

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr J Lock, Chairman, Cllrs Burnage, Boyes, Giles, Grigg, Jury, Rolls, the Clerk and 4 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr R.Partridge and Cllr W.Byrne

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2010, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record on the proposition of Cllr Rolls, seconded by Cllr. Jury with all in favour.

90(10/11) Matters arising from the Minutes.

91(10/11) Correspondence

Correspondent	Subject	Action
SWHighways	Emergency Road closure for Tree removal New Bridge-Woolleigh Bridge A3124 12 January 2011	Noted & Notice Board
DCC	Changes to Mobile Library Service – Timetable 2011	Diary & Notice Board
G.Cox, QC, MP	Christmas Card to Parish Council	Reading File
Dolton Primary School	Christmas Card	Reading File
Voluntary Youth Services	Newsletter	Emailed and reading file
Safer North Devon	Newsletter	Reading File
TDC	Democracy Pack for local elections with key dates	Agenda item next meeting
James Jarroudi, TDC	Follow-up letter on Active Villages Project by email	Noted
TDC Planning Dept	Requesting any Comments on Wessex Solar Energy Scoping opinion	Discuss in planning
The Royal British Legion	Brochure on Great Poppy Party Weekend 10-12 June 2011 in celebration of Legion's 90 th birthday.	
Comm Cl of Devon	Emailed information on Queen Elizabeth II Fields challenge	Reading file and to be an Agenda item for next meeting
DALC	Email on publishing Members Good News	Emailed & reading file
GM Planning	Postal Surveys have been analysed; now contacting people With specific need to arrange face to face survey. Details to be sent thru in couple of days. Full survey completed by end of the month.	Discuss in Parish Plan

92(10/11) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Lock and Jury declared personal interests in respect of matters relating to the Village Hall.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to invite members of the public to speak.

Name	Subject	Response
Mrs A.Coombs	Dangers of mis-use of one way road in Aller Road	One way sign required.
Mrs D.Madge	Lack of gritting roads in recent snowy weather	Comments noted/Parish Emergency Plan to be established

93 (10/11) Finance

a) Accounts to pay

Supplier	Description	VAT	Total	Chq.No
Mrs J Sidey	Clerk wages 7 Dec-10 Jan(inc) 5 weeks @ 8 hrs per week = 40 hrs @ £8.34 £333.60+£10 home office		£343.60	492
SWW	Quarterly Bill. Water £15.80 Sewage £19.68		£35.48	493
Village Hall	Hire of Hall 6 th December		£8.00	494

Proposed by Cllr Burnage and Seconded by Cllr Boyes that the accounts be paid. All agreed.

Cheque signatories: Cllr Giles and Cllr Grigg

b. Income – none

Any other financial matters: Quarterly balance sheet was circulated.

Current acc. bal. £12,621.43 (includes £1,250 Grant to V.Hall Ch.not yet cleared) (less above cheques to be paid) Dep Acc: £5,556.12+ .56 interest=£5,556.68

Following a short discussion on withdrawing money from the Natwest Bond it was agreed on the **Proposition of Cllr Burnage, Seconded by Cllr Boyes** that as the Bond matures in April it would be sensible to use money from the Current Account and/or Reserve Account to cover the cost of the new Sutcliffe Play Actizone Climber until the bond matures rather than withdraw the Bond early and lose any interest.

94(10/11) Planning

a. Applications to consider –none

b. Permissions granted – 1/0901/2010/CON widen access south View Fore Street; 1/0954/2010/FUL Stoney Fields Farm West Lane American style stabling and menage

c. Refusals advised – 1/0636/2010/OUTM 6 afford. + 4 open market dwellings Fishleigh Park

d. To receive any other planning matters: “Scoping Opinion –Solar Park with Photovoltaic Panels Land at OS 258472 115077 Cowflop Cross, Dolton” was discussed. **On the proposal of Cllr Boyes, seconded by Cllr Burnage** the Clerk was asked to inform TDC that although the Parish Council wish to support such ‘green’ initiatives, they do agree with the TDC Environmental Officer’s expressed view that an environmental impact assessment is required on this site.

