

Dolton Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Heal, Giles, Berkley-Sage, Kendrew, Jury
Cllr.Grigg (8.15pm) Cllr.Chivers (9.15pm) The Clerk. 17 members of
the public.

Apologies: Cllr.Silltow

The minutes of the meeting held 5th June 2006, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Jury. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

94. Orchard Gate Phase 2 Affordable Houses (min.94 refers) TDC reported on 19th June that the Land Registry search showed that no sales had taken place. Resolved that Clerk “keep asking the questions”.

95. New play equipment Dennis Cross (min.52 refers) M.Cowell was too busy to undertake the installation of the slide. Resolved that tenders for the work to be sent to Messrs. T.Durk, P. Pearson and G.Jones.

96. Defibrillator (min..58 refers) Cllr.Kendrew reported that 2 defibrillators had been delivered.

97. Honeysuckle Cottage (min.70 refers) the hedge had now been cut back.

98. Housing survey (min.70 refers) Clerk gave update on the position:-

- a) Sue Southwell’s letter had been printed in the diary.
- b) Posters had been displayed around the village
- c) Questionnaire would be delivered by Sue Southwell to the Clerk on 15th August.

It was resolved that reminders about the survey be printed in the August and September issues of the Diary.

99. Design Statement (min.72 refers) nothing further to report.

100. New noticeboards/leaflet boxes (min.76 refers) Cllr.Kendrew had drawn a plan of the new noticeboard and would now make an appointment with TDC concerning planning. The Clerk still had to ascertain from Church Street Stores if they would house some leaflet boxes.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

101. The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) K.Hardy	wages	£101.00
b) K.Hardy	expenses	£ 6.98
c) S.W.Water	charges 10.3. – 8.6.	£ 43.04
d) Mrs.S.Richards	War Memorial garden	£139.18
e) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£438.75

f) Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 61.85
g) Mrs.J.Gist	internal audit	£ 42.50

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

102. Grants – resolved that Clerk ask for grant applications from local organisations by way of notices in the diary and on the noticeboard.

103. Internal audit – Mrs.J.Gist had completed the internal audit and had found the accounts to be complete and accurate. Clerk read through Section 2 Statement of Assurance to the Council. Council agreed to this statement which was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

PLANNING MATTERS

104. Adjoining parish notices in the reading file

105. Applications to consider:-

a) Ms.J.Watts London House Shop front alterations.
(Cllr.Lock – work. Cllr.Berkley-Sage – friend Cllr.Jury – son work declared interests and left the room)

Parish Council had no objection to the application but made the following comments:

i) it will improve the look of the building. ii) However it will also make it look more like a house front, than a shop front.

b) Mr.Dray Drakes Barton Conservatory (FUL/LBC)

By a vote of 6 for and 1 against the Parish Council had no objection to the application.

c) Mr.Mrs.Stratton Addisford Set back extension.

Clerk reported that permission had been granted on 30th June. Clerk further reported details of date received and telephone conversations with TDC concerning this application.

Resolved that letter of complaint be sent to TDC regarding planning procedure.

d) Dixon Construction Barlands Way 2 dwellings.

The Parish Council is against this application as it stands and make the following comments:-

i) on the site plan drawing no 606 DO3 the existing private drive from Barlands Way to the bungalow known as Shoestrings is shown as being “private”.

ii) However on the application plan this same driveway is edged red and therefore forms part of the site.

iii) The footpath shown on the east side is completely in the wrong place. The footpath needs to come out into Aller Road into the existing passing place. The slope would be less severe and easier to use for residents of the old peoples bungalows and Housing Association Houses. This footpath was promised when the Housing Association houses were built several years ago. Please refer to the Parish Council’s attached copy plan showing the line of the footpath edged in blue. Any footpath must form part of the Section 106 Agreement and be implemented with the construction of the houses.

iv) The correct route of the footpath can easily be achieved by reversing the positions of Plot 1 and Plot 2.

v) There must be a water tight Section 106 Agreement to retain the affordable property for local occupancy in perpetuity.

If these requirements were met, the Parish Council would support the application.

