

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

#### IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Roger Dunn

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Lock – chairman, Cllrs Giles, Haynes, Martindale, Rolls, Walker, Rendell and Grigg, the clerk and 2 members of the public.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Question 1 – Has the recent housing survey been published? *no, but would be placed on the website in the near future.* Q2 –did the Parish Council know of any planning applications for Orchard gate phase 3 as the site had been recently cleared? *No the Parish Council had no knowledge of any applications.* Q3 – Dolton Beacon junction, the grass had become long again hindering visibility, when reported to highways they were informed it was not a sufficient safety hazard to warrant cutting yet. – Parish Council to look into the possibility of doing the cutting. Agenda item for next meeting

**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

**52(16/17) MINUTES:** The minutes of the July Council Meeting and Part 2 held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were signed as a true and correct record

**53(16/17) CLERKS REPORT:** Dolton Church had hired Dennis Cross playing field for their open air Songs of Praise on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr Walker had cut the hedge around the playing field and taken away the cuttings. This proved to be quite a big job and in future should be done more regularly.

#### **54(16/17) CORRESPONDANCE**

correspondent	content	action
DALC	newsletter	Email and reading file
DALC	Invite to AGM & conference 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 plus Annual report	Reading file
Zurich insurance	Informing of increase in insurance premium tax from 9.5-10.00%	noted
-TDC	Invite to planning session on 22 <sup>nd</sup> sept	Agenda item 6d
James Jarroudi -TDC	Informing of community grant scheme	Reading file
Sandra Cawsey – TDC advisory	Informing of splitting Torridge advisory groups into 3 instead of 2 – Dolton to be in the Torridge area	Reading file
Devon Highways	Review of community support initiatives	
Darrel Jagger –neighbourhood highway officer	RE Blocked drain, South Street. Unable to unblock as part of tough choices policy	Email and reading file
Sandra Brown, police fire community support worker	Police report for Dolton 3/8-3/9	Email and reading file + agenda item 8i
Elaine Brant	Stafford Way Parking spaces	Agenda item 8ii
Devon communities together	Village green magazine	Reading file
Clerks and councils direct	newsletter	Reading file
Healthwatch	Voices magazine	Reading file/coffee morning

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### 55(16/17) FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office july and august - £20.00 + ink £44.18		64.18	916
Mr D Lock	July & August grass cutting		484.82	917
Mr M Lock	July and august caretaking		240.00	918
D&D village hall	July meeting		8.00	919
Marion Marshall	Flower plants and planting		34.90	920
Trowers & hamlins	Land registration fees	91.00	576.00	921

Proposed Cllr Rolls, seconded Cllr Giles  
Cheque signatories -Cllrs Walker & Grigg  
Invoices checked by Cllr Haynes

b) income - none

c)Torrige community mini bus donation request – there were no known residents of Dolton who used this service so decided not to donate at present time.

d) the certified Audit papers had been returned from the auditor with no additional fees to pay.

Ward Councillor R Lock arrived after attending a meeting of Beaford Parish Council

### 56 (16/17) PLANNING

- a) Applications to consider -- 1/0862/2016/ful Glencoe, Rectory Road - 2 room in roof dwellings and parking to replace existing woolaway bungalow. – Parish Council had no objections  
1/0809/2016/ful Penny Farthing, West Lane -extension to front elevation – Parish Council were unable to view the plans on the website due to poor quality, clerk would ask for improved plans before Council could comment.
- b) Applications granted – 1/0625/2016/AGMB Wood Farm, prior notification for change of use to 2 dwellings under class Q associated works
- c) Applications refused – none
- d) Any other planning matters -Cllr Martindale asked why some applications for housing developments took so long to be decided on? Ward Councillor Lock was invited to comment and said in many cases more information was requested from the developers, highways, environment agency etc.  
Cllr Haynes raised concerns about which planning application was current on Cleave Hill developments as there seemed to have been several applications over the years and no development. *Cllr Martindale declared an interest and did not take part in discussions.* It was decided the clerk should contact Laura Davies the planning officer for clarification. Ward Councillor Lock would also make enquires.

### 57(16/17) PARISH GROUNDS

- a) Football Field – i) Air Ambulance landing site – a revised price of £5700 had been received for the project. Ward Councillor Lock said she may be able to make a donation from her Ward fund. An open meeting had been arranged for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October in Dolton Village Hall.  
ii) It was decided not to proceed with the wildlife project on the football field.  
iii) the hedge leading up to the football field was badly over grown. Cllr Lock would arrange for it to be cut back and consult with the church about cutting back some branches to allow access for an ambulance.

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- b) Dennis Cross – Cllr Walker had trimmed back the hedge. In future it needs to be done more regularly.
- c) Memorial Garden – Cllr Haynes would purchase a new flag which would be used for Armistice Day. The old flag would be used the rest of the year.

**58(16/17) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES**

- i) Traffic speed through the village – Cllr Rendell reported a recent speed watch had caught 6 speeding vehicles out of 23 passing through. The Police/highways lacked funds to implement speed deterrents. Cllr Rendell would investigate the cost of flashing speed signs similar to the one recently installed in High Bickington.
- ii) In response to a letter received from residents of Stafford Way regarding making more parking spaces the clerk would try to set up a meeting with District Councillor Andy Boyd, residents of Stafford Way and Councillors.

**59(16/17) DEFIBRILATER** – Cllr Rendell had spoken to Richard Oaten of Dolton 1<sup>st</sup> responders who had recommended a package costing approx. £1800 +vat. This included training and expendables for a period of 4 years. Cllr Rendell would get the quote in writing. The positioning of the defibrillator to be discussed at the next meeting.

**60(16/17) TAP FUND 2016/17** to be used for defibrillator.

**61 (16/17) MEETINGS ATTENDED** – Cllr Martindale and Dunn had attended a very disappointing Advisory meeting where none of the advertised speakers turned up.

**ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR** – Cllr Walker asked what restrictions there was on putting up signs in a conservation area. Prominent signs had recently been erected in the village. The clerk would enquire to the conservation officer at TDC. Ward Councillor Lock stated the conservation officer was coming to the village in the near future and she would ask her opinion.

Ward Councillor Lock explained the proposed new Boundary Commission proposals which involved splitting the present Three Moors Ward. Under the proposals Dolton would be in a Ward with Dowland, Beaford, Merton and Huish. The proposals had to be sent to the Boundary Commission for approval.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

THERE WAS A PART TWO. – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LEFT THE HALL

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

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