

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Monday 10th Sept. 2007 7.30pm Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Boyes, Partridge, Burnage, Berkley-Sage, Genge Jury, Giles. The Clerk Mrs. R.Lock, the new Clerk Mrs.M.Harris 18 members Of the public

Apologies: Cllr.Grigg

The minutes of the meeting held 9th July 2007, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with one amendment – min.544 to read “timescale not known”. Proposed Cllr.Partridge seconded Cllr.Jury. All agreed.

The minutes of part two meeting held 9th July 2007, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Genge seconded Cllr. Jury. All agreed.

The minutes of part two meeting held 18th July 2007, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Giles seconded Cllr. Jury. All agreed.

The minutes of part two meeting held 20th August 2007, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr. Partridge seconded Cllr. Burnage. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 9th JULY

588. Microphones (min.543 refers) Cllrs.Burnage and Lock confirmed that the sound system in the hall was not suitable for Council meeting use.
589. Recycling centre (min.545 refers) recycling centre removed and cleared by TDC. Green boxes readily available from TDC.
590. Financial regulations (min.546 refers) Clerk reported that new Clerk at North Tawton was working on a version of financial regulations for smaller parish and town councils. Resolved that Clerk obtain full version from NALC. Agenda item next meeting.
591. 591. Code of Conduct training (min.548 refers) Tuesday 18th September Torrington 6pm. Clerk to book seven places. Following training new code of conduct to be adopted. Agenda item next meeting.
592. Barlands Way/Aller Road footpath (min.550 refers) Ward Councillor has arranged appointment with Mr.Williams.
593. The Retreat (min.549 refers) Mr.Higgins submitted details of work/costs concerning the drainage problems. Resolved that Council pay 1/3rd share ie. £176.25.
594. Traffic Control Rectory Road (min.551 refers) speed flashing sign had been in situ and removed. Awaiting figures from DCC Highways
595. West Iddlecott planning (min.561c refers) LBC application received. Clerk returned with agreed comments as on full application.

596. Drains (min.580b refers) these were sunken not blocked. Clerk to report.
597. 30mph Arous (min.584b refers) now replaced.
598. Rectory Road repairs to pot holes (min.586a refers) these would be inspect and dealt with accordingly. Drains Langham were not considered to be dangerous at this time.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PART TWO MEETING 9th JULY

599. There were none

MATTERS ARISING FROM PART TWO MEETING 18th JULY

600. There were none

MATTERS ARISING FROM PART TWO MEETING 20th AUGUST

601. There were none

FINANCIAL MATTERS

602. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Village hall	hire	£ 4.95
b) D.Jones & Son	grass cutting	£166.00
c) Mrs.S.Jury	exp.Dennis Cross	£ 5.00**
d) Mr.K.Hardy	wages	£214.00
e) Mr.K.Hardy	expenses	£ 3.69
f) Mr.M.Higgins	1/3 rd exp. Retreat	£176.25

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

** With regard to cheque made payable to Mrs.Jury as only 2 account signatories available – proposed Cllr.Burnage seconded Cllr.Partridge that Cllr.Jury endorse this cheque.

603. Moneys received:-

a) VAT	vat repayment	£468.21
b) Village Hall	hire football field	£ 10.00

604. Audit Commission – requested further details of differences in Sec. 1 boxes 3 and 6. Clerk sent relevant information.

605. Portman Building Society – now merged with Nationwide. All interest to be credited to accounts on 31st October each year.

606. Portman Fixed Bond – clerk reported bond matured 25th August with interest of £3000 (three thousand pounds) accrued plus £750 (seven hundred and fifty pounds) tax redeemable. Council resolved:-

- that sum of £3,000 be transferred to Portman Dennis Cross account together with tax rebate of £750 when received.
- After the agreed amount of £15,000 (fifteen thousand pounds) to Village Hall for replacement doors and windows has been paid, the balance of the bond money ie £60,000 (sixty thousand pounds) be reinvested with Nationwide. Clerk to seek advice from Financial Advisor for most suitable

- Accounts for interest and accessibility.
- c) Cllr.Berkley-Sage asked about capital gains tax. Clerk reported that the Tax office had never quoted or mentioned capital gains tax.

PLANNING MATTERS

607. Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.
608. Applications to consider: None
609. Permissions granted:
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| a) Dolton School | School | new boundary wall |
| b) Mr.Mrs.Mardon | 9 The Paddocks | 2 storey rear extension |
| c) Mr.Mrs.Terry | West Iddlecott | reinstatement west end of farmhouse |
610. Refusals advised:
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| a) Cleave Hill Development | Edgefield | 15 residential units |
| b) Mr.Maxwell | Wood Farm | COU outbuilding to holiday acc. |

CARETAKERS CONTRACT

611. Clerk had placed copy contract in reading file. Each Councillor to review. Agenda item next meeting.

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE

612. NDDC planning app. No for Devon Air Ambulance at Eaglescott is 44488. Ward Councillor has received further information from Burrington Parish concerning their fears over other users of Eaglescott Airfield. Cllr.Genge and Berkley-Sage (1st responders) reported on training evening concerning “access” of air ambulance. Important to have clear indication of whereabouts of patient and possible landing spot eg. Sheet on ground (not to be left) fluorescent vests worn. The Air Ambulance should never be approached. Cllr.Boyes due to pressure of work had been unable to work on the question of access sites for the Air Ambulance.