106. Permissions granted:-

a) Mr.G.Mellett	15 Stafford Way	rear extension
b) Ms.J.Watts	London House	new rear extension
c) Devon Wildlife Trust	Halsdon Reserve	bird hide
d) Mr.Mrs.Jordan	South Woodtown	conversion 1st floor storeroom

107. Refusals advised: None

DEED OF DEDICATION

108. Clerk had spoken to Stones Solicitors, Torrington (charges £150 per hour) who felt that perhaps a planning specialist may be needed. Clerk and Cllr.Jury attending the Devon Playing Field Assoc. AGM on 7th July and would ask questions there and report back at the August meeting. Chairman and Vice Chairman were against asking anybody within the village to give a report on the conveyance of the land to the Council. This must be carried out independently.

PARISH PLAN

109. All Councillors had received copy spreadsheet from Cllr.Silltow showing achievements and future works to be carried out. Each Councillor to add to the lists and inform the Clerk when they wish a specific subject to be an agenda item.

EDGEFIELD

110. All Councillors had received copy correspondence from Mr. Mrs.Madge, Mrs.J.Genge and DRAG. Cllr.Kendrew stated that there were such strong views and feelings on both sides which had been going on for some three years, that some sort of mediation was required. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Heal that Clerk write to TDC and ask if an outside mediator could be brought in. All agreed.

A discussion took place on the aforementioned letters (*Cllr.Lock – neighbour, Cllr. Berkley-Sage previous involvement with DRAG) Cllr.Jury – son/work declared interests and left the room) Cllr.Kendrew chaired this item of the meeting. He asked the Clerk to report on information/advice from DAPC:-*

- DRAG had been entitled to a copy of Mr.Mrs.Madge's letter following the June Council meeting.
- Parish Council represent the "whole wide perspective" of the community and should gather evidence from developer, and from all sides.
- Because we were dealing with legal agreements eg. drainage and footpath between two parties, and not a planning application, we could enter into a Part II.
- Parish Council can seek legal advice from the NALC solicitor and copy correspondence can be sent to DAPC.

It was proposed by Cllr.Giles seconded Cllr.Kendrew that copy correspondence is sent to DAPC and NALC solicitor to clarify any legal position.

DENNIS CROSS

111. Following a discussion on the revamping of Dennis Cross it was resolved that:

- previous plan showing ideas be brought to the next Council meeting.

- b) Cllr.Kendrew to ask TDC about width of paths for disabled use and any planning issues.
- c) Cllr.Jury and Cllr.Berkley-Sage to go to the School with information on new play equipment.
- d) Dennis Cross to be continuing agenda item.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

112. Cllr.Kendrew reported on a defibrillator meeting:-

- a) the group were “going live” end of July on completion of all training.
- b) storage of the equipment is an issue at the moment.
- c) they will be actively seeking new members for the group.

Chairman and Vice Chairman thanked all those members of the group for their commitment and hard work which has enabled the project to be completed.

113. Cllr. Lock – RCS meeting – the date had been changed and he could not attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

114. TDC Scrutiny Committee – increase in car parking charges. Parish Council had received no complaints, so no reply could be sent.

115. DPFA AGM on 7th July at Upton Pyne. Cllr.Berkley-Sage also wishes to attend. Clerk to book extra place.

116. DCC Local Government White Paper – how to improve the operation of the current three tier structure in Devon. Information and letter in reading file. Any responses by Councillors to be sent by 31st July.

117.Mr. Mrs.Stapley – request to hire Dennis Cross Field for a birthday picnic on 29th July Resolved that:-

- a) request be granted cost of £7.50
- b) notice informing people that both village fields can be hired to be replaced in noticeboard
- c) notice to be put on both gates of Dennis Cross on day of hire.

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MEETINGS

118. Clerk informed the Council that she would be out of the country from 26th August until 4th October and therefore requested change of dates for meetings. Resolved that meetings be held:

- a) Monday 7th August 8pm
- b) No meeting in September
- c) Monday 16th October 8pm.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

119. Cllr.Lock:-

- a) he had put in the reading file information concerning Regional Assemblies.
- b) he asked Cllr.Berkley-Sage if the school were proposing to make a new footpath in the churchyard and into the football field behind the goal. Cllr.Berkley-Sage and Cllr.Heal confirmed that Mr.Fitter was looking into the matter, but there were no plans as yet. Clerk to

write to school and inform them that the new toilet in the football field would be available for use at the beginning of the September term.

c) broken sewage manhole cover in South Street.

120.Cllr.Grigg – the bank in Aller Road by the council bungalows needed cutting

121.Cllr.Kendrew – asked the Clerk to enquire from TDC if rates were being paid on the two occupied affordable houses in Orchard Gate Phase II

122. Date of next meeting Monday 7th August 8pm.

There being no further business the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

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