

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2014 IN THE CHAPEL ROOM AT 7.30PM

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

Present: Cllr Lock -Chair, Cllrs S.Jury, , J.Rolls, N.Walker, M Grigg, A.Haynes, S Lune, R Dunn, the Clerk, and 17 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 and Hawkdow Wind Turbine. Cllr Jury declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall,

PUBLIC SESSION

The following questions were asked: How long ago was the Vital Village Survey carried out? Can the Parish Council give assurances there will be no development in the village before the Local Plan is given its final approval? Council Response – No, they cannot stop anyone putting in a planning application. Re Hawkdow Wind Turbine – if the lease of the site is terminated is, is the wind turbine null and void? Council Response - Parish council not involved in the legal side. Plus - Thank you for an excellent ‘Dolton and Dowland Walks’ booklet..

427(13/14) MINUTES

The Minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2014 having been circulated were agreed and signed as being a true and correct record however it was noted that the date of the next meeting had to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

428(13/14) CLERKS REPORT- The Clerk reported the meeting was being held in the Chapel Room due to a need to change the meeting date and the Village Hall being booked. The Stafford Way barrier had been removed thus improving access for residents with mobility scooters. The build-up of debris under the bridge by the sewage works at the bottom of Stafford Hill had been reported to highways. The Christmas lights purchased by the Council had been stored away in the Village Hall by Martin Lock.

429(13/14) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
Dolton Parochial Church Council	Informing Council of fallen tree and another diseased tree	noted
Dolton Parochial Church Council	Donation request to help with removal of fallen and dead trees in churchyard	finance
1 st Dolton Scout Group	Thank you for grant towards camping equipment	noted
Victim Support	Thank you for donation	noted
Clerks and councils Direct	Newsletter	Reading file
Village green	Newsletter	Reading file
DALC	Newsletter	Reading file
SLCC	Clerk magazine	Reading file
DCC	Future of residential care – briefing on consultation dates	E mail

North Devon Nature Improvement Project	On line survey and Invite to meeting – Great Torrington 8 th March and Hatherleigh 18 th March 9am-1pm	E mail
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430(13/14) FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office £10.00		10.00	719
M Lock	Caretaking		104.00	720
David Lock	Grass cutting		165.00	721
D&D Village Hall	hire		8.00	722
AC Print Ltd	Printing of Walk booklets – TAP Fund		717.00	723
Mr A Haynes	Expenses relating to Walk Book:- Ink – 29.52 Postage – 5.20		34.72	724
South West Highways Ltd	Caution Bus Turning signs x3	19.80	118.80	725
SWW Ltd	Water 20/12/13-3/3/14 estimated		26.48	726
TDC	Payroll service	12.00	144.00	727

Proposed Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Lune. Cheque signatories Cllrs Walker and Grigg

b) Income - DCC £195.00 school hire of playing field 13/14

Balance in current account £6070.69 -28/2/14

Balance in deposit acc. £20811 – 30/1/14

Liquidity Manager 95day notice account £41102.15 – 28/2/2014

c)other financial matters

i) a donation request had been received from the Parochial Church Council of Dolton to help with the removal of the fallen and diseased trees in the Churchyard. It was proposed by Cllr Haynes and seconded by Cllr Jury the Council should make a donation of £250. All agreed.

Parochial Church Council of Dolton	Donation towards removal of fallen and dead trees in churchyard		£250.00	728
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Cheque signatories Cllrs Walker and Grigg.

ii) Review of Financial Regulations – the clerk handed a renewed draft of the financial regulations to councillors for them to look at and report back for approval at the next meeting. The Clerk informed the council she was still in the process of creating an Internal Controls Policy as advised by the External Auditor.

iii) Internal Auditor – it was proposed by Cllr walker and Seconded by Cllr Grigg that Mr Terry Farrington should be asked to be the internal auditor again this year.

431(13/14) PLANNING

a) a) Applications to consider – 1/0987/2013/FUL- Long Meadow –Removal of Nissan hut and erection of stables/storage building. – Council had no objections.

1/0171/2014/FUL – 4 Hectors Close- remove existing garage door and replace with window – Council had no objections as there was still ample parking at the property and no cars would be parked on the public highway.

1/0078/2014/FUL – Hawkdown Farm -erection of single 77m wind turbine – Cllr Lock declared an interest and left the room whilst this application was discussed handing the chair to Cllr Walker. Council voted by 4:2 to object to the application. There was one abstention. It was felt that due to its size it would have significant visual impact on Dolton Village and the surrounding Parish.

b) Applications granted–1/1066/2013/LBC,1/1065/2013/FUL -Old School Cottage – repair and rebuild boundary wall

1/0973/2013/LBC – Arscotts Cottage -to take down and replace dilapidated link building and reinstate former openings to domestic store building

1/0046/2014/LBC – 1 Thornes Cottages,- repair gable wall and replacement of sash windows

c) Permissions refused – 1/0967/2012/FUL Bryony Hill turbine

d) **Dolton Vision and Objectives** – a review of the objectives included amending the number of public houses to 2, adding a well-equipped play area to its attractions. It was agreed to review the objectives again when the Local Plan was finally approved.

432 (13/14) PARISH GROUNDS

a) **Football field i) Hard Play Area** had been broken up and fenced off by DCC. It would be removed and the area reinstated in June when the football season was completed.

b) Broken kissing gate – Cllr Dunn would follow up the order.

c) Dennis Cross – nothing to report

d) Memorial Garden – nothing to report

432 (13/14) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC

a) **Bus turning** – The Caution Bus Turning signs had arrived. Cllr Dunn would arrange a site meeting to discuss putting them up.

b) Cllr Lune reported damage to parked cars in Stafford Way which had been reported to police and was being investigated.

433 (13/14) HEALTH – Cllr Lune reported feedback suggested that a Healthwatch scheme was not needed in Dolton where neighbours seemed to be good at looking after each other. She had produced a health questionnaire to ascertain the need for medical services in the village. It was proposed by Cllr Dunn and Seconded by Cllr Rolls that the council pay to print 450 copies of the questionnaire which would be distributed to all households in the village. All agreed. Completed questionnaires should be returned to the Post Office. Clerk to thank the Post Office for this service.

434(13/14) TAP FUND – The 12/13 TAP – Booklets were now being circulated. It had been agreed by Malcom Harris at TDC that the slight underspend could be kept to deal with ongoing expenses of the booklet.

435(13/14) Meetings attended – none.

436(13/14) – For Attention – Enquires had been made if the village was doing anything to commemorate the start of WW1. It was agreed this could be a joint venture involving the Village Hall, School, and Church. A possible date could be Saturday 2nd August.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was set for Monday 12th May at 7.00pm followed by the AGM and the monthly council meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 7th April 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared a **PART 2** and asked members of the public to vacate the meeting at 8.45pm

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