95(10/11) Parish Grounds

i. Dennis Cross Cllr Jury reported that the Sutcliffe Actizone Climber is currently being installed at Dennis Cross and that Sutcliffe Play have inspected the site and will be undertaking remedial work outlined by the Zurich Inspection Report levelling ground where necessary. Cllr Jury was disturbed to discover a quantity of broken glass in the grass. Cllr Burnage will begin regular weekly inspections in February and will keep appropriate records.

ii. Football field. The Clerk reported that Simmons Services have carried out the 16 cuts covered by the grass cutting contract and provided a list of dates to 6th January. Any further cuts requested will be charged to the Football Club. The Clerk has spoken with Simmons Services who will be happy to attend an informal meeting with the Parish Council before the start of the next cutting season to discuss caretaking/grass cutting for the coming year April 2011/12.

96 (10/11) Parish Action Plan.

Cllr.Burnage gave a verbal report on progress with the Housing Survey and said that GM Planning did accept there would be no additional payment to cover postage costs; the postal housing survey forms have been analysed and GM Planning were now arranging to speak to people with specific needs. GM Planning had reported a return of 27%, which Torridge consider to be good return. GM Planning are hoping to have the full survey results back to us by the end of the month. He spoke about the Localism Bill which will give power to local people to make decisions for the local community. The Vision Group now feel they need to explore the way ahead and would like to obtain some guidance in that respect. Mr Bob Patterson has the

professional experience to give that guidance and will be able to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 7th February but would wish to charge a fee of £500. Following a discussion by Councillors and suspension of standing orders to allow 2 members of the Vision Group to express their views, on the **Proposition of Cllr Boyes, seconded by Cllr Rolls** it was agreed that Mr Patterson be invited to attend and give a full presentation to the 7th February Meeting, which should be well advertised to encourage members of the public to attend. The meeting to start at 7 p.m and run its course, cutting short the Parish Council meeting if necessary. The Vision Group are planning another Open Day to take place next month if possible. Cllr Burnage circulated draft copies of the Newsletter. He will contact Chulmleigh Community College to enquire about printing costs.

97(10/11) Maintenance and Traffic Issues - To receive updates on local issues.

- i. Cllr Jury and the Clerk have both reported the collapsed drains, water problems on Rectory Road to DCC Highways and SWW asking for these to be treated as urgent but so far the Clerk has received only an emailed acknowledgement. Cllr Jury reported that bollards have been placed round the collapsed drain at Brook Road and 2 workmen have looked at the water coming through the tarmac in Rectory Road, so it is hoped that some action will be forthcoming.
- ii. Grit/salt bins have been refilled. The Clerk was asked to again request salt bins for Orchard Gate, the lower cul-de-sac at Stafford Way and The Paddocks.
- iii. There has been no response to the Clerk's letter to DCC requesting the hedgebank coppicing at the walkway between Stafford Hill and Barfield estate. Cllr Giles asked if the Clerk would ask DCC to give the Parish Council permission to have the hedge coppiced by a local man and would pay his costs.
- iv. Aller Road. Clerk to write to the owner of Cobblestone Cottage requesting permission to erect a 'one-way road' sign on the wall facing the entrance to Hectors Close cul-de-sac.

98(10/11) Parish Emergency Planning –

It was agreed to hold a Public Meeting on Monday 31st January, to form a Parish Emergency Planning Group of interested people, to set up a workable Emergency Plan for Dolton and that Ruth Staddon, the TDC Emergency Planning Officer be invited to attend and give a presentation and advice.

99(10/11) Royal Wedding.

A notice to go on Notice Board, the Newsletter, and in the Diary enquiring if any people are interested in organizing a public committee to celebrate the day to contact either the Clerk or Chairman.

100(10/11) Instructions on Use of Projector in Village Hall

Cllr. Burnage will draft instructions for connecting and using the projector and will prepare a case/box to store the leads, remote control etc. to be kept in the Village Hall.

101(10/11) Meetings Attended. None

102(10/11) Any Other Business As requested, The Clerk had contacted TDC to see if planning permission for the erection of a notice-board would be required. The response was that if the land is owned by TDC or the Parish, Planning Permission will not be required as long as the notice-board is within a certain size, but if the land is owned by DCC Highways would have to give their permission and Planning Permission would be required. It was suggested that the Parish Council should select a notice-board and details of size and construction, with details of exactly where it is proposed to be erected, be sent to the Planning department for a written response.

Cllr Grigg spoke about litter at Chapple Cross. Cllr Rolls will rake-up the litter and make things tidy.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40 p.m.

Date of next meeting 7th February 2011.

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