

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 3rd April 2006 8pm in the Village Hall

- Present:** Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Heal, Giles, Berkley-Sage, Silltow, Grigg Jury, Chivers. Dist.Cllr.Mrs.Ferguson, The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock 26 members of the public.
- Apologies:** Cllr.Kendrew

The minutes of the meeting held 19th March 2006, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with one amendment. Min. 884 the name of Cllr.Berkley-Sage to be deleted. Proposed Cllr.Jury seconded Cllr.Silltow. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

896. Pavement Arscotts Cottage (min.850 refers) work completed. No invoice received.
897. DCC Education Dept/playing field (min.851 refers) no new lease received to date.
898. Orchard Gate Phase 2 Affordable houses (min.852 refers) TDC had reported that the four houses have been sold for £50,000 each. Awaiting confirmation of this through the results of a Land Registry search.
899. Dennis Cross play equipment (min.854 refers) all equipment delivered to Cleave Farm. Invoice paid in the sum of £5,508.38 (£820.40 vat) from Portman Building Soc. Working party to be organised for installation of swings and slide.
901. DCC RockETS (min.855 refers) DCC would not support funding for a village design statement but would consider improvements to the Village Hall, but we must be able to demonstrate that any project reduces the impact of quarrying in the community. Resolved that Clerk pass the application form to the Village Hall Committee.
902. Village Green (min.862 refers) Cllrs. Chivers, Jury, Berkley-Sage and Giles paid their subscriptions of £5.
903. War Memorial flower tubs (min.863 refers) nothing heard from Mrs.Richards.
904. HM Inspector of Taxes (min.865 refers) no reply to letter dated 8th March.
905. Dennis Cross Portman Building Soc. account (min.866 refers) Cllrs. Jury and Giles signed the form to become signatories on the account.
906. DCC Highways (min.890 refers) Brook Road potholes to be repaired shortly.
907. Licensing Laws (min.893a refers) Any change in a premise licence has notification by way of a press advert and an advert on the premises at the time of the variation. Resolved that Clerk put in reading file details of the village pubs licensing hours.
908. Fly tipping Chapple Cross (min.894 refers) awaiting reply from TDC as to notices being displayed at Chapple Cross.
909. Union Inn overgrown ivy (min.895a refers) Clerk had made a verbal request for the ivy to be trimmed back from the pavement.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

910. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) K. Hardy	wages	£101.00
b) S.W.Water	9/12 – 15/3/06	£ 30.51
c) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£438.75
d) Mrs.R.Lock	quarterly/yearly exp.	£112.50
e) British Heart Foundation	50% cost of defibrillator	£760.82
f) Royal Oak	Toilet, The Square	£ 90.56
g) Village Hall	PC £13.20 BHF £79.20	£ 92.40

Proposed Cllr.Silltow seconded Cllr.Giles that the above accounts are paid and Cllrs. Jury and Chivers signed the cheques.

911. Toilets The Square – Chairman had read the metre and letter send to Royal Oak with cheque.

912. Football Club – account paid for £193.86 made up as to £80 rent and 75% of water and sewage costs of £113.86.

913. DCC Education Dept – bill sent for £65 for use of playing field upto 31st March 2006.

914. Grass Cutting Tender – one received from Mr.D.Jones as follows:

- a) football field £18 per cut (£27 if picked up)
- b) Dennis Cross £24 per cut (£32 if picked up)
- c) Bus shelter/seats etc £13
- d) Chapple Cross seat £7

Proposed Cllr.Berkley-Sage seconded Cllr.Heal that the above tender be accepted.

PLANNING MATTERS

915. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr.Mrs.Peachey 15 The Paddocks Single storey ext. side conservatory.
Co.had no objections provided that neighbouring properties are not affected.

b) Mrs.Standford 3 Hectors Close Re-roofing,restoration, minor alterations to barn

(Cllr.Jury declared an interest – son owns adjoining property and left the room)

Co. had no objections to the application, but the barn must remain as a storage shed. The property does lie within the village conservation area.

c) Cleave Hill Dev. Edgefield Revised application site. Additional plan for app.no0042 as considered last meeting.

TDC had advised that no further Parish Council comments were needed at this stage.

916. Applications withdrawn:-

- a) Ms.J.Watts London House Replacement rear ext/alts. to shop front
- b) Mr.Mrs.Goucher Chaffcutters Lodge Domestic ext. approved barn conversion

917. Permissions granted:-

- a) Mr.G.Ogden 2 Hectors Close Conservatory

918. Refusals advised:-

a) Mrs.P.Webber Allerford Cert.of lawfulness

919. Mr.Mrs.Clarke 1 Thorns Replacement windows (min.868a refers)
TDC informed Clerk that Conservation Officer had stipulated that painted soft wood must be used. Conservation Officer is happy with application and considers that the existing windows in the property, are not the originals. Co. had no objections to this application following information received from TDC.

WINBEG

920. Cllrs.Lock, Chivers and Berkley-Sage had attended meeting on 21st March and Cllr.Lock was attending the meeting on 4th April.

DEED OF DEDICATION

921. Clerk gave Councillors list of bullet points arising from the public meeting. Cllr. Berkley-Sage reiterated that Parish Council retain the freehold and that the NPFA are experts in this field and can help with funding, and that any additions to the playing field facilities must have their approval and must be for the purpose of the field ie. outdoor use. Cllr.Silltow asked could the playing field have a linked charity status with the Village Hall. Chairman pointed out that the village hall belonged to Dolton and Dowland. Resolved that the next step was for Clerk to contact Solicitor from TDC for advice and the best step forward.

DESIGN STATEMENT

922. Cllr.Silltow had nothing further to report. Cllr.Lock reported that at MCTI meeting he was advised that the “goal posts would probably move yet again” over the next few months. Resolved that Cllr.Silltow contact Mr.I.Hobbs to discuss the matter.

FOOTBALL FIELD

923. Mr.Williams had returned all paperwork/documents relating to his feasibility study for the muga/skateboard area as he had no time for further involvement. Resolved that letter of thanks be sent to him.

924. Letter from Football Club/Youth Committee – copy for each councillor. They reported that they had a productive meeting with Mr.Williams TDC Planning Dept. and that detailed plans were being drawn up by an architect. A presentation evening would then be organised in the village hall for the community to look at the plans and put forward ideas. Councillors felt this was a positive move forward.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

925. Clerk had sent approx.15 maps of the village done by the schoolchildren. Resolved that Clerk ascertain if these could be returned to us for display in the village hall. Chairman and Vice Chairman to arrange a working party for councillors and public volunteers to tidy up the village. Again Clerk to put piece in Diary asking that people keep their own property tidy.

QUALITY COUNCILS

926. Nothing to report. Agenda item next meeting.

PARISH PLAN

927. Nothing to report. Agenda item next meeting.

CCD PLAYING FOR REAL TOOL KIT

928. Clerk reported that Wicksteed had sent a very comprehensive brochure and cd regarding safety, installation, and inspection with the new equipment. They are registered members of API (no W0011). Cllr.Berkley-Sage reported that the Playing for Real Tool Kit was very expensive. Resolved that this would not be pursued.

DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

929. Clerk had fixed date for Wed.19thApril 8pm in the village hall. Awaiting confirmation from Torrington Community Transport as to their availability to do a presentation. Resolved that if they were not available then a representative of DPFA or RoSPA be asked.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

930. Cllr.Lock had attended the AGM of MCTI at which various topics were discussed. He had been invited to attend a further meeting on Affordable Housing given by Dr.Neilson.

CORRESPONDENCE

931. TDC – ASDA briefing notices in reading file.

932. Torrington Youth Network Co-ordinator – information in reading file.

933. Barnstaple Town Council – “Climate Change” evening meeting 5th April. No Councillor available to attend.

934. DEFRA Clean Neighbourhood Act – allowing Parish Councils to issue fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti, dog fouling. Resolved that Clerk send for “Guide to Parish Councils”.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

935. Cllr.Sage – suggested an “Events Diary” for the village so that organisations did not clash with dates.

936. Cllr.Silltow – could Court House be purchased by the Parish Council to provide homes for retired/elderly or affordable homes? Cllr.Silltow and Clerk to investigate. Agenda item next month

937.Cllr.Grigg – lay by at Cuppers Piece needs tidying up. Clerk to write to TDC.

938 Cllr. Jury:

- a) Aller Road potholes badly need attention.
- b) Drain outside Fern House Rectory Road keeps flooding because it is full of concrete.

939.Cllr.Chivers – could Court House be used for local housing?

940.Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting 19th April and Annual General Meeting and Council meeting Monday 8th May.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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