ACCESS/USE OF PLAYING FIELD/EDGEFIELD

613. Cllr.Boyes – stated he sees Edgefield as a great use to the potential muga/skateboard/drainage issues at the football field. The applicant has offered land. Feels that the Parish Council should enter into discussions with the applicant and ask for access into the football field using the proposed new road, otherwise the field could be land locked.
614. Cllr.Genge warned of the code of conduct and predetermination issues on the Edgefield application. Resolved that matter be deferred to enable individual Councillors to contact the Monitoring Officer of TDC for advice. Agenda item for next month to read exactly the same “access/use of playing field/Edgefield”

NEWSLETTER

615. Cllr.Burnage produced draft newsletter for Councillors to consider.
- a) Cllr.Genge would have liked more time to read and consider. She would like the section on the housing survey amended. Resolved that she e-mails changes to Cllr.Burnage who would consult with Chair and Vice Chair who

would agree the changes.

- b) Distribution – 400 copies to print would cost approx. £40. Resolved that dwellings outside the village be posted.

VILLAGE HALL (Cllrs. Burnage and Boyes declared prejudicial interests, members of village hall committee and left the room)

- 616. Discussion took place on costs/grant to Village Hall for new windows and doors. Village Hall Committee had approx. £6,000 in their restoration fund and had accepted quote from Team Windows for £20,217.12. Parish Council had agreed in principle to contribute towards cost (min.375 page 156 refers). Proposed Cllr. Genge seconded Cllr. Partridge that sum of £15,000 (fifteen thousand pounds) be given as a grant. All agreed.

DENNIS CROSS

- 617. Cllr. Jury reported on funding applications made to date and thanked the Council for the sum of £3,750 to be transferred to Dennis Cross account.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

- 618. Cllr. Lock – MCTA meeting – nothing specific to report
- 619. Cllrs. Jury/Boyes – Area Advisory Meeting – nothing specific to report
- 620. Cllrs. Jury/Giles – AGM of DPFA – main speaker was disabled herself – gave interesting talk. She confirmed that Dennis Cross 1st phase pathway and access met all the disabled requirements eg. Width of path and entrance. Also some play equipment was suitable for disabled. These points could open up extra avenues for funding.
- 621. Cllr. Burnage – Quality Councils – all about ticking the right boxes, giving right support and funding for clerk to do the training – all this he felt would be achievable for Dolton.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 622. DAPC AGM 29th September in Exeter – Cllr. Lock to attend if Cllr. Berkley-Sage could not. Clerk to book one place.
- 623. Dolton School – bike rack. Letter read from School council about the installation of bike rack outside the school gate and would Parish Council have any funding. Resolved that Council felt this an excellent idea and funding would be considered at the next meeting. Planning permission may have to be a consideration.
- 624. Village Hall Committee – a village calendar would be a good idea. Cllr. Burnage to speak to Mr. M. Lock about the possibility of organisations placing their events on the village website, and such information could be downloaded and printed in Diary and/or put on noticeboard.
- 625. Mr. Golding – Orchard Gate needed a cul-de-sac sign. Resolved that Clerk send copy of Mr. Golding's letter to DCC Highways for their attention.
- 626. DCC Bus Strategy 06/11 – available on DCC website.
- 627. DCC Waste Local Plan available on DCC website.
- 628. Best Kept village Competition – Dolton scored 88 points. Copy of report to be published in diary and put on noticeboard.

- 629. TDC adoption of new code of conduct – as Dolton Parish Council to date has not adopted the new code we could not enter into a joint advertisement in the press.
- 630. Torridge Community Transport – information for traveling to NDDH to be placed on noticeboard.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 631. Cllr.R.Boyes:-
 - a) Parish Plan sub committee to arrange meeting date for relooking at the plan.
 - b) Meeting with Police and Highways to be arranged confirming traffic problems
 - c) Litter bin required outside the shop.
- 632. Cllr.Partridge- had been approached and asked if a flag pole and union jack could be erected in the village. Clerk to ascertain about planning permission. Agenda item next month.
- 633. Cllr.Berkley-Sage – pot holes Chapple Lane need repairing.
- 634. Cllr. Jury:-
 - a) streets/pavements badly need cleaning. Responsibility of TDC caretaker. Clerk to contact TDC.
 - b) Are we required to put “no smoking signs” up in bus shelters. Clerk to ascertain.
- 635. Cllr.Lock – shrub in War Memorial is blocking the reading of names. Councillors to look into matter.
- 636. Ward Councillor reported that as from September- TDC planning committee meetings were to have a public session. Copy of rules and procedures were in reading file for Councillors information.
- 637. Date of next meeting 1st October.

Thee being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.20pm.

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