

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2015 IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Apologies: Cllrs Jury and J Rolls

Present: Cllr J Lock –Chairman, Cllrs C Giles, N Walker, R Dunn, A Haynes, M Grigg the Clerk, and 7 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.

Cllr Lock declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall.

PUBLIC SESSION – Following a water leak in Rectory Road the road was very wet. In the present cold weather would it be possible to have an ice warning sign.

72 Stafford Way – can there be an appeal against the planning decision and other issues concerning the decision – Agenda item 5d.

Owner of Edgefield explained his request to the Council to lay a length of electric cable along by the hedge at the football field.

111(14/15) MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th January having been circulated were agreed and signed as being a true and correct record.

112(14/15) CLERKS REPORT- The clerk had attended a Preparing for Elections course run by DALC in South Molton. The clerk had become aware that some information from TDC was not being received by email. On contacting them it was discovered that one of their data bases had incorrect contact details. This has hopefully been corrected.

113(14/15) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
Waldron and Son builders	Request to lay approx. 25meters electric cable underground in football field	Agenda item 6a
CAB	Request for donation	Agenda item next meeting
CAB	newsletter	Reading file
NE&W devon commissioning group	Update on urgent and necessary measures	Reading file
DCC	Public transport review	Reading file
RoSPA	Notification of March inspection of Dennis Cross Playing field	noted
Devon Highways	Temporary suspension of one-way system in Aller Road 16/2-18/2	noted
DALC	Newsletter, preparing for elections update, job vacancy	Reading file
healthwatch	Voices newsletter	Reading file
SLCC	Clerk magazine	Reading file
Clerks and councils direct	newsletter	Reading file
Devon senior voice	newsletter	Reading file
Torrige District Council	Legal briefing	Reading file

Dolton and Dowland Village Hall	Ownership of projector and screen?	It was decided that the projector and screen should come under the ownership of Dolton and Dowland village hall
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114(14/15) FINANCE a) accounts to pay

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office –January-£10.00, paper and ink £33.64		43.64	791
D & D Village Hall	January meeting		6.00	792
Mr M Lock	Caretaker service		117.00	793
Mr D Lock	Grass cutting monthly charge - £178.50		178.50	794

Proposed- Cllr Dunn, Seconded – Cllr Giles

Cheque signatories- Cllrs Walker and Grigg

Invoices checked by – Cllr Haynes

b) Income - none

Balance in current account – £8333.57

c) precept 2014/15 –	Amount of funding raised by precept	£12961.01
	plus council tax support grant	£944.99
	Total parish budget requirement	£13906.00

This had been submitted to TDC.

d) any other financial matters – i)Football pitch hire – As the club had been disbanded for the current season it was decided there should be no charge this year. ii) School field hire – it was decided to charge the school the fee agreed on upcoming new lease of £250 for 12 months.

WARD COUNCILLOR – R LOCK ARRIVED

115(14/15) PLANNING

- a) Applications to consider – none
- b) Permissions granted– 1/1061/2014FUL Aller Ford , Agriculture Building
- c) Permissions refused – none
- d) Any other planning matters – 72 Stafford Way. Put back to later in the agenda to allow Ward Councillor R Lock to gather relevant information.

116(2014/15) PARISH GROUNDS

- a) Football field – i)It was agreed to grant consent to Western Power to lay an electric cable on behalf of the owner Edgefield. The cable to be laid to a depth of 900mm and should be marked. A one off fee of £250 would be charged. All ground to be reinstated as found and any damage rectified. ii) School Field lease – the clerk had met with Ms Rebecca Cox from Stone Solicitors, Okehampton to go through the new lease received from DCC. Some minor adjustments were made and the lease returned to DCC for amendment. Consideration to register the field as a Village Green would be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- b) Dennis Cross – Cllr Dunn had obtained quotes for fencing materials. It was agreed Cllr Dunn would obtain quotes from Mr D Lock for doing the fencing.

- c) Memorial Garden – An application had been made to the Devon Remembers – WW1 Memorial Restoration grant Scheme for funding to carry out restoration work on the war memorial and surrounding garden. A grant of £1136.44 had been applied for – 75% of the total figure of £1515.25.

115(14/15) PLANNING

- d) Any other planning issues – 72 Stafford Way.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

Neighbours of 72 Stafford Way were unhappy that planning had been granted. There was no right of appeal. Ward Cllr R Lock explained the planning procedure. Discussions took place of how best to proceed.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

Ward Councillor R Lock would send all Councillors all DVT policies relevant to this case. A response could be formulated for the next meeting if deemed appropriate.

117 (2014/15) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC

- a) Bus shelter damage – repairs to be carried soon as weather permits.
- b) Gritting – it was suggested notes to be placed on village notice boards stating the gritting policy.
- c) Cllr Dunn had reattached the dog bin to its post at the top of Cleave Hill. It was suggested that a list of the village rubbish bins be sent to TDC to ensure they are regularly emptied.

118 (2014/15) TAP FUND- Cllr Haynes had been in contact with TDC who had lost the original quote. This had been resubmitted and should be dealt with very soon.

119(2014/15) MEETINGS ATTENDED – As absent Cllr Jury sent a written report from the Torridge Advisory meeting with the following points –

- 1.TDC election count for Parish Councils will take place on Monday 11th May at 10am at Langtree Village Hall.
- 2.Car Parking Charges within Torridge will not be going up this year. 1 million pounds had been taken from reserves to support services over the last year. TDC were hoping to encourage town and parish councils to take over the running of Public Conveniences in their area.
- 3.TDC are hoping to set up workshops in Parishes where locality officers could answer residents questions.
- 4.TDC are hoping to make plans available only on line.

120(2014/2015) – ELECTION 2015 – The clerk had produced election posters to display around the village encouraging residents to stand for election and to vote.

121(2014/15) DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MAY AGM AND MAY COUNCIL

MEETING - Annual Parish Meeting to be on Monday 13th April preceding the April Council meeting. The May AGM and May Council Meeting were rearranged for Monday May 18th to allow the results of the election to be available.

122(14/15) MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR

The road hedge between Dolton and Beaford was very overgrown – the clerk would contact the land owner and request they are trimmed back.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

There was then a Part 2 and members of the public were asked to leave the room.

Signed.....Date.....

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 2nd March 2015

