

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2014

Apologies: Cllr J Lock, Cllr R Lock – Ward Councillor,

Present: Cllr C.Giles vice-chair, S.Jury, , J.Rolls, N.Walker, M Grigg, A.Haynes, S Lune, R Dunn,the Clerk, and 2 members of the public. The Meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair Cllr C Giles.

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

Queries were raised about the draft Local Plan showing houses already built in the area known as Fishleigh Park. The Council confirmed this was an error by TDC and the area was not included in Dolton PC's submission to TDC. All areas of housing included in the plan were part of the quota of 34 houses.

417(13/14) MINUTES

The Minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2014 having been circulated were agreed and signed as being a true and correct record. .

418(13/14) CLERKS REPORT- The Stafford Way Barrier should be removed by the end of the financial year (31st March) but had been delayed due to resources being deployed to deal with flood work. The lengthman's planned visit to the village had been postponed due to flood work commitments. The reported pot holes in The Square, Brook road and Aller Road had been repaired. The 'Caution Bus Turning' signs had been ordered and the Council were awaiting delivery.

419(13/14) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
DCC	Consultation an youth services in Devon	Email and reading file
DCC - highways	Suspension of works until end of financial year	Email and reading file
North, east, and western Devon clinical commissioning group	Poster re. CARE CLOSER TO HOME meetings	Nice boards and reading file
Victim support	Appeal for funds	finance
Dolton and Dowland Village Hall	Thank you or help in obtaining TAP fund money	noted
TDC	Empty homes toolkit	Reading file
Healthwatch Devon	newsletter	Reading file
SLCC	magazine	Reading file
See Hear Centre	Poster advising of activities	Notice boards
Devon Senior Voice	magazine	Reading file

Clerks and councils direct	magazine	Reading file
Leaha Davey	Torrington Children's centre. Request to attend meeting outreach worker	Not relevant at present time.
Devon Countryside Access Forum	Invite to become a member	Reading file
Dolton cubs	Request to use football field 20 th March 6.00- 7.30 – sponsored mile for sports relief	Contact football club to check convenient.
DALC - healthwatch	Invite to become a member	Reading file
DALC	January newsletter	Reading file
DALC	Training courses	Clerks request to attend audit training course agreed by council
DCC	Day Services Review	Noted and reading file

420(13/14) FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office £10.00 Paper 2.35 Ink 24.99		37.34	712
M Lock	Caretaking		104.00	713
M Lock	supplies		12.87	714
David Lock	Grass cutting		165.00	715
D&D Village Hall	hire		8.00	716

Cheque signatories Cllrs Dunn and Walker

b) Income - none

Balance in current account £6647.90 - 30/1/2014

Balance in deposit acc. £20811.22 - 30/1/2014

Liquidity Manager 95day notice account £41072.93 – 29/1/2014

c)other financial matters

i)a grant request had been received from 1st Dolton Scout Group for help in renewing their outdoor camping equipment and purchasing florescent jackets. It was proposed that a grant of £200 should be awarded. Proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Lune.

A donation request had been received from Victim Support. It was proposed to donate £50. Proposed Cllr Lune, seconded Cllr Grigg

1 st Dolton Scout Group	grant		£200.00	717
Victim Support	donation		£50.00	718

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421(13/14) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider –1/1066/2013/LBC,1/1065/2013/FUL repair and rebuild boundary wall – The Old School Cottage – The Council had no objections and approved of an area being made to park car off the road.

1/0973/2013/LBC – to take down and replace dilapidated link building and reinstate former openings to domestic store building –Arcscotts Cottage – no plans were available to view so the Council could not comment.

1/0046/2014/LBC – repair gable wall and replacement of sash windows – 1 Thornes Cottages, West Lane- plans were not available to view so Council could not comment.

- b) Permissions granted – none
- c) Permissions refused - none

- d) **Local Plan** – The Clerk had spoken to Dawn Burgess at TDC who confirmed that the figure of 63 extant building consents in Dolton Village on 1st April 2013 was incorrect and an error on the part of TDC. The correct figure should be 14 with 2 under construction. The clerk would highlight this error along with points made at the last meeting in the Councils response to the draft neighbourhood plan. The clerk would also attach a copy of the ‘Vision and Objectives’ for Dolton Village to the response. A review of the Vision and objectives would be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

421(13/14) PARISH GROUNDS

- a) **Football field i) Hard Play Area** – Sarah Radford from NPS had contacted the Council stating it was not possible to access the football field via the neighbouring property to remove the Hard Play Area. The new plan was to enter the football field with a mini digger, staying off the pitch, and drive around the back of the changing rooms. The digger would break up the hard surface allowing the water to drain freely. The drain serving the hard area would be removed and capped off at the boundary with Mr Madge’s land. The broken up play area would be left in situ until the end of the football season and fenced off with heras fencing. This work is due to commence 10th February. The Council agreed to this plan. Cllr Rolls agreed to liaise with Peter Baglow the Area Building Surveyor for NPS who was overseeing the project. It was agreed to ask that the Basketball posts on the Hard Area be removed and saved so they could be repositioned on a new site. Phase 2 of the plan would involve the reinstating of the area with soil etc. This would take place at the end of the football season, details to follow nearer the time.
- b) Broken kissing gate – Cllr Dunn reported the gate was in manufacture.
- c) Dennis Cross – nothing to report
- d) Memorial Garden – nothing to report
- e) Football field green space protection – the Clerk had circulated information about Fields in Trust who provide legal protection for playing fields. The Council were reluctant to go down this route and it was decided to discuss alternatives with the Solicitor. This would be done when the Council meet with the Solicitor to finalise the new School license. The Clerk would make enquiries to establish the whereabouts of the playing field Deeds.
- f) School rent for football field – as the new license was still not in place it was agreed the school should be invoiced the same as last year.

422 (13/14) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC

- a) **Bus turning** – The buses generally seemed to be turning much better now. When the ‘Caution Bus Turning’ signs arrive councillors will meet to establish where to place them.
- b) Cllr Jury had spoken to the Community Police Officer about the speed of traffic entering the village.

423 (13/14) HEALTH – nothing to report

424(13/14) TAP FUND – The 12/13 TAP – Booklets were printed and would be circulated at the end of March in time for Easter.

425(13/14) Meetings attended – Cllrs Jury and Dunn had attended a recent meeting of Torridge Advisory Council. It was reported that due to budget cuts many unclassified roads may become unmaintained. The Local Plan is unlikely to be ready for consultation until late Spring /early Summer.

426(13/14) – For Attention – The Phoenix Ladies had not returned the Christmas lights to the Council. The Clerk would follow this up.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 3rd March 2014 at 7.30 – to be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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