

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Monday 11th 2009 in the Village Hall @ 7.25pm

Present: Cllr J Lock (Chairman) Cllr C Giles (Vice Chair) Cllrs Boyes , Burnage, Byrne , Jury , Partridge , Rolls , the Clerk - Mary Harris and 9 members of public

Apologies: Cllr Grigg

It was noted that Cllr Grigg had missed 6 Parish Council meetings due to hospitalisation and mobility issues arising from an accident

The minutes of the meeting held March 30th 2009 having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Jury

Seconded: Cllr Rolls

All agreed

6(09/10) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Cllr Partridge commented that Cllrs should have a longer preview time for grant applications whilst accepting that the Village Hall boiler replacement had been an emergency item. He asked that it also be noted that the parish of Dowland has a joint responsibility for the Village Hall.

Cllr Burnage requested that on this occasion and at future meetings "Correspondence " be moved to agenda item 3 and prior to any declarations of interest. The Council did not raise any objection.

7(09/10) CORRESPONDENCE

Torrington Town Council letter ref. closure of Minor Injuries facilities in Torrington – *the issue resolved*

TDC – Survey of Rough sleeping - *noted*

TDC – Working with wildlife in Torridge- *noted*.

DD Village Hall – thank you letter for the financial support - *noted*

CPRE – request for annual subscription- **It was resolved NOT to pay the 2009 subscription**

Proposed Cllr Burnage

Seconded Cllr Boyes

All agreed

Correspondence appertaining to Planning and Parish Plan were discussed at their relevant agenda item and Cllr Boyes asked if Parish Council correspondence should be viewed by members of the public prior to a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk had had some advice from the District Council Monitoring officer on this issue and informed the meeting that meeting papers sent to Cllrs were not considered sensitive unless they were specifically marked as Private and Confidential or for discussion in a Part 2. However , Cllrs had a duty to consider the effect of publishing any reports or matters appertaining to a meeting PRIOR to that meeting taking place.

8(09/10) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interests (personal) received by Cllrs Burnage ,Lock and Jury in respect of the Village Hall and prejudicial received by Cllr Burnage in respect of Dolton Football Club.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman closed the meeting to invite members of the Public to raise questions.

J Cotter Question to Chair of Village Hall committee reference funding from the CCD

J Genge Accuracy of information (Rural Housing Trust)

D O Brien Rural Housing Trust information source / Draft Action Plan

C Burnage Parish Plan / draft Action Plan process

9(09/10) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The Clerk presented the following accounts to pay:

Supplier	Description	VAT	£	Chq no
M Harris	Clerk salary 385.92 Expenses 42.48		428.40	362
Village Hall	March Hire of hall		17.50	363
K Hardy	Caretaker wages 110.40 Expenses 2.98		113.38	364
C Burnage	Newsletter expenses		44	365
Village Hall	Grant for boiler		2288.50	366

Proposed: Cllr Boyes

Seconded: Cllr Partridge

All agreed

Signatures : Cllrs Giles & Lock (Clerk for the Village Hall)

b) The Clerk had received the following notification of income into the current account :

Torrige District Council Precept 09/10 less the DAPC subscription £5994

c) Other financial matters arising : the Parish Council had budgeted £500 for a new village notice board and Cllrs requested that this be purchased as soon as possible. The Chairman advised that he would discuss the sizing of the replacement board with the owner of the shop prior to purchase .

10(09/10) PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consideration

1/1252/2008/FUL Church Cottage , Church – Solar panels
The Parish Council approved of the plans and noted the “ green consideration “

1/0305/2009/FUL Cross Farm – extension to agricultural buildings
The Parish Council approved of the plans

1/0306/2009/FUL Cross Farm – extension to cattle building
The Parish Council approved of the plans

1/0371/2009/FUL Stafford Barton – alterations, extension
The Parish Council approved of the plans and noted the “ green consideration “

b) Permissions granted 1/0024/2009/FUL Besum Cottage

c) Refusals advised – none advised

d) Any other planning matters - Correspondence form A Hodder – Surveyor in respect of a planning proposal for Aller Rd. It was concluded that the appropriate response would be to inform the correspondent that comments upon plans would be made through the District Council planning application process whilst acknowledging that it had been courteous to inform the Parish Council on the draft proposals .

11(09/10) DENNIS CROSS PLAYING FIELD

There was continuing concern regarding the “moving” Youth Pod tables and discussion about possible solutions , which included the permanent solution of concreting the bases. Some options will be brought to the next meeting.

12(09/10) PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Cllr Burnage spoke to the meeting regarding the final process for publishing the work that had been concluded by the Parish Plan Working Party. There was some discussion regarding the timetable for publishing the action plan newsletter prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting the following Monday which Cllr Burnage believed he could achieve. The distribution of the newsletter would take place as soon as possible . The full version of the action plan would be posted on the Dolton Website and onto the new notice board and in addition every Councillor would have a copy available for public viewing.

Cllr Burnage reiterated to the meeting that the process of review had been a concentrated effort to produce an action plan and that this piece of work was complementary to the original Parish Plan. The Clerk highlighted one of the key actions within the plan which was to undertake a feasibility study as soon as possible in order to create the Dolton Vision Community Led planning group and to set its brief.

Cllr Burnage informed the meeting that the Sustainable Communities Act had been taken on board by Torrige District Council and that the Parish Plan Working Group would meet to complete the survey

and audit papers circulated by the District Council. The Parish Council agreed that the Parish Plan Working group could take the responsibility for submitting the form.

NB *The Act aims to promote the sustainability of local communities. Its main principle is that local people know best what needs to be done to promote the sustainability of their area, but that sometimes they need central government to act to enable them to do so. It provides a channel for local people to ask government to take action.*

It was resolved that the Dolton Parish Plan - Action Plan 2009-2012 be approved by the Parish Council as its 3 year service plan

Proposed Cllr Boyes

Seconded Cllr Partridge

All agreed

13(09/10) STANDARDS BOARD

No communication

14(09/10) PARISH MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

The log of maintenance issues was updated and the Clerk will follow through those areas that are still outstanding following the meeting between the Northern Area representative and the Parish Council. There were some issues brought to the meeting and these were discussed. The replacement of the Parish Notice board would be a priority as would be a request to a household to cut down foliage where a sign is being obscured on a one way street.

15(09/10) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE

Cllr Boyes led a discussion around areas of the village that required some additional "pride" and maintenance, including trees, weeds and pathways. There is to be a litter pick session on Saturday 16th May and the Clerk will produce a few posters for Cllr Jury to promote the event. Cllr Boyes will undertake some weeding maintenance in the Barfield Close car park and the Chair will view some of the areas that were brought up in the discussion.

16(09/10) SHARED GARDEN SCHEMES

There had been a land / allotment seminar in Exeter in May. The Clerk will arrange for the seminar material to reach those members of the public who have shown interest in allotments and arrange a meeting with the group in the near future.

17(09/10) MEETINGS ATTENDED

The Chairman had attended the Winkleigh Aerodrome Consultation Day
The Chairman and Cllr Burnage had attended the Torridge Area Advisory Group where their agenda item on the Sustainable Communities Act had been addressed by the Chief Executive and other officers at Torridge District Council. The Fire service had given a presentation and there had been some useful information on Fire prevention which could form a feature in the next newsletter.

18(09/10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Jury requested that the Dolton & Dowland Diary receive regular summaries of Parish Council meetings and the Clerk resolved to address the issue in future.

Cllr Burnage reminded Councillors that it is helpful to the parish maintenance process if areas of concern were highlighted to the Clerk in a written form and where at all possible in advance of the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed.....

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