

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2014 IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.35PM (following the Annual Parish Meeting and The Council AGM)

Apologies:, Cllr Haynes, Cllr Grigg, Cllr R Lock – Ward Councillor,

Present: Cllr Lock -Chair, Cllrs C Giles, S Jury, N Walker, S Lune, R Dunn, J Rolls, the Clerk, and 4 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.

Cllrs Lock and Jury declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall. Cllr Dunn in matters relating to Zurich Insurance

PUBLIC SESSION

It was suggested the Council should purchase their own computer.

It was reported there was a telephone scam circulating where the caller pretended to be from BT saying there was a problem with your last payment.

17(14/15) MINUTES

The Minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 7th April 2014 having been circulated were agreed and signed as being a true and correct record.

18(14/15) CLERKS REPORT- the clerk reported that the ‘Bus Turning ‘signs were now in place. Concerns had been logged with highways about a subsiding drain in Stafford Way, lack of grass cutting inside the 30 mph sign – including Stafford Way roundabout, and overgrown verges at Dolton Beacon junction. The reply had been that urban grass cutting contractors should be cutting inside the village 4 times a year and concerns about Dolton Beacon had been passed to the contractor.

19(14/15) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
Devon County Council –Simon Phillips –neighbourhood highway engineer	Maintenance of Devon’s Roads and prioritisation of works	E mail and reading file
Healthwatch Devon	Newsletter	Reading file
Councils and clerks direct	newsletter	Reading file
SLCC	News letter	Reading file

20(14/15) FINANCEa)accounts to pay

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office £10.00 Ink -£21.38, paper - £15.48		46.86	738
M Lock	Caretaking		117.00	739
D & D Village Hall	Hire		8.00	740
Grounds Maintenance SW	Grass cutting	23.66	141.96	741
Chris Hodgson engineering	Gate/post for football field	28.00	168.00	742

Cheque signatories Cllrs Dunn and Giles, proposed Cllr Lune, seconded Cllr Rolls, invoices checked by Cllr Lock

- b) Income - TDC -1st half precept £5188.92
Balance in current account - £9501.53 - 30/4/14
- c) Updated Financial Regulations and Internal Controls Policy were approved and signed.
- d) The internal auditor – Mr Terry Farrington – had signed off the annual accounts. These were accepted by the Council. Proposed Cllr Lune, seconded Cllr Dunn.
- e) Annual Governance Statement.- This was reviewed and approved by the Council. The declaration was signed by the Chairman.
- f) The insurance was reviewed and agreed as the previous year
- g) The play area inspection contract has previously been carried out by the insurers – Zurich. With the addition of new play equipment the fee for this had risen considerably. The Clerk and made enquiries about alternatives. RSoPA would carry out an annual inspection in March each year for £65 + vat for up to 5 items + £3 for each additional item. This would cost the Council approx. £95 + vat . The clerk would check this did not compromise the Councils insurance cover and if acceptable cancel the inspection part of the contract with Zurich.

21(14/15) PLANNING

- a) Applications to consider — none
- b) Permissions granted– 1/0171/2014/LBC Cobb Cottage – reinstate internal opening

22 (14/15) PARISH GROUNDS

- a) Football Field – Cllrs Rolls and Walker agreed to install the new gate.
- b) Dennis Cross – Zurich had carried out their inspection and there were no problems.
- c) Memorial Garden – nothing to report
- d) Pride in Our Village – this had not been held this year. Cllr Rolls agreed to spray the brick area twixt The Paddocks and the Union to clean it up.

23(14/15) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC

- a) grass cutting – concerns had been raised about the latest cut on the football pitch being uneven and lack of trimming around the village seats. The contractor had agreed to meet with Councillors on Thursday 15th May to go through any concerns.
- b) Concerns had been raised about hedges from properties in the village overhanging onto pavements and roads. It was agreed to have an informal word with the properties concerned.

24(14/15) HEALTH – Cllr Lune reported a very good response to the recent health questionnaire. She would present the results to the next meeting.

25(14/15) MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllrs Dunn and Jury had attended Torridge Area Advisory meeting which had been very disappointing as the Speaker did not turn up. No date had yet been fixed for the next meeting.

26(14/15) POLICE REPORT – Dolton Community Speed Watch had been out twice in April. During the last 30 days Dolton had been crime free. Over the same period 17 calls had been received were a log was made. Report attached to end of minutes.

27(14/15) Agenda items for next meeting. Purchase of a council computer. The clerk would investigate and obtain quotes.

The Meeting closed at 8.30

Date of next meeting:- Monday 2nd June 2014

SIGNEDDATE.....



Dolton Community Speed watch have been out twice in April 2014

On April 11th 2014 a total of 38 vehicles passed and 1 of them were being driven in excess of the speed limit.

On April 23rd 2014 a total of 97 vehicles passed and 12 of them were being driven in excess of the speed limit.

Great work by the Community Speed Watch team.

Crime report for Dolton:

During the past 30 days Dolton has been crime FREE! Over the same period we have received 17 calls where a log has been created the break down is as follows:

9 for a missing person (the same one on different occasions).

1 Reporting a barn fire.

1 report of an alarm sounding

1 report a nuisance bogus phone call

1 death message.

1 female assaulted.

1 sus activity.

1 call reporting a possible cloning of a mobile phone,

1 abandoned call.

If there are any queries please contact me.

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