

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2013 IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

#### DRAFT

Apologies: Cllr J Lock, Cllr R Dunn, Cllr S Lune, Cllr R Lock – Ward Councillor,

Present: Cllr C.Giles vice-chair, Cllrs S.Jury, , J.Rolls, N.Walker, M Grigg, A.Haynes, 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.**

Cllrs Jury declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall,

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Concerns were raised about the stagecoach bus turning system. The Council were asked why a Christmas tree was no longer erected in the memorial garden. The council replied this had previously been done by the W.I. but this had ceased when there were problems with the electric supply for the lights.

#### **39613/14) MINUTES**

The Minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 having been circulated were agreed and signed as being a true and correct record. .

#### **39713/14) CLERKS REPORT**

1) **Stafford Way Barriers** – the clerk had replied to Julie Pepworth at the Neighbourhood Highway Office saying DPC thought the removal of one barrier would allow mobility scooters to negotiate the walkway. The barrier by the waste bin could remain. If due to financial restraints TDC were unable to undertake the project DPC could. The council were still awaiting a reply.

2) **Bus Turning signs** – Devon highways have no objection to DPC purchasing and erecting their own signs, but they would have to gain permission from landowners and maintain the signs themselves. The clerk would investigate cost of signs.

#### **398(13/14) CORRESPONDENCE**

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
DCC - COUNTY SOLICITOR	Football field hard area	Agenda item 6a
Paul Green TDC	Local Plan clarification	Agenda 5d item
S Phelps - Iddesleigh	Wind Farms	Agenda item 5e ?
Mike Norton TDC	2014/2015 precept	Agenda item 4ci
Torridge CAB	Donation request	Agenda item 4cii
Helen Paton	Bus turning	Agenda item 7a
Steve Elsworthy DCC – roads and transport team	Bus turning signs	Agenda item 7a
SLLC	magazine	Reading file

### 398(13/14 ) FINANCE a)Accounts to pay

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office		10.00	695
M Lock	Caretaking		112.00	696
M Lock	Supplies, toilet seat		23.88	697
David Lock	Grass cutting		165.00	698
D&D Village Hall	hire		8.00	699

Proposed Cllr Rolls, seconded Cllr Haynes. Cheque signatories Cllrs Walker and Grigg

b) Income - none

Balance in current account £8958.25

Balance in deposit acc. £20809.12 (statement date 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013)

Liquidity Manager 95day notice account £41023.45 (inc. sept interest £20.86)

c)other financial matters –

i) **setting of precept** –Cllr Haynes presented the provisional precept which could not be finalised until TDC decided on the size of the Council Tax Support Grant. The final figures would be presented to the January meeting for approval. The clerk would check on what election cost the Parish council were responsible for.

ii) **Community Grant applications** – Three applications had been received for the councils community grant scheme. It was decided to award the following:- Dolton and Dowland Village Hall £300 towards their kitchen refurbishment, Friends of Dolton 1<sup>st</sup> Responders £300 towards servicing and maintaining their vehicle, St Edmunds Parochial Church Council £200 towards maintaining the churchyard.

A donation of £200 was made to Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice Bureau.

Proposed by Cllr Grigg, seconded Cllr Rolls - unanimously approved. The cheques were written out and signed by Cllrs Walker and Grigg at the meeting.

Name	Item	Amount	Cheque no.
D&D Village Hall	Grant towards kitchen refurbishment	£300.00	670
Friends of Dolton 1 <sup>st</sup> responders	Grant towards vehicle maintenance	£300.00	671
St Edmunds Parochial Church council	Grant towards churchyard maintenance	£200.00	672
Torridge,North,Mid,West Devon CAB	Donation	£200.00	673

iii) **grass cutting and maintenance contracts** – the wording for the specification for the new contracts had been circulated to councillors and was approved. It was agreed to advertise on the village notice boards and the D&D Diary. Closing date for applications to be 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014, with a start date for new contracts on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

### 399(13/14) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider – 1/0924/2013/FUL - Little Barlands - no objections  
1/0967/2013/FUL – Bryony Hill - wind turbine

b) Permissions granted - -- 1/0789/2013/LBC – Cobb Cottage - railings  
1/0816/2013/FUL – Cornerstone, Dolton

c) Refusals advised – none

d) **Local Plan**, new development sites - The council had been advised by Paul Green from TDC that by putting forward 2 sites capable of providing approx. 30 houses each the village could exceed its 10% housing growth. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and Seconded by Cllr Rolls that SHA/DOL/2 should be the preferred new development site in the Local Plan at this stage. Unanimously approved.

e) **Iddesleigh Wind Turbines** – A letter had been received from Iddesleigh parish councillor S Phelps asking DPC to consider liaising with them in opposition to wind turbines in the area and asking the council to call a public meeting

DPC decided it would consider individual cases as and when they came up.

### 400(13/14)PARISH GROUNDS

a) **Football field i) school licence** – A letter had been received from the county solicitor informing DPC of their intention to remove the hard play area and level the site. Although reluctant to lose the facility the

council felt there was no practical alternative. The works would be accessed through Mr Madge's property so as not to interfere with the football pitch. ii) Broken kissing gate. A new gate was on order and a working party would be arranged when it arrived.

**Memorial Garden** – Cllr Jury requested permission to purchase plants for the tubs at the memorial garden. Agreed.

**401(13/14) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC**

- a) **Bus turning** –The clerk would contact stagecoach requesting that drivers stop the bus at the bus shelter.
- b) **Christmas lights** – the clerk would liaise with Phoenix ladies to see if they required more Christmas tree lights. These would be purchased from Turners electrical.

**402 (13/14) HEALTH** – nothing to report

**403(13/14) TAP FUND** - It was proposed that the 2013/14 TAP fund should go towards the new hot water system for the village hall. Dowland were in agreement. The cost of the project is £940 of which the TAP fund would cover £886. Proposed Cllr Grigg, seconded Cllr Walker. Unanimously carried.

**404(13/14) Meetings attended - none**

**405(13/14)– For Attention** – Cllr Jury brought to the attention of the council a recent article in the Sunday Times about Dolton's snow gritter and warden. Cllr Grigg reported a large pot hole in Aller Road.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30

There being no further business, the Chairman declared a Part 2, and asked members of the Public to vacate the meeting at 9.10pm

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