

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 9th January 2006 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Heal, Giles, Silltow, Grigg, Berkley-Sage, Kendrew, Jury, Chivers. Dist.Cllr.Mrs.P.Ferguson, the Clerk Mrs.R.Lock. 24 members of the public.

Apologies: there were none

The minutes of the meeting held 5th December 2005, having been duly circulated were signed by the chairman as being a true and correct record with the following amendments:-

- a) Min.728: Cllr.Kendrew confirmed that the figure of 75% of households was reported by the Chairman at the last meeting in the absence of Cllr.Silltow. Cllr.Kendrew felt that Cllr.Silltow had made a grave mistake in giving such information. Councillors should strike this figure from their minds whilst discussing the subject of the Design Statement.
- b) Min.733: The Barn London House – the word “official” replace the word “informal”.
- c) Min.744a: Cllr.Kendrew - the chairman of the Steering Committee had made mistakes and there was a conflict of personalities resulting in all the correspondence. He asked the question “should members of DRAG involved in a court case with TDC, go down to TDC to discuss the Design Statement with them?”
- d) Min.744b: to be added at the end “The Chairman had no problem with signing the draft letter to be presented to TDC”.
- d) Min.760: “letter to be sent to Cllr.Silltow as Chairman of the Design Statement Steering Committee, thanking him and all committee members, for all their hard work.

Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Grigg. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

743. Pavement Arscotts Cottage (min.724 refers) no reply from Mr.Jury for start date. Resolved that Clerk contacts Mr.C.Hodgson of DCC Highways informing him that Mr.Jury was trying to contact him.

763. Barlands – Rectory Road access (min.725 refers) TDC Enforcement Officer confirmed that gate to be fixed in place will be secured by concreting it to the ground – work to be completed by end of Jan.2006.

764. Football Field toilet block (min.729 refers) Mr.Levitt confirmed that work will be completed within the next fourteen days.

765.MUGA/Skateboard area (min.730 refers) no reply from DCC Education Dept. or solicitor.

766. The Barn London House (min.733 refers) letter received from Ms.J.Watts concerning the wording of minute 733. (letter copied for each councillor’s information). Minute changed accordingly to read “official complaint” not “informal complaint”.

767. Footpath Stafford Way/Stafford Road (min.734 refers) no response from TDC. Resolved that Clerk write again.

768. Orchard Gate Phase 2 affordable houses (min.734 refers) Clerk spoken to Mr.M.Brown TDC Planning Dept. today 9th Jan. who reported that the matter was still in the hands of the solicitors.

769. MUGA/Skateboard area (min.757 refers) letter received from Mr.Williams concerning drainage matters, copied to each councillor for their information. Resolved that Mr.Williams proceed with a trial pit as outlined in his letter, obtaining a quote for such work. The cost of this work to be capped at £180.00.

770. Highways Matters (min.758 refers) DCC Highways reported that drainage cover will be rectified, and potholes repaired in the near future. Blocked drains will be added to the list. Chapple Cross – Langham Road had no accident history that would warrant erection of sign or reflectors. They will monitor the situation.

771. Fly tipping Chapple Cross (min.759 refers) TDC had reported on their visit that there was no material tipped. Situation to be monitored.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

772. The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:

a) K.Hardy	wages	£101.00
b) South West Water	15/9-8/12	£ 52.73
c) Mrs.R.Lock	quarterly wages	£438.75
d) Mrs.R.Lock	quarterly expenses	£ 71.95
e) Village Hall	hire	£ 6.60
f) John Silltow	hall hire D.S.	£ 9.90

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

773. Torridge Community Transport Group – Ring and Ride. Resolved that we ask them to talk about their work at the Annual Parish Meeting, after which we would discuss the question of a donation.

774. Clerk reported no hours worked for MUGA/Skateboard funding.

PLANNING MATTERS

775. Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.

776. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr.Mrs.Woolrych-Higgins Quillets North St. 2 storey rear extension.

(Cllrs.Kendrew and Chivers declared interests and left the room)

Council had no objection to this application so long as the extension work is sympathetic to the conservation area.

b) Mrs.M.Grigg Tockley Farm Barn conversion to holiday accommodation.

(Cllrs.Lock, Grigg, Chivers and Berkeley-Sage declared interests and left the room)

Council had no objection to this application as it fits planning policy, but are concerned about the extra traffic that such work and conversion will create along a long single track lane leading to the property of Tockley.

c) Mr.G.Madge land grid. ref 8183 land use to construct area for private use for horses (amended application form)

(Cllrs.Lock and Jury declared interests and left the room)

Council had no objections to this application.

777. Permissions granted none advised

778. Refusals none advised

779. Addisford Cottage West Lane application 1/1719/2005/FUL – this application has been withdrawn.

PLAY EQUIPMENT DENNIS CROSS

780. Cllr.Kendrew and Clerk produced further details of play equipment for council's consideration. Proposed Cllr.Grigg seconded Cllr.Lock that we immediately purchase the following equipment from Wickstead to be financed from funds held in Portman Building Society Dennis Cross account: All agreed.

a) Medium pedestal slide (6050-061)	product price	£2622.00
	carriage of 5%	£ 131.10
	vat 17.50%	<u>£ 481.79</u>
		<u>£3234.89</u>
b) Traditional swing (6040-008)	product price	£1292.00
	carriage of 5%	£ 64.60
	vat 17.50%	<u>£ 237.40</u>
		<u>£1594.00</u>
c) Cradle seat (590 1-020)	one	£ 75.00
	Vat	

781. Resolved that at a later date the Council submit to the school the brochures for “Doing Sport Differently” for children to select their preferred equipment, which would form the plan to be submitted to TDC for the release of £7,500 due to Dolton from Messrs.Saltmarsh and Jury.

