meeting had been general and non-specific declarations of interest were not necessary but were required when more selective site choice became necessary.

Letters from Mr N Woods and Mr R Hadden had been circulated to council members for information.

### **354(13/14)DEVON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

Cllr Dunn agreed consult further on this.

### **355(13/14) PARISH GROUNDS**

a) Football field – grass around hard area requires trimming – Cllr Lock would ask David Lock. The clerk was asked to investigate how the field could be protected as a green space for the community.

b) Dennis Cross Playing field – nothing to report

c) Memorial garden – nothing to report.

- d) The flower troughs on the entrance to village on cleave hill had been stolen. Permission given to replace and chain them up.

**356(13/14) Maintenance and traffic issues**

- a) Bus shelter repair quote – as there was only one quote received it was decided Cllr Rolls would investigate various options and discuss again at the next meeting.
- b) Bus turning area – The present system of turning is considered dangerous – Agenda item for the next meeting to discuss how this can be improved.
- c) The sign post at Furze Park was damaged and missing its pointers.
- d) Footpaths – in the making of their village leaflet on walks in the area Cllr Dunn and Haynes and discovered a number of footpath arrows missing and a locked gate. They would pass details to the clerk for reporting.

**357(13/14) MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Community Council of Devon – visit to Fullabrook Wind Farm – attended by Cllrs Jury and Giles. They found this a very informative day. Information placed in reading file.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10PM

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

Signed.....

Dated.....

