

# DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Monday **February 2nd 2009** in the Village Hall @ 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr J Lock ( Chairman ) Cllr C Giles ( Vice-Chair ) Cllrs Boyes , Burnage, Jury and Partridge, Mrs R A Lock ,2 members of public

**Apologies:** Cllrs Byrne, Grigg , Rolls and the Clerk Mary Harris

In the absence of the Clerk, due to adverse weather conditions, it was **proposed by Cllr.Boyes** and **seconded by Cllr.Partridge** that Mrs.R.Lock act as Clerk. **All agreed.**

The minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record (file copy to be signed at next meeting)

**Proposed: Cllr Burnage**

**Seconded: Cllr Giles**

**All agreed**

## 114 ( 08/09 ) **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- Turning circle Barfield Close (min.102 refers) DCC Highways looking into the matter. If not within their jurisdiction will pass to appropriate authority
- Formation of Playing Field access/drainage advisory group (**min. 105d refers**) Chairman reported that Cleave Hill Developments were prepared to enter into a legal agreement. Mr.Williams of DCC would pass on all information regarding drainage to his successor.
- Air Ambulance (**min.113 refers**) Cllr.Boyes reported no further contact from Devon Air Ambulance.
- Traffic issues (**min.109 refers**) correct speed data now received.

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## **PUBLIC SESSION**

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

*R.Dunn – blocked drains bottom of Jan Vineys Hill/Cleave Hill and below Valley View West Lane.*

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## 115 ( 08/09 ) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **Accounts to pay :** the Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

Supplier	Description	VAT	£
K Hardy	Caretaker wages 110.40 & expenses		113.25
Audit Commission	2008 Annual Fee	60	400
M Harris	Clerk salary £192.96 & expenses		222.19
M Harris	Parish Plan Stage 1 completed		350.0

**Proposed Cllr Boyes**

**Seconded Cllr Partridge**

**All agreed**

*Cheques to be signed after the meeting by Cllrs Lock and Jury*

b) **Invoices** – none

c) **Other Financial matters** – The Chairman and Vice Chair deposited the bond interest of £3967.22 new Nat West First Reserve Account ( **Min. 93 refers** )

## 116 (08/09) **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **Applications for consideration :** none

b) **Permissions granted :** none

c) **Refusals :** none

d) **Any other planning matters :**

- Cllr.Boyes reported receiving letter from TDC informing him of the impending judicial review being taken by members of DRAG against TDC with regard to the Edgefield planning permission
- Cllr Burnage reported that the Rural Housing Trust had ceased trading.

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**117 (08/09) DENNIS CROSS PLAYING FIELD**

- a) Cllr.Lock reported that Awards for All would be inspecting the play area on 25<sup>th</sup> February and would require a sight of the paid invoices for the equipment.
- b) Cllr.Jury reported broken spring on gate. Resolved Cllr.Jury to organize replacement.

**118 ( 08/09 ) PARISH PLAN REVIEW**

The Clerk had complied and circulated an analysis of specific directions. It was resolved that Cllr.Burnage would discuss the paper with the Clerk for clarification before the Feb 16<sup>th</sup> workshop

**119 ( 08/09 ) TDC PARISH REMUNERATION SCHEME**

After consideration of the Clerk's report , Councillors resolved that:

- a) commitment at Parish Council level is more important than remuneration and therefore no remuneration allowances would be claimed.
- b) After the Boundary Commission report/implementation has taken place, position should be reconsidered.

**120 ( 08/09 ) PARISH MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES**

- a) new lighting system in Stafford Way was too dark – complaints received from elderly residents.
  - b) all drains through Rectory Road blocked
  - c) tarmac by council garages in Rectory Road urgently needs repairing
  - d) dog litter bin on Cleave Hill – agenda item next meeting
  - e) Stafford Road in very bad state – urgently needs attention
  - f) Stafford Road 30mph sign still has not been moved
  - g) Traffic speed figures – badly collected and collated – Parish Council do not agree with them.
- Resolved that a rep. from DCC Highways is invited to the village to carry out various site inspections.

**121 ( 08/09). ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Cllr.Burnage suggested that the Parish Plan Review / Implementation Plan form the theme for the Annual Parish Meeting and that Maria Bailey from TDC be invited as a guest speaker once the date of the meeting had been confirmed..

**122 (08/09) CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) DAPC Royal Garden Party – it was proposed by Cllr.Lock and seconded by Cllr.Partridge that Cllr. Jury's name be put forward. All agreed. Confirmation to be sent to the DAPC.
- b) DAPC County Committee vacancy – no Councillors available
- c) An Allotment request letter received from Mrs.T.Maryan

**123 (08/09) MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllrs.Burnage and Lock – GT & D MCTI - both Cllrs felt it was a good opportunity to meet new contacts and learn about funding streams.
- b) Cllrs.Lock and Jury – Torrington Area Advisory – presentations on Affordable Housing, Budget setting and Services for Young People.

**124 (08/09 ) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Cllr.Lock – new seat between Stafford Way and Rectory Road bus shelter - March Agenda
- b) Cllr.Jury: i. Best Kept Village Competition – March Agenda
  - ii Grant system – Clerk to confirm application date deadlines
  - iii.Receipt of Play Group Accounts to confirm.
- c) Cllr.Giles:-
  - i) litter bin situated in walkway between Stafford Way/Stafford Road is in unsuitable position
  - ii) Neighbourhood Watch – request that information on the scheme/crime reports be displayed on Parish Council noticeboard.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Signed.....Chairman.....dated

