

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 4th JULY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr C.Giles, V.Chair, Cllrs Burnage, Byrne, Dunn, Grigg, Jury, and Walker, the Clerk and 9 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr J Lock and Cllr J Rolls

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr J. Lock on holiday the meeting was chaired by Cllr C.Giles. The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2011, having been circulated, were signed as being a true and correct record on the Proposal of Cllr Jury Seconded by Cllr Byrne.

44 (11/12) Matters arising from the Minutes. None

45(11/12) Correspondence

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Ken Miles, TDC	PC's Representative on TDC's Standards Committee- 2 vacancies Anyone interested to respond before 8 th July	Noted
DCC Highways	Permission granted to erect notice board	Noted. Mr McKenzie has Been told.
Playground Solutions	Notice regarding playground maintenance	File for future reference
GM Planning	Copy email sent by GM to Anthony Hodder confirming Housing Survey carried out for PC	Noted
TDC	External Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2010/11	Reading file
CPRE	Invitation to join CPRE	Reading file
DALC	New councillors' course 28 July 10-4 p.m. Exeter City FC	Reading File
DALC	Land and Society Commission Report- neighbourhood planning	Emailed/reading file
Mr J Thouless	Copy of Letter to DCC re road junction at Dolton Beacon	Noted
TDC Electoral Services	Polling districts and Polling Places Review –consultation 4/7-15/8	Noted
Carol Skrzypczak	Requesting results of parish housing needs survey (EMAIL)	Response read out

46 (11/12) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Walker declared a personal interest in respect of matters relating to Chapple Farm, Cllrs Byrne and Jury declared a personal interest in respect of matters relating to Fishleigh Park.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to invite members of the public to speak.

Name	Subject	Response
Mrs A. Coombes	Standing water in Aller Road at the building site	Noted and Clerk has already reported to TDC & Highways
Mr D O'Brien	GM Planning Housing Survey, proposed Community Land Trust, Legality of and costs involved	Noted
Mr Panton	Road Junction at Dolton Beacon	Noted
Mr G Madge	Dolton Beacon in Ashreigny Par.	Noted

Mrs D Madge	Asked if Clerk would read out the GM Planning email to Mr Hodder. Vision Group - too early to take legal advice on Community Land Trust	Read out Noted
Mr N Wood	GM Planning Housing Survey	Noted
Mr D Fitter	Community Land Trust and Localism Bill	Noted

47 (11/12) FINANCE

a) Accounts to pay

Supplier	Description	VAT	Total	Chq.No
Mrs J Sidey	£10 Home use, Postage £2.18, A4 Paper £5.00		£17.18	
Baptist Chapel	Hire of room for PC, Vision Gp & Emer.Plan		£40.00	

It was Proposed by Cllr Walker and Seconded by Cllr Byrne that the above accounts be paid. All in favour.

Cheque signatories: CllrJury and Cllr Grigg

b). Income – None.

Current acc. bal £6393.25 (less unpd Ch. £88. and the above cheques to be paid). Bus Reserve Acc. to 7 Jun £55,954.64 of which £40,000 is allocated for 1Yr Bond- No paperwork received to date for the Bond from NatWest. The Clerk circulated 1st Qtrly balance sheet for the year for Councillors' information.

c). Any other financial matters: Cllr Jury has booked for herself and the Clerk to attend the AGM of DAPF on 7th July at a cost of £40. but has not received confirmation. Asked PC to cover the cost if confirmation is received and they attend. All in agreement.

48(11/12) PLANNING

a. Applications to consider – 1/0457/2011/FUL 9 kw Photovoltaic System, Chapple Farm for Neils Walker. Cllr. Walker having declared an interest left the room.– no objections; 1/0396/2011/LBC Single storey extension to 1 Hackwills Cottages for Mr Jenner-Parson – no objections so long as the neighbours right-of-way to and from No.2 Hackwills Cottages is not impeded and conservation considerations are taken into account. All in favour.

5b. Permissions granted – none

5c. Refusals advised – none

5d. To receive any other planning matters : 1/0636/2010/OUTM Fishleigh Park, Aller Road, notice of Appeal. The Clerk had received by email today a letter from TDC dated 17th June 2011 with notification that an Appeal, which has already begun, had been lodged by the developer against the planning decision. As the Parish Council's objections had already been lodged with TDC and the Appeal procedure is for the exchange of statements only and a site visit by the Appeal Inspector there is nothing further to be done by the PC.

49(11/12) PARISH GROUNDS

(i) **Football Field.** The Clerk was told by the Secretary of the School last week that although they no longer use the hard play area, they continue to use the grass field and DCC were working on renegotiating the Lease to reflect this and would be contacting the Parish Council. As nothing has been heard at all from DCC on this subject, this to be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

(ii) **Dennis Cross.**

(i) Trees. Cllr Jury is concerned that the trees at Dennis Cross are getting too large and the roots will cause damage to property, so the trees should be removed. This to be an Agenda item for September meeting to allow Councillors time to see for themselves if the trees should be cut down and replaced with a more suitable smaller growing species.

(ii) The Clerk is concerned that the required weekly inspections of the play equipment are not carried out as this could negate the conditions of the insurance cover. Cllr Burnage hopes to be able to start the weekly inspections soon. The Clerk raised the question of the broken spring on the small gate which had been identified in the last Zurich inspection report and Cllr Dunn will try to adjust /repair.

50 (11/12) PARISH ACTION PLAN - Update

Cllr Burnage said that the Vision Group had discussed forming a Community Land Trust as it was felt such a Trust would be of benefit to Dolton and had intended putting a proposition to this effect before the Council at this meeting. However, taking into consideration the comments voiced in the Public section of the meeting the consensus of Councillors was that before any firm decisions are made a lot more research needs to be undertaken by the Dolton Vision Group into what is involved, including the technicalities and legalities in forming a Community Land Trust, what the costs to the Parish would be in setting up the necessary legal framework and what such a Trust could achieve in terms of providing solutions to everyday problems such as low cost housing for local people, car parking and keeping traffic speeds down, etc. Cllr Dunn suggested that another Vision Group Open Day should be held to explain what would be involved and to assess whether the people of Dolton want a Community Land Trust before any decision is taken or money spent.

51(11/12) PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN - Update

Cllr Byrne reported that the Questionnaire for residents was prepared and mostly delivered, some responses had been received but it was very slow. Some people had not received forms and Cllr Byrne would try to remedy this.

52(11/12) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES - To receive updates on local issues.

- i) The Clerk had received a complaint that the footpath at Stafford Barton had been diverted, and that a direction arm of the signpost had been removed from the footpath sign at Down Farm Lane. The details have been forwarded to DCC Footpaths who will investigate.
- ii) The Clerk has again complained to Highways at the poor road surface in West Lane and has reported damage to the road bridge by the sewage works in Stafford Road. It was suggested that photographs should be taken and forwarded to Highways.
- vi) Regarding land to the west of the roundabout in Stafford Way, Cllr Burnage has passed the letter from DCC to the interested parties and it is in their hands if they wish to action this.

42 (11/12) MEETINGS ATTENDED. Cllrs Jury and Burnage had attended the Advisory Group meeting at which Sarah Chappell, the Conservation Officer had been the Guest Speaker. September 20th is next meeting which will be held in the Dolton Village Hall. Cllr Burnage had attended the AGM of the TLCP meeting and been elected Vice Chair. It had been suggested they become more proactive in understanding the Localism Bill.

43 (11/12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr.Grigg said that litter and rubbish is being left at Chapel Cross on Wednesdays and is not collected until Fridays - very untidy. This to be an agenda item for September.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday 5th September

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