DESIGN STATEMENT

782. Cllr.Silltow reported/commented as follows on min.no 744:-

- a) all committee members of the Steering Group were volunteers, and he apologised for late delivery of circular letter.
- b) Committee had not fallen out – they discussed disagreements around the table.
- c) They had appointed somebody in house to lead funding – “a finance liaison officer”. Clerk to the Council would still be the Treasurer.
- d) With regard to Dec.5 minutes and question of 75% of households, he thought he had explained these figures at the meeting of 24th November
 - a) With regard to the next committee, the Church and Wild Life Trust had already nominated members to serve on this committee. More needed from other local organisations.
 - b) Vital Village brochures cost £22.14 to produce. Resolved that these be sold for £23 each plus postage. Still available are 72 doctored versions. Resolved that these be free. This information to be posted on noticeboard

783. Meeting arranged with TDC on 17th January 2006 2pm. TDC will be represented by Mr.D.Tucker, Conservation Officer, Mr. Bines, Area Planning Officer and Cllr.Mrs Feruson, Ward Member.

784. Cllr.Silltow would redraft the letter to be signed by Cllrs.Lock and Silltow to be presented to TDC at this meeting.

785. On a show of hands 5 Councillors, Cllrs.Lock, Silltow, Grigg, Berkley-Sage and Kendrew gave 100% positive backing for the Design Statement.

FOOTBALL FIELD

786.Cllr.Kendrew stated:-

- a) that the question of Mr. Mrs.Madge's land gift should be left until the planning issues were resolved.
- b) Mr.Williams should be asked to carry out feasibility study on the drainage and resizing of the muga/skateboard areas should the extra land not be gifted.

787.Proposed Cllr. Giles seconded Cllr.Grigg that Mr.Williams be asked to carry out feasibility study as to the drainage and also the resizing of the muga/skateboard areas.

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

788. TDC reported that in the absence of an effective enforcement service, the legitimacy of the planning process is itself undermined. TDC is committed to ensuring that effective prioritised enforcement is undertaken. Resolved that enforcement issues will still be dealt with by the Parish Council, but we will encourage individuals to report direct to TDC. Details of the Enforcement Officer to be displayed on noticeboard and diary.

DEEDS OF DEDICATION

789. Clerk to fix public meeting for all users of the football field to discuss the issue of a deed of dedication for the football field.

TORRIDGE VOLUNTARY SERVICE

790. Cllr. Berkley-Sage reported on two schemes that operate within the rural community to benefit the 65/75yrs age group, both of which she felt would be beneficial for Dolton. Resolved that we invite a representative from this organisation to a Council meeting to give a presentation of their work.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

791.Cllr.Kendrew reported that Mr.T. Cole, Devon Ambulance Service had interviewed the seven volunteers who had returned their forms to be co-responders for the village defibrillator. He hoped to start training end of March/April in Dolton.

CORRESPONDENCE

792. Torridge Ring & Ride – timetable for Jan/March to be displayed on noticeboard.

793. TDC Area Advisory meeting Sat.4th February.

794. MCTI minutes of meeting held 23rd. Nov. in reading file. Next meeting 25th Jan. Cllrs.Lock and Berkley-Sage to attend.

795. CAB Training in Welfare Benefits – information in reading file.

796. TDC Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 04/05 now available on line at TDC website.

797. Environment Agency – “Links” newsletters in reading file for information.

798.TDC – Statement of Community Involvement in reading file. Any representations to be made by 26th January 2006.

799. Standards Board – review of Code of Conduct document in reading file.

800. Standards Board – notification of complaint against Cllr. Berkley-Sage. This will not be referred for investigation because complainant provided insufficient information. If further information submitted, the matter will be assessed as a new complaint.

801.Best Kept village competition – resolved that we will enter. Cllr.Kendrew asked that results and comments from last year be made available at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

802. Highway matters to be reported as follows:-

- a) Brook Road from THESE WERE GULLIES I THINK
- b) Chapple Lane potholes
- c) Drains Rectory Road still blocked
- d) Mud in Aller Road just passed the bungalows

803. Cllr.Giles reported that several acts of vandalism had occurred in the village between Xmas and the New Year. Council must encourage individuals to report such matters to the police.

804. Cllr.Silltow:-

- a) had his name been removed as being Councils contact for the DAPC. Clerk confirmed yes Cllr.Kendrew's name being the new contact.
- b) there had been a lot of shooting taking place over recent weeks. Asked if any notification was required to be given to anybody. None was known.

805. Cllr.Kendrew reported that Mr.D.Jones was treating the slippery surface of the lane by the kissing gate for safety purposes.

806. Cllr.Jury:-

- a) the fence at Dennis Cross had been broken. Cllr.Kendrew to repair.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was looked for a new co-ordinator. Mrs.Wooddisse was putting article in the Diary to this effect.
- c) Publication by TDC on Planning Guide for households would be useful for residents to see. Clerk to obtain twelve copies and leave in Post Office.

807.Cllr.Chivers regretted seeing Dolton mentioned in the NDJ under a police report asking for witnesses on a recent fight/assault.

808.Date of next meeting Monday 6th February 2006.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

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