

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Monday 6th October 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Lock (Chairman) Cllr C Giles (Vice-Chair) Cllrs Burnage, Byrne, Grigg, Jury, Partridge, Rolls, the Clerk, 9 members of public

Apologies: Cllr Boyes

The minutes of the meeting held October 6th having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with the following amendments:

Addition to Minute **64 (08/09)** – Cllr Jury stated that she had never “ reported anyone to Torridge District Council on a planning matter “.

Proposed: Cllr Burnage

Seconded: Cllr Partridge

All agreed

65 (08/09) MATTERS ARISING : None

66 (08/09) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

One Personal Interest as defined by the Council’s Code of Conduct for Councillors recorded
Cllr Jury for Agenda item 67.3 : Dolton & Dowland Pre School

No Prejudicial Interests as defined by the Council’s Code of Conduct for Councillors recorded

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman closed the meeting to invite members of the Public to raise questions.

Speakers

Roger Dunn : Dixon Construction – Concerns regarding footpath

Graham Hutchings: Traffic and transport issues displayed on noticeboard

67 (08/09) FINANCIAL MATTERS

67.1 Accounts to Pay - the Clerk presented the following accounts for agreement to pay:

K Hardy	Caretaker	£ 118.38
St Edmunds PCC	Grant	£ 100.00
Dolton & Dowland Village Hall		£ 21.00
Close Invoice Finance Limited (Play)		£8924.13
M Harris	Clerk	£ 385.25
South West Water		£ 48.76

Proposed Cllr Rolls

Seconded Cllr Grigg

All agreed

Cheques signed by Cllrs Giles and Partridge

67.2 Invoices - None

67.3 Half yearly accounts – the Clerk presented the half yearly accounts for information. (a copy of which is attached with these minutes and read extracts from a letter from the Audit commission which requested a summary of the Parish Council’s future expenditure items. Members discussed items for possible future expenditure and the following are for noting only.

- Repairs to existing notice board / purchase of a new board
- Repairs to the Kissing Gate
- Variation to the grounds maintenance contract
- Parish Council Savings Bond for major village amenities (car parking and Parish Plan issues)
- 2009/2010 Precept – may be a possibility that it is kept at 2008/09 level

67.4 Any other financial matters - There were 2 applications for the Community Grant Scheme

(a) Dolton & Dowland Horticultural Society

It was resolved to allocate a grant of £150. for road direction signs for the Annual Show

Proposed Cllr Grigg

Seconded Cllr Jury

All agreed

(b) Dolton & Dowland Pre School

It was resolved to allocate an emergency payment of £200 to assist with revenue costs and to ask the applicant to forward their annual accounts on receipt of payment

Proposed Cllr Burnage

Seconded Cllr Byrne

All agreed

67.5 Financial matters arising - None

68. (08/09) PLANNING MATTERS

68.1 Applications for consideration

1/0958/2008/FUL Neals Butchers , South Street

The Parish Council commented that the red outline of the proposed planning area required further clarification as it appeared to extend beyond the properties boundaries and queried if Torridge District Council had served a B notice on the landowner? The Parish Council approved the Planners vision in responding to the needs of the community.

1/0982/2008/FUL Williams , Penny Farthing. West Lane

The Parish Council commented that the Planning Committee should consider the neighbouring properties as the scale of the proposal seemed out of character in the neighbourhood.

1/1035/2008/FUL Dixon Construction Off Barlands Way

The Parish Council commented that it welcomed the affordable homes .However ,the key issue is the provision of a village amenity in the form of a footpath and which has been requested in previous application process. The Parish Council are concerned that their recommendations do not appear to have been considered. The Council wish to strongly recommend that any footpath is positioned on the West and comes out in the middle of Aller Road in the old laybye. This would also have the effect of lessening the very steep gradient of the path that is the current plan and which would be impossible for elderly , infirm and pushchairs to use in any comfort or safety. The Parish Council believe that there would be some benefit in a site visit . This would enable the Parish Council to explain the issues and concerns in more detail.

1/1041/2008/FUL Stokes , Barlands , Rectory Road

The Parish Council made no comment other than to seek assurance that the application was satisfactory to the planning authority.

68.2 Permissions granted –1/0644/2008/FUL North Woodtown

68.3 Refusals advised – none , however 1/0565/2008/FUL RHT Aller Road ,1/0722/2008/FUL Barlands , Rectory Road ,1/0749/2008/FUL Wood Farm all withdrawn

68.4 Any other planning matters – The contents of a letter from the surveyor acting upon behalf of Mr Mrs Buckingham for future development in Aller Rd , Dolton was conveyed to the meeting. The Councillors made no comment other than an acknowledgment of the information. The Clerk will respond to the letter with a brief acknowledgment of its receipt.

69 (08/09) DENNIS CROSS PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Jury reported that the Youth Shelter table needed a stake to fix it to the ground and the Chair would organize this maintenance. The SAFA grass order had been placed and the Clerk would follow through the order with the Company.

70(08/09) PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Cllr Burnage reported that the Parish Plan Review Working Party is to arrange a meeting of all interested partners in October. Letters had been sent to local authorities and community organisations in the village to highlight the need to discuss progress and to compile an initial questionnaire to ascertain the views of the community. Devon County Council acknowledged the letter and referred it to the Diocese.

71 (08/09) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

The next surgery is Monday 13th and Cllrs Rolls and Jury will be in attendance.

72 (08/09) AIR AMBULANCE SITES

Referred to the November meeting.

73 (08/09) COUNCIL PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE HANDBOOK

The document will continue to be circulated for the month of October. The Clerk will seek advice from the DAPC regarding the timing of publicising the minutes of a meeting.

74 (08/09) TRAFFIC ISSUES

Devon County Council Highways reported that they are still pursuing the issues and will report back prior to the November meeting.

75 (08/09) CORRESPONDENCE

Torrige District Council ref Flood protection - Purchase of sandbags was not considered necessary
CPRE Village Maps – in the reading file

76 (08/09) MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 1. DAPC / DPFA Play Maintenance course attended by Cllrs Lock and Jury, An excellent informative course. Some issues need to be explored in greater detail such as Risk Assessments , independent inspections and the level of Public Liability (£5 – 10 million).
- 2. The Chair attended the GT&D Community Partnership meeting.

64 (08/09) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. The newsletter will be distributed in November and any editorial to Cllr Burