

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Cllr J Lock, Chair, Cllr C Giles, S.Jury, R.Dunn, N.Walker, A.Haynes, J Rolls, the Clerk and 4 members of the public. Apologies: Ward Cllr R Lock, Cllrs. Grigg and Lune.

#### **241(12/13) MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October were signed as being a true and correct record.  
Proposed by Cllr N Walker Seconded by Cllr C Giles with all in favour.

**242(12/13) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – Trimming the hedges in Aller Road. The Clerk has been in touch with Highways who are contacting the Land Registry to discover the ownership and will be writing to the owners reminding them of their obligations and requesting them to cut back the hedge appropriately. The price of building the stone wall on the brick splay by The Paddocks has been reduced by £100 from £865 to £765 as the stone did not have to be purchased by the Stonemason but was kindly donated by Mr & Mrs G. Madge.

#### **243(12/13) CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondent	Subject	Action
CCD	Drop in Surgery 21 November, Feniton Village Hall, EX14 3BB – Implementing and updating Parish/Neighbourhood plans; community Buildings, Rural Housing assessment & solutions, etc.	Circulated by email and in reading file.
Notts Sports Ltd	Synthetic artificial grass for sport & play facilities	Reading file
Torridge Voluntary Services	Parks and play areas forum at Shebbear Village Hall 27 November 7/9 p.m.	Circulated by email and in reading file
Mr & Mrs Oaten	Vehicles using Langham as a short cut	Response? Agenda item 14 on Traffic
DALC	Neighbourhood Planning: Getting Started – Wed 12 December 9-5 at Passage House Hotel, Kingsteignton	Any interest?
DCC Highways	Road closure for patching works Chapple X to Langham 7 Nov-12 November	Notice on board
David Green TDC Planning Dept	Changes to the Planning service – wish to send consultations on planning digitally instead of hard copy	Agenda item 8 on Planning
Ken Miles	Re: difficulties in setting Precept due to Localism Bill – Cllrs will need dispensation from new code of conduct	Discuss Agenda item 5
Mr & Mrs Madge	Glad to support improvements to our village, thank you for letter of thanks	Noted
DALC	Newsletter	Circulated and reading file

#### **244(12/13) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**1. It was unanimously resolved that decisions on granting dispensations on declarations of interest with regard to criteria as set out in section 33 of Localism Act 2011 be delegated by the Parish Council to the Parish Clerk as Proper Officer upon receipt by the Proper Officer of a written request from a councillor for dispensation from registering a prejudicial pecuniary interest in debating and**

voting on setting a precept for the Parish. Having received written requests from Councillors for dispensation from registering a prejudicial pecuniary interest in debating and voting on setting a precept for the Parish for a period not exceeding four years, the requested dispensations were granted to Cllr J Lock, Cllr C Giles, Cllr S Jury, Cllr M Grigg, Cllr J Rolls, Cllr R.Dunn, Cllr N Walker, Cllr A. Haynes and Cllr S. Lune.

2. Cllr Lock and Cllr Jury each declared personal interests in all matters relating to Dolton & Dowland Village Hall and Diamond Jubilee Committee. Cllr Giles declared a personal interest in Diamond Jubilee Committee.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to invite members of the public to speak – none

**245(12/13) STANDING ORDERS.** Draft Standing Orders were circulated for Councillors to consider and suggest any amendments at the next meeting.

**246(12/13) FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a). Accounts to pay

Name	Item	VAT	Total	Cheque No.
Mrs J Sidey	Home use –October Black Ink cartridge		10.00 7.99	606
D&D Village Hall	Hire of Hall October PC 10.00 Em..Cttee £8.		£18.00	607
Martin Lock	Caretaking – monthly charge (£104) & War Memorial garden work		£104.00 <u>68.00</u> £172.00	608
	Refuse sacks £5.34, /T & K rolls 4.77		£ 10.11	609
David Lock	Grass cutting – monthly charge		£165.00	610
Roger Heywood	Building raised stone bed Paddocks corner		£765.00	612

Proposed: Cllr A Haynes

Seconded: Cllr R Dunn

Cheque Signatures: Cllr N Walker and Cllr C.Giles

b). Income – none. The Beaford Centre had not used Dennis Cross as planned for their Letter Box play and the Apple Pressing event had taken place at the School due to inclement weather, so no invoices issued.

