

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2013 IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

Apolgies: Cllr R Lock – Ward Councillor

Present: Cllr J Lock- Chair, Cllrs C.Giles, S.Jury, , J.Rolls, , R.Dunn, N.Walker, S Lune, M Grigg, A.Haynes the Clerk, and 7 members of the public.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no speakers

385(13/14) MINUTES

The Minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 7th October 2013 having been circulated were signed as being a true and correct record. Unanimously approved.

386(13/14) CLERKS REPORT

- 1) The Clerk has attended a budget and precept training course run by DALC
- 2) Cllr Lune has attended a new councillor training course run by DALC
- 3) The water meter at the football field has been checked and is in keeping with the invoices.
- 4) Stones solicitors have been contacted to oversee the new lease of the football field to the school.

387(13/14) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
Devon Libraries	Consultation on reduction of mobile service	Reading file
War Memorial Trust	Caring for War Memorials	Reading file
NHS	Torrington Community Cares – invitation to workshops	Reading file and village noticeboard
TDC	Updating emergency planning	Forward to emergency committee
DCC	Travelling in winter leaflet	Reading file/noticeboard
TDC	Report on meeting with G Cox MP re Wind Turbines	Reading file
Phoenix Ladies	Donation request to help with Christmas celebrations	finance
Healthwatch Devon	Voices newsletter	Reading file

Clerks and Councils Direct	newsletter	Reading file
DALC	November newsletter	Reading file
COUMMUNTIY COUNCIL OF DEVON	POSTER ADVISING OF ADVICE SURGERY	Notice board and reading file

388(13/14) FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office		10.00	690
DALC	training courses - Clerk budget &precept training, + new councillor	10.00	60.00	691
David Lock	Grass cutting		165.00	692
Martin Lock	Caretaking monthly charge		104.00	693
D&D Village Hall	hire		12.00	694

Approved for payment. Cheque signatories Cllrs Giles and Dunn

b) Income - none

Balance in current account £9309.25

Balance in deposit account £20809.12 (statement date 30.9.13)

Liquidity manager 95 day account £41023.45(inc sept interest £20.86)

c)other financial matters - i) setting of precept – a financial committee was set up to present 2014/15 precept suggestions to the council at the next meeting. Committee to consist of:- Clerk, Cllr Giles - Vice Chair, Cllrs Dunn and Haynes. Proposed Cllr Grigg, seconded Cllr Lune – all agreed. Clerk would arrange meeting.

ii)grant applications – a meeting would be arranged to go through the grant applications before the next meeting. Clerk would arrange.

iii)A letter had been received from Pheonix Ladies requesting help with their Christmas celebrations . It was proposed by Cllr Giles and seconded by Cllr Grigg that the council purchase a set of Christmas lights which they lend to the Pheonix ladies for their celebrations. All agreed. Cllr Walker would purchase the lights.

389(13/14) PLANNING

- a) Applications to consider – 1/0827/2013/FUL –WHEELWRIGHT COTTAGE
1/0953/2013/LBC – WHEELWIGHT COTTAGE - The council had no objections but would inform TDC they were unhappy that much of the internal work had already been carried out.
1/0816/2013/FUL – CORNERSTONE – the council had already stated they had no objection

- b) Permissions granted – 1/0832/2013/LBC – BRAMBLE COTTAGE
1/0873/201/LBC- COBB COTTAGE
1/0726/2013/LBC SANDSCOTT, THE SQUARE

- c) Refusals advised – none

390(13/14)PARISH GROUNDS

a)Football field i) school licence – A site meeting had been held on Oct 7th between the council, DCC and Mr Madge. – see attached notes. DCC had promised to respond to the Council by the November meeting but nothing had been heard. The clerk would contact Sara Radford again.

ii) broken kissing gate. Cllr Dunn had obtained a quote from Hodgeson engineering for a new gate and post. It was agreed to accept the quote of £140 + vat. Cllr Dunn would order the gate.

iii) The football club had complained that grass cuttings were being emptied too close to the playing pitch. Clerk would inform the grass cutter.

b)Dennis Cross – Zurich Play Equipment inspection had taken place on Monday 14th October. The report had been received. All appears to be in good order..

c)Memorial garden – Cllr Rolls volunteered to lower the flag on Remembrance Sunday.

391(13/14)MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC

- a) Bus turning –E mail had been received from tarka Housing expressing their concern about the on-going maintenance of the carpark area should it be resurfaced. In response to the councils request for bus turning signs to be erected, Highways had informed the council that due to budget restraints they were unable to carry out signing work at present. It was agreed the clerk would enquire if it was possible for the Parish Council to purchase signs.
- b) Lights for the tree at Dennis Cross have been purchased and erected in time for the carnival.
- c) Julie Pepworth from DCC had contacted the council regarding removing the pedestrian barriers in Stafford Way allowing better access for people with mobility scooters. This would be subject to consultation with Torridge and funds being available. Cllr Giles would investigate the site.

392(13/14)HEALTH – i) Cllr Lune reported on Torrington Hospital – It is expected that the commissioning agencies will publish the results of their consultations and inform the local communities of their decisions regarding community services. It is hopefully possible at that stage to express any further views on the proposals.

ii)Cllr Lune was doing a follow up exercise with last month’s speaker from Healthwatch to ascertain the need for such a service in Dolton.

393(13/14)MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Jury reported on The Torridge Advisory meeting she attended. Leader of DCC John Hart was the speaker. – He had explained the upcoming budget cuts and had advised Parish Councils to raise their precepts whilst they could as it was likely they may be capped in the future. District councils may be passing some responsibilities back to the Parishes. Details of DCC spending were circulated to all councillors. The second speaker Ian Rowland from TDC had informed that consultations with Parishes regarding the Local Plan should come through in December and there would be a tight time frame in which to respond.

394(13/14)TAP FUND – Cllr Haynes would investigate if the fund could be spent on the following:- a health survey for the village; items for the proposed refurbishment of the Dolton and Dowland Village Hall kitchen.

395(13/14)AOB – Cllr Grigg commented on the state of the overgrown hedges in Aller Road.

MEETING CLOSED 8.50pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2013

SIGNEDDATE.....

MEETING THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT – SARAH RADFORD –NPS, NICK MARSDON - DCC, GERALD MADGE,CLLR CYNTHIA GILES, CLLR JOHN ROLLS,CLLR NEILS WALKER, WENDY HOLLAND- CLERK

RE: SCHOOL LICENCE (HARD AREA DRAINAGE)

MAIN POINTS

1. Drainage pipes to be removed from Mr Madges land as soon as possible so as development/sale is not affected.
2. If possible the Dolton Parish Council would like the hard area to remain.
3. Mr Madge does not want any drainage pipes down across his land.
4. Surface water from football club changing room possible runs into these pipes.
5. Drainage pipes from the football field possible run into these drainage pipes.
6. Nick Marsland agreed to arrange for an investigation (bore hole) to be made to see if water would soak away in the far left corner of the field which would allow a ditch to be dug around the edge of the area. To report back before the next council meeting at the beginning of November.
7. The alternative would be for DCC to rip up the tarmac and refill the area. Access for this would be from Mr Madges land. The hedge would have to be removed and reinstated. Mr Madge has sub soil and top soil available for this task. Mr Madge and DCC to discuss.
8. Clean water drainage from the football pavilion may have to be investigated.

