

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Monday 2nd April 2007 7.30pm Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Heal, Berkley-Sage, Grigg, Jury, Chivers
Kendrew. The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock 22 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. Silltow

The minutes of the meeting held 5th March 2007, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Heal seconded Cllr.Giles. All agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held 20th March 2007, having been duly circulated were signed by Cllr.Kendrew, Vice Chairman (chair of this meeting) as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Giles seconded Cllr.Chivers. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 5th MARCH

406. TDC Housing Dept. (min.362 refers) still no response from TDC to the couple concerned. Resolved that further strong letter be sent to TDC.

407. Hectors Close (min.366 refers) Developer had reported to the Chairman that he would fix the water problems.

408. 30mph sign Rectory Road (min.367 refers) installed today's date 2.3.07.

409. Calor Gas Village of the Year competition (min.371 refers) resolved this be an agenda item for the May meeting.

410. TDC Emergency plan (min.371 refers) awaiting copy from TDC.

411. Village Hall (min.375 refers) nothing heard from Dowland Parish Committee. Cllr.Chivers confirmed that at present there is no representative from Dowland on the Hall Committee. Clerk reported that the principle of financing the project had been agreed, but the exact and correct method must first be checked with DAPC.

412. Gypsy sites (min.391c refers) TDC replied:-

- a) requirement appears to be for 24 pitches in the district not 24 sites (several pitches are likely to be provided on any one site).
- b) TDC not yet formulated specific criteria.
- c) Sites could be identified as being suitable for permanent use by taking at least four but no more than 10 pitches, well related to local services and close to employment opportunities.

413. DCC Highways (min.399 refers) blocked drains would be attended to by small works gang in the near future.

414. Annual Parish Meeting (min.402 refers) hall booked for 21st May. Resolved that Lesley Smith of DAPC be asked if she could attend and give presentation to the new council, if not she may be able to recommend somebody else.

MATTERS FROM MINUTES OF MEETING 20TH MARCH

415. Cllr.Kendrew chair of this meeting, stated that if a Councillor had declared an interest in a planning application (or any other matter) then another Councillor should not seek advice from that Councillor. He trusted that this was an innocent mistake.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

416. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) K.Hardy	wages	£107.00
b) Dolton Hort.Soc.	grant	£ 50.00
c) Dolton Village Hall	grant	£ 80.00
d) Dolton AFC	grant	£ 80.00
e) Dolton PCC (graveyard fund)	grant	£ 50.00
f) Dolton Pre School	grant	£ 70.00
g) Dolton Scout troupe	grant	£ 70.00
h) Torrington Care Forum	grant	£ 25.00
i) South West Water	14.12.06/14/3/07	£108.75
j) Perrir Hale Nursery	trees football field	£154.52
k) Devon Playing Fields	07/08 fee	£ 15.00
l) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£438.75
m) Mrs.R.Lock	quarter/annual exp.	£113.20
n) Royal Oak	Square toilets	£105.02

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

417. Portman Building Soc. – bonus payable on accounts awaiting details.

PLANNING MATTERS

418. Adjoining parish notices in file.

419. Application to consider:-

a) Dolton Parish Council Village Hall new doors/windows

(Cllr.Berkley-Sage declared a personal interest and did not take part in any discussion)

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

420. Permissions granted none

421. Refusals advised: none

422. Cartlinhay Cottage Brook Road – extension and COU garage to sitting room.
this application has been withdrawn.

423. Mr.Mrs. Madge Edgefield – letter copied to all Councillors from Mr.Mrs.Madge.
Cllr.kendrew had dealt with the “declaration of interest” issue min.415 refers. Council
made no further comments on the contents of this letter.

DESIGN STATEMENT

424. Resolved that this matter be left for the new council. Cllr.Kendrew suggested that
perhaps another group could take the matter forward.

FOOTBALL FIELD

425. Chairman reported that all trees had been planted and thanked Cllr.Kendrew for his
help and hard work.

DENNIS CROSS

426. Cllr.Jury reported that work on the footpath would commence after Easter holidays.
Resolved that appropriate signs be erected. Cllr.Jury and Chivers to organise and
Cllr.Kendrew to padlock the gates.

427. Cllrs.Lock and Kendrew had repaired the village sign.

428. Cllr.Kendrew had installed the cradle swing.

429. The Councillors thanked Cllr.Kendrew for all his hard work in connection with Dennis Cross.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

430. Cllr.Berkley-Sage – Community Land Trust Meeting. This had been chaired by D.Brown of High Bickington. The Projects discussed were all community owned and controlled.

431. Cllr.Lock MCTA meeting reported:-

- a) CC Rawlinson community funds – organisations should approach him direct.
- b) Taxi vouchers – only available to villages without bus services.
- c) Winkleigh – Winbeg may still go to appeal SWARDA and Winkleigh Committee discussing what other options there may be for the aerodrome.

CORRESPONDENCE

432. CDD Making Devon Better – information to go on noticeboard.

433. Devon Play “Playing for real” information passed to Cllr.Jury

434. Eaglescott Airfield – 125 year free lease granted to Devon Air Ambulance. Press launch on 5th April 2.30pm., Councillors to ring to book a place. Letter from Mr.R.Trute concerning this new lease in reading file.

435. British Heart Foundation – details of bike ride on 17th June to be posted on noticeboard.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

436. Cllr.Lock:-

- a) toilet The Square – agenda item next meeting.
- b) Best Kept Village Working party – arranged for Sat.14th April 10am The Paddocks

437, Cllr.Berkley-Sage – rubbish still causing problems at Chapple Cross.

438. Cllr.Kendrew –

- a) public address system – microphones already in hall. chairman to speak to Mr.Courb.
- b) he was disappointed with the public reaction at the meeting on 5th March after the vote concerning the deed of dedication.
- c) last three years had been a nightmare and upsetting.
- d) he felt that the village must move forward, and he would try and bring the public and council together and would support the next Parish Council.

438. Cllr.Jury:-

- a) drain Rectory Road between Shangrila and Stretton House completely block with mud and leaves.
- b) member of public brought to her attention that building work is going on at Arden House. Clerk to write initially to owners to ascertain the position. Cllr.Kendrew felt that Parish Council should have a standard set of channels to deal with such planning issues reported to the Parish Council.

439. Cllr. Chivers – large pothole outside Coopers Rectory Road, which cars are swerving across the road to avoid.

440. Cllr.Silltow, through the Clerk, asked that if free black bin bags were being stopped at district council level, could the Parish Council provide them?

441. The Chairman thanked Cllr.Kendrew for being a supporting and hard working vice chairman and also thanked Cllr.Heal for his forty years service to Dolton Parish Council, many of these as chairman.

442. Cllr. Heal replied - thanking all Councillors and clerks that he had served with during his long term of office which he had mainly enjoyed.

443. Date of next meeting Monday 14th May.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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