

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2016

IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PUBLIC SESSION: Question 1 – *Why were the Council having so many Part 2 meetings? The agenda and reason for these meetings should be made public according to an advisor at TDC.* Council reply – Part 2 is held to discuss matters of a confidential or sensitive nature. The Council considered they were legit to do so. The Chairman would check on the legal points concerning this matter.

PRESENT: Cllr J Lock – chairman, Cllrs Giles, Haynes, Martindale, Rolls, Walker, Dunn and Grigg, the clerk and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Paul Rendell

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

Cllr Lock declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall

62(16/17) MINUTES: The minutes of the Council meeting and Part 2 held on 5th September 2016 were amended as follows 58(16/17) to read :-County Councillor Andy Boyd, and items brought to the Chair :- Ward Councillor Lock had already asked the conservation officers opinion. They were then signed as a true and correct record

63(16/17) CLERKS REPORT: nothing to report that was not covered later in the agenda

64(16/17) CORRESPONDANCE

correspondent	content	action
DALC	newsletter	Email and reading file
Boundary commission	Electoral Review of Torridge – draft recommendations	Reading file + Agenda item 9
SLCC	Clerk magazine	Reading file
Devon Rural Housing Partnership	Advert for interest in self and custom built housing	Reading file, email and notice board
Devon wildlife trust	Invite to event at Merton village Hall 11 th October	Email and reading file
TDC Local Plan	Consultation request on local plan and travellers sites	Agenda item 6 e
TDC advisory	Informing of meeting on 18 th October	Email and reading file
TDC – Jamie Hollis	Informing of recruiting for Town/Parish rep to standards committee	Email and reading file

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65(16/17) FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay 3rd October 2016

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office September + stamps 14.28		24.28	922
Mr D Lock	September grass cutting		242.41	923
Mr M Lock	September caretaking		120.00	924
D&D village hall	september meeting		10.00	925
SWW	Fixed charge 15/6-1/9		12.37	926
Grant Thornton	Audit fee	20.00	120.00	927

Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Dunn

Cheque signatories -Cllrs Walker & Grigg

Invoices checked by Cllr Haynes

b) income - TDC -2nd half precept £5180.80, Dolton PCC £10.00

c)statement of accounts and bank reconciliation had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting

d) half year budget statement had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. At present a £1700 underspend was predicted.

e) Asset report would be available at the November meeting

f) Annual community grants – posters and information on how to apply had been circulated in the Parish. Applications to be received by 28th October.

66 (16/17) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider –

1/0886/2016/FUL -Hill Cottage, Dolton –proposed 2 storey extension –Council had no objection

1/888/2016/FUL – Ham Farm Country Cottages –use of 3 holiday cottages as video studios and use of guest lounge as office – Council had no objection (Cllr Lock declared an interest and abstained from discussions)

1/0721/2016/LBC - Poole Cottage, Dolton – repairs and alterations – Council had no objection

1/0908/2016/FUL – 72 Stafford Way, Dolton – proposed new path – Council could not understand why the owner of 72 Stafford Way was applying for planning permission for the path in front of 70 Stafford Way the owners of which had laid the path over 30years ago and replaced it recently when it fell into poor repair.

b) Applications granted – **1/0809//2016-** Penny Farthing, West Lane, extension

c) Applications refused – none

d)Local plan consultation – no comment

e)TDC council planning session Thursday 22nd September, attended by Cllrs Lock and Martindale and the clerk – dealt with 106 and the calling in procedure – very informative.

f) any other planning matters – 1/0954/2010 Cllr Martindale confirmed that stables being built in West Lane were part on a legit 2010/11 application. ii) Cleave Hill developments - following a request at the last meeting to clarify what planning was in place for this area the clerk read a communication from Laura Davies at TDC which indicated the only planning application in place at present was 1/0590/2016/out, which was under consideration. There was no extant consent for the development of the site.

68(16/17) PARISH GROUNDS

a) **Football Field** – i) Air Ambulance landing site –the meeting planned for 29th October would be rearranged for early November probably between 4pm- 6pm on a weekday. Cllr Martindale

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suggested the Bondleigh Band’s concert on Sunday 4th December could be used to raise funds if help could be found for the catering. Cllr Giles would ask around.

ii) Cllr Lock was meeting with representatives from the church to discuss removing overhanging branches in the access lane to the field.

b)**Dennis Cross** – one of the hedges was still very overgrown. Clerk to obtain a price from David Lock for cutting back and disposing of cuttings. The main entrance gate into the playing field was falling into poor repair. Cllr Dunn would obtain a price for a replacement.

c)**Memorial garden** – Cllr Hayne had obtained a new flag at a price of £56.80

69(16/17) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

- i) Traffic speed through the village – Cllr Rendell was absent so would report to next meeting
- ii) Stafford Way parking – residents had met with County Councillor Andy Boyd who had informed them they could remove a grass verge to create more parking but could not claim a space as their own. He also said he would investigate the possibility removing the roundabout and squaring off the area to create more parking.
- iii) Verge cutting – the verge at Dolton Beacon had now been cut by highways – the Parish Council had reservations about taking on the job themselves due to concerns over cost and health and safety.

70(16/17) Boundary Commission review – the clerk explained the present recommendations from Torridge which were now before the commission. This was to make the Three Moors and Three Rivers wards one large Ward with two Councillors.

71(16/17) TAP FUND 2016/17 – Cllr Rendell not present to report

72 (16/17) MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllr Martindale and Dunn had found recent TDC advisory meetings very disappointing but all Councillors were welcome to go.

ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR – none

.Meeting Closed at 8.36pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 7th November 2016

THERE WAS A PART TWO. – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LEFT THE HALL – Councillors were then updated on the on-going legal matter.

Signed.....Date.....

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