Balance in Curr.Acc: £6798.44 less above cheques

Balance in dep acc. £20,791.62.

c). Any other financial matters: Precept - The Clerk asked Councillors to think about any capital expenditure which may be required in 2013/2014 and circulated a preliminary spreadsheet of figures for Councillors to consider in preparation for discussions on setting the Precept.

**247(12/13) PLANNING**

a) Applications to consider : 1/0860/2012/FUL Straw bedded cattle & covered feed building Cross Farm, Dolton for Mr D Holland – No objections; 1/0878/2012/FUL Two storey extension to Cornerstone, Langham, Dolton for Mr. D. McCulloch – No objections.

b). Permissions granted : none

c). Refusals advised - none

d). To receive any other planning matters : A letter has been received from the Planning Department suggesting that the Parish Council should agree to receive planning applications digitally instead of receiving hard copies. The Clerk was asked to send a negative response as not all Councillors have access to a computer and the internet and make it clear that hard copies of applications should continue to be sent.

**248(12/13) TAP FUND.** The possible joint purchase with Beaford Parish of a salt/grit spreading machine to assist the snow warden and applying to the TAP Fund for £1.10 per person on the electoral roll towards the cost was

discussed. Cllr Jury has the TAP Fund application form. The Clerk to liaise with the Clerk to Beaford Parish, who are also discussing the matter at their monthly meeting, for more details on costings. To be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**249(12/13) PARISH GROUNDS**

- (i) Football Field – No update yet received on the draft lease to the school/DCC.
- (ii) Dennis Cross. Cllr Dunn’s weekly inspections have taken place – nothing to report. The Zurich inspection has taken place and Cllr Jury reported that the inspector considered that the proposed adult equipment should be sited on the far side of the field. The Zurich inspection report suggests that two new notices are required for the gates.
- (iii) The War Memorial stonework and steps have been cleaned and ivy and weeds removed by the Parish Caretaker as requested and Cllr Jury is purchasing plants for the pots. Cllr N Walker volunteered to lower the flag on Remembrance Sunday.

**250(12/13) JUBILEE COMMITTEE-** No update received

**251(12/13)EMERGENCY PLANNING –** No update received.

**252(12/13) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE –** The bed in the new stone wall needs planting and Cllr Jury will purchase plants and compost. A discussion on how to prevent parking on the brick splay took place and Cllr Haynes volunteered to look into purchasing 3 or 4 large tubs/troughs/barrels for plants which can be strategically placed to prevent parking on the bricks. The Clerk was asked to write to the Diary asking people not to put out rubbish bags before collection day as the bags get broken into by animals and the contents strewn about.

**253(12/13) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES –** Mr & Mrs Oaten’s letter on traffic through Langham Cross was discussed and the Clerk was asked to respond pointing out that the Parish Council do not have any authority over traffic on the highways and also to write to Beacon Buses requesting lower speeds through Langham Cross. The Clerk was asked to remind Highways about flooding on the corner beyond the sewage works. The street light on the new footpath in Aller Road is not working and the Clerk will report it as a matter of urgency in view of the recent accident in which a lady fell down on descending the footpath after dark.

**254(12/13) MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Cllr Jury gave a verbal report on an Advisory Group meeting which had discussed the problem of illegal money lending which has now spread into rural areas and villages. An advisory poster is on the Parish Notice Board with contact numbers for people requiring assistance with the problem.

**255(12/13) ANY OTHER BUSINESS -** Cllr Haynes said that the Dolton Forum is up and running and could be an asset to the community if people will use it. Cllr Haynes reported that the Oil Collective is working well with about five or so people having joined.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m..  
Date of next meeting: Monday 3 December at 7.30 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....