

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 16th March 2006 7.30pm Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs.Heal, Giles, Berkley-Sage, Silltow, Grigg
Jury, Chivers. The Clerk Mrs.Lock. 19 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr.Kendrew

The minutes of the meeting held 6th February 2006, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with one amendment:-
Min.824b to Read "Cllr.Berkley-Sage – previous involvement with Drag". Proposed
Cllr.Chivers seconded Cllr. Silltow. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

850. Pavement Arscotts Cottage (min.811 refers) DCC Highways reported that work would be carried out in the near future and an invoice sent to the Parish Council. No funds were available from County.

851. DCC Education Dept (min.813 refers) DCC were happy to continue with the lease of the hardcore area, letter and document to follow.

852. Orchard Gate Phase 2 Affordable Houses (min. 815 refers) no news available from Mr.M.Brown TDC Planning, as to the release of these houses.

853. Deed of Dedication (min.8217 refers) School had been informed of the meeting on 22nd March.

854. Play Equipment Dennis Cross (min.828 refers) all equipment had been ordered and delivery arranged for end of March.

855. DCC RockETS (min.842 refers) Cllr.Silltow suggested setting up support group to provide care for elderly, lonely, infirm and those in care, perhaps working with Torridge Volunteers. Resolved that Clerk submit this idea to DCC.

856. DCC Gritting policies (min.844b refers) DCC Highways reported that Kingsford Hill does not form part of the pre-salt network, but it's exclusion is nothing to do with insurance.

857. Cuppers Piece (min.847a refers) The Environment Officer would be visiting Beaford Moor in the near future.

858. Fly tipping Golf Moor Road (min.847b refers) this would be removed shortly.

859. Honeysuckle Cottage hedge (min.848 refers) DCC Highways reported that the shrub in question poses no danger to vehicles or pedestrians. No further action would be taken.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

860. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) K.Hardy	wages	£101.00
b) E.Levett	football field toilets	£290.00
c) Village Hall	hire	£ 6.60

Proposed Cllr.Silltow seconded Cllr.Jury that the above accounts be paid and Cllrs. Chivers and Heal signed the cheques.

861.£36.00 received from the Royal Oak Quiz for the village defibrillator funds. Letters of thanks to be sent to Mrs.Genge and The Royal Oak.

862. DAPC Village Green – Cllrs.Giles, Jury, Chivers and Berkley-Sage requested their own copies of The Village Green at £5 each per annum.

863. Flower Troughs War Memorial – Mrs.Richards requested that the wooden troughs be replaced. Resolved that we ask Mrs.Richards to ascertain the cost of stone troughs and report back to the Council.

864. Grass Cutting – tender for 06/07 to be advertised on the noticeboard and in the diary.

865. H.M.Inspector of Taxes – had issued fine of £100 for non-return of a self-assessment tax form. The Parish Council had never been involved in tax matters before. Clerk had enquired from Cardiff Control centre and ascertained information obtained from Portman Building Society when we reclaimed the income tax on the bond. Clerk had written to Inspector asking for fine to be lifted.

866. Wicksteed Play Equipment – invoice for £5,508.38 (including vat of £820.40). Cllr Lock signed the withdrawal form and Clerk to obtain the signature of Mr.W.Lake, former Councillor still a name on the Building Society account. Resolved that the name of Mr. Lake be removed as a signatory, and the names of Cllrs.Giles and Jury be added

PLANNING MATTERS

867.Adjoining Parish notices in the reading file.

868.Applications to consider:-

a) Mr. Mrs. Clarke 1 Thorns Cottage replace 2 existing rotted sliding sash windows with opening casement type to comply with safety standards (LBC)

The Council is concerned that the proposed alterations will alter the appearance of this listed building. The Council would like to know what type of materials are to be used, as there is no information on this application.

b) Mr.G.Ogden 2 Hectors Close Edwardian style conservatory.
The Council has no objection to the style of the conservatory, but are concerned about the privacy of neighbouring properties

c) Mrs.N.Marshall Fircroft West Lane Single storey rear extension and wooden shed.
The Council has no objection to the extension, but the wooden shed must not be visible from the road.

d) Cleave Hill Developments Edgefield Revised application site to include additional land
(Cllr.Lock – neighbour, Cllr.Jury – son/work and Cllr.Berkley-Sage – previous involvement with DRAG all declared interests and left the room)
The Council has no objection to this application, but the access must be for pedestrians only, and the entrance must be bollarded off to prevent traffic entering.

e) Devon Wildlife Trust Halsdon Observation Bird hide.
The Council has no objection to this application.

869. Permissions granted:-

a) Mrs.M.Grigg	Tockley	Conversion redundant farm building to holiday accommodation
b) Mr. Mrs.Genge	Asbourne House	Single storey rear extension

870. Refusals none advised

871. TDC – Mrs.P.Webber Allerford – Certificate of lawfulness. Cllrs.Lock and Jury had confirmed the details of the statutory declaration made by Mrs.Webber.

DESIGN STATEMENT

872. All Councillors had been circulated with copy correspondence between Cllr.Silltow and Richard Geary of TDC, further details circulated by Cllr.Silltow. Burton-on-the Wold, and Pirton design statements were put in the reading file. Resolved that Option 3 “to be fully engaged in the Torridge Local Development Framework process with a view to influencing District-wide design guidance and “hanging” a Village Design Statement off that” would be the best way forward for the Parish Council. Agenda item next month.

FOOTBALL FIELD

873. Letter from Football Club and Youth Committee circulated to Councillors:-

a) working with architect on drawings/information required for detailed planning permission.

a) meeting with Mr.Williams from TDC Tuesday 21st March to discuss such things as materials, screening, access.

b) all information should be available by 23rd March.

Cllr.Lock reported that as Football Club representative for the Parish Council he had been invited to attend the meeting with Torridge. All Councillors were pleased that progress was being made.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

874. Clerk to inform School about the map drawing competition. Notices of our entry into the competition to be displayed on noticeboard and in the diary. Agenda item next month.

QUALITY COUNCILS

875. Nothing to report this month.

PARISH PLAN

876. Revision of parish plan due next year. Resolved that action plan should be drawn up to show progress. All Councillors to prioritise their ideas.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

877. None attended

CORRESPONDENCE

878. DAPC – IT survey for Clerk and Councillors. Clerk completed.

879. DRAG – letter concerning minutes of February meeting where Cllr.Berkley-Sage’s reason for declaration of interest was noted as “supporter of DRAG” as appears on Cllr. Berkley-Sage’s register of interests. However after the meeting had closed on Feb.6th Clerk asked Cllr.Berkley-Sage for confirmation of her reason and she replied “previous involvement with DRAG” Clerk noted this on scrap of paper, not her official notes of the meeting. Clerk has apologised to Cllr.Berkley-Sage for this oversight. Clerk asked Cllr. Berkley-Sage to reconsider her register of interests.

880. TDC Housing Advice – poster to be displayed on noticeboard.

881. TDC Casual vacancies on Parish/Town Councils – confirmation of procedures for Clerks to follow.

882. TDC Redundant Building Grants – information in reading file.

883. DCC Transport Co-ordinator – reported that as from 19th March 2006 the 315 service from Barnstaple to Exeter will be run on a commercial basis. DCC will only help to finance the Sunday journeys. All buses will turn at the bus shelter at Barfield Road. Clerk had been informed that “there was no formal consultation process”. DCC Highways have contacted Clerk concerning improvements at the new turning point. Council concerned about cars parking in the bus turning area. Situation to be monitored.

884. MCTI AGM to be held Wed.29th March 7.30pm. Cllrs.Lock and Berkley-Sage to attend.

885. TDC – Realignment Briefing note – in reading file.

886. Winkleigh Parish Council/Biomass – Cllrs.Lock and Berkley-Sage to attend a preparatory meeting with Winkleigh PC and other Councils on 21st March prior to the meeting in Winkleigh on 4th April when TDC Planning Committee meet.

887. Mr.Mrs.Cooper – enquiring about allotments in Dolton, and can poultry be kept on them. Clerk to inform them Dolton has no allotments.

888. British Heart Foundation Dolton Defibrillator – Cllr.Lock signed Section F form confirming Parish Council’s support for this project.

889. Big Lottery Fund newsletter Feb.05 – Clerk had obtained copy for use with muga/skateboard funding applications.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

890. Cllr. Heal – large pothole Brook Road, village side of Down Farm lane.

891. Cllr.Giles – had obtained information pack for Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. She was looking for 5 co-ordinators from various areas of the village – put in diary. Chairman thanked Cllr.Giles for her work on this matter

892.Cllr.Berkley-Sage – reported onCCD initiative “Playing for Real Tool kit”

whereby school children designed their own play space. Clerk to find out details. Agenda item next meeting.

893. Cllr. Silltow:-

- a) under the new Licensing Laws are Parish Councils informed of pub opening hours. Clerk to ascertain from Torridge
- b) Wind turbines Ecotricity – any further information. Clerk confirmed no.

894.Cllr. Grigg – fly tipping at Chapple Cross still a problem. Clerk to ask TDC if any signs can be erected.

895.Cllr. Jury:-

- a) she had obtained playground equipment brochures, to be put in file for school.
- b) DPFA page 21 had funding opportunities list.
- c) Dennis Cross wall had been repaired by DCC Highways. Letter of thanks to be sent.
- d) Ivy outside The Union Inn needs cutting/tidying up.

896. Date of next meeting Monday 3rd April

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting t 9.35pm.

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