

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th JULY 2015

IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Apologies: Cllr C Giles

Present: Cllr J Lock –Chairman, Cllrs A Haynes, R Dunn, J Rolls, S Jury, N Walker, M Grigg, S Martindale the Clerk, and 2 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. Cllr Martindale matters relating to the school.

PUBLIC SESSION – re. grass cutting of the verges – the grass on the verges was still very long and when cut left a mess all over the road. Council would monitor and look in to.

26(15/16) MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 1st June 2015 having been circulated were agreed and signed as being a true and correct record.

27(15/16)CLERKS REPORT- The clerk reported that Cllrs Lock, Giles and the clerk had met with Rebecca Cox from Stones Solicitors and the new school lease had been signed. The registration of the football field, Dennis Cross playing field and the War Memorial garden had been discussed. All deeds relating to the Parish Council had been placed in the solicitors and a Schedule of deeds had been issued to the Parish Council. Cllr Martindale has arranged to attend a new councillor/becoming and effective councillor training course in Winkleigh on July 16th. If anyone is interested this course is designed for new and existing councillors.

7.40PM COUNCILLOR GRIGG ARRIVED

28(15/16) PARISH GROUNDS

a)**Football Field** i) new lease with the school had been signed and was now in the hands of the solicitor for completion with DCC. ii) land registration – following a meeting with Cllrs Lock, Giles and the clerk, Rebecca Cox from Stones Solicitors had given a quote of a maximum fee of £900 + vat to do the necessary work required to register the football field, Dennis Cross Playing field and the War Memorial Garden with the Land registry. Land Registry fees and searches would be approx. £60. A fee of £50 on account was required before work could commence. It was decided to proceed with the registration.

b)**Dennis Cross** –The repair work and fencing had been completed. The hedge around the field was in need of cutting back. The clerk would ask the grass cutter to do this.

c) **War Memorial-** the repointing work and painting of the railings has been completed. There could be a very long wait for the repairs to the memorial as the stone mason is extremely busy.

29(15/16) CORRESPONDENCE

<u>CORRESPONDENT</u>	SUBJECT	ACTION
DALC	News letters	Email and reading file
Harry Roper TDC	Response to complaint	noted
Devon art wave	Details of art wave Torrington project	Notice board, reading file
Devon Highways	Notice of road closure - Atherington	noted

Mr Baker	Complaint re dog bin smell Aller Road	Dealt with under traffic and maintenance
TDC	South molton Recycling in administration	Posters on notice boards
Devon Communities together	Village Green Magazine	Reading file
Clerks and councils direct	newsletter	Reading file
SLCC	magazine	Reading file

30(15/16)FINANCE

a)Accounts to pay 6th July 2015

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office – june		10.00	824
D & D Village Hall	june meeting		8.00	825
Mr M Lock	Caretaker service		117.00	826
Mr M Lock	supplies		18.14	827
Mr D Lock	Grass cutting monthly charge +verge cutting £259.50 plus repairs to Dennis Cross playing field £865.00		1124.50	828
Sww ltd	Football field water		16.10	829
Paul Middleton	Repairs to memorial garden walls and railings		1110.25	830
Marion Marshall	plants		44.00	831
Stones Solicitors	Expenses on account		50.00	832

Proposed Cllr Martindale, seconded Cllr Rolls

Cheque signatories – Cllrs Walker and Dunn

Invoices checked by – Cllr Haynes

b) income - none

c) quarterly bank reconciliation presented and attached to the minutes

d)purchase of new projector- Martin Lock to be asked to look into getting three quotes to present to the next meeting.

8.10pm – WARD COUNCILLOR - R Lock arrived having previously attended a meeting of Beaford Parish Council

31(15/16) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider –1/0607/2015/ful –Dolton School – conversion of window to door – Council had no objection

1/0481/2015/2015lbc- Homlea, The Square –raise chimney,replacement door, internal works – council had no objection

b) Permissions granted– none

c) Permissions refused – none

d) Any other matters – i) 72 Stafford Way – reply received from Harry Roper of TDC regarding the Councils complaint. No further action to be taken.

32(15/16) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC

a).- painting of phone box –Cllr Haynes along with help from Martin Lock and Carol Armstrong had started to paint the telephone box. The structure of the box is in a very poor state but being painted as good as possible. Clerk will report state of box to BT.

b) Tubs for square – Cllr Rolls to report to next meeting.

c) raised paving bricks at bottom of Paddocks – clerk to report to Devon Highways

d) Driving safer for longer course- Cllr Martindale raised the possibility of running such a workshop in Dolton. At least 10 people are required to attend the workshop which would be held in the Village Hall – the aim is to aid people who had passed their test a number of years ago to stay driving safely for longer. The Parish Council agreed to sponsor the event and do the publicity for it. Surrounding Parishes to be invited along. Cllr Martindale agreed to try and arrange a date for October.

e) Dog Bin Aller Road – complaints had been received from residents in the new properties in Barlands Way regarding the smell rising from the dog bin in Aller Road below. The Clerk would contact TDC environment officer to see if the bin still complied with being the correct distance from houses etc. It was agreed a bin along Aller Road was essential. As an interim measure ‘dog poo’ sanitizer would be purchased by the council and placed in the bin regularly. Cllr Haynes agreed to do this. Member of the public Ann Coombes offered to help.

33(15/16) PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

New transparency regulations require the Parish Council to make more information available online. A working party was set up to look into the best way to do this. The clerk would return a completed questionnaire to DALC concerning funding which may be available to assist with this. Working party to consist of Cllrs Haynes, Dunn, Martindale, the clerk and Martin Lock who runs the present Dolton Website.

34(15/16) TAP FUND- the tap fund would be available again this year – ideas are being sought on how to use it.

35(15/16) REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllr Martindale had attended a Devon Home Choice Training Day which had explained the bidding process on how Social Housing was allocated.

36(15/16) MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR - The Ward Councillor Rose Lock requested permission to speak – granted.

Recycling – following South Molton Recycling going into administration Torridge District Council were busy trying to make alternative arrangements for recycling collection. As an interim measure large green wheelie bins were being placed in villages. It was agreed in Dolton these should be placed by the garages in Rectory Road. It was hoped this would be for a very short time.

Cllr Walker requested the position of the Dolton Youth Committee be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

The clerk asked for thought to be given the new tenders for grass cutting and caretaking which need to be settled in the Autumn and to any other expenditure which may need to be included in next years precept.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 7th September 2015 – Jane Whittaker Leader of Torridge District Council will be attending.

There was then a Part 2 and members of the public were asked to leave the room.

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

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01/04/14 - 30/06/14

QUARTERLY BALANCES

NATWEST CURRENT ACCOUNT

51507951

Bal b/f 31/3/15	8,381.86
plus current a/c receipts	5,120.92
plus adjustment (unpresented cheque)	1.19
Sub Total	<u>13,503.97</u>
Less payments to 30/6/2015	2,196.71
Balance at 30/6/2015	<u>11,307.26</u>

Statement to 30/6/15

Outstanding Cheques	£2,497.99	.
receipt not yet credited	0	.
BALANCE	<u>8,809.27</u>	.

RESERVE ACCOUNT

51538520

Balance brought forward 31/3/15	20,821.61
receipts:-	
interest	1.35
statement 29/5/15	<u>20,822.96</u>

LIQUIDITY MANAGER ACCOUNT

51573148

balance 30/3/15	<u>41,223.48</u>
interest 30/4/15	6.78
interest 30/5/15	6.55
balance 27/6/15	<u>41,244.04</u>

