

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Monday March 30th 2009 in the Village Hall @ 7.40pm

Present: Cllr J Lock (Chairman) Cllrs Boyes , Burnage, Byrne , Jury , Partridge , Rolls
the Clerk - Mary Harris and 10 members of public

Apologies: Cllrs Giles , Grigg

The minutes of the meeting held 2nd March 2009 having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Burnage

Seconded: Cllr Jury

All agreed

136 (08/09) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

a) Cllrs Jury and Boyes noted that the minutes had highlighted agenda items for the next meeting that had not appeared , namely “ pride in our own village” and “shared garden schemes” The Clerk resolved to include them into the May meeting

b) The words “Stafford Way “ to be amended to “ Stafford Rd “ (Public session)

137 (08/09) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declaration of Interests (Personal) received by Cllr Jury , Lock and Burnage in respect of any matters appertaining to the Village Hall.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

1. Cllr Rosemary Lock Entry to Council Garages – Tarka Housing to repair
Friday May 8th – Torridge District Council (TDC) Surgery date
Dogs On Leads – Cllr to attend a TDC meeting to discuss issues
2. Pat Lake Community Spirit in the village lacking
Footpath overgrown
3. Ann Coombes Suggestion reference a Litter Pick Day in the village

138 (08/09) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) The Clerk presented the following accounts to pay:

Supplier	Description	VAT	£
Village Hall	February Hire		21.0
M Harris	Clerk salary 257.28 Expenses 29.18		286.46
K Hardy	Caretaker wages 110.40 Expenses 2.99		113.39
SWASNHS T	Grant for First responders		150.0
Royal Oak	Public Toilet – annual expenses		107.20
SW Water	Water / Sewerage		35.03
Torrilitho	Parish Plan printing		139.0
M Harris	Parish Plan Stage 2 £ 350 Workshop expenses £62.93		412.93
DPFA	Subscription / Village Green		41.0

Proposed: Cllr Boyes

Seconded: Cllr Byrne

All agreed

Signatures : Cllr Partridge and Jury, with the Village Hall cheque being retained for another month to allow the Nat West Bank to complete permission for additional signatures

b) The Clerk had received the following invoice :

1. Dolton Rangers AFC - £192.61

c) Other financial matters arising :

An application for a grant from the Dolton & Dowland Village Hall Committee for assistance towards the purchase of a central heating boiler for the hall was presented to the Council. Cllrs Lock , Jury and

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Burnage having previously declared a personal interest took no part in the resolution. Cllr Partridge took the Chair. **It was resolved that: A grant of £2300 towards the cost of purchasing a central heating boiler for the Village Hall be approved**

Proposed: Cllr Boyes

Seconded : Cllr Byrne

All agreed

Cllr Lock returned to the Chair

139 (08/09) PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Applications for consideration – none
- b) Permissions granted –
 - 1/1064/2008/LBC Sandscott
 - 1/0019/2009/LBC North Woodtown
 - 1/ 0052/2009/FUL Ham Farm
- c) Refusals advised – none

140 (08/09) DENNIS CROSS PLAYING FIELD

The Awards For All board have completed the final assessment of the project to their satisfaction.

141 (08/09) PARISH PLAN REVIEW

The last stage of the process for producing the Implementation / Action Plan was discussed and it was stressed that the actions should be robust and as SMART as possible. A meeting date of April 15th was agreed for the Parish Plan Review Group to complete the work. The group would absorb relevant public consultation comments into the action plan . A summary of the action plan would be available to every resident . The public consultation prior to the meeting had raised some issues for discussion and it was hoped that a high return of the survey forms would be forthcoming. The work that Torridge District Council had asked to be completed in relation to the Settlement Assessment would also be undertaken by the review group.

142 (08/09) STANDARDS BOARD

Cllr Burnage had expected to be in receipt of a written decision regarding his unresolved case but no official papers had been received to date. The agenda item will return to the next meeting.

143 (08/09) PARISH MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

Devon County Council visited the village and toured with Cllrs Lock and Burnage to discuss the issues that had been highlighted at the March 2nd meeting. The meeting was positive and much of the work has now been given a timetable of completion. The final outcomes will be reported to the May meeting and a table of issues will be brought forward to each meeting.

144 (08/09) CORRESPONDENCE

Audit Commission – fee charges higher this year due to the increased income and expenditure in 07/08
Barnstaple Civic Society – Conservation awards for any good practice in the village. In reading file.
Devon Parish Council Association – Cllr Jury and guest invited to Buckingham Palace garden party

145 (08/09) MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Burnage attended a seminar on the Sustainable Communities Act 2007. It was agreed that Torridge District Council should be approached to inform the community about the Act and how it impacts locally. It was agreed that the Clerk should request an agenda item on the TAAG meeting – a regular forum in which all parishes are invited to attend to meet Cllrs and officers of TDC.

Cllr Lock attended the Torridge Local Community Partnership . The Boundary Review and Joined up Councils were discussion points.

146 (08/09) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Jury - date in May for a Clean Up Litter (suitable for the local cub group)
Cllr Byrne – allotment contact within DCC (the CCD) – Dawn Eckhart
War Memorial – general feeling that the area requires a tidier environment
Cllr Grigg – all signed a Get Well card

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Signed.....Dated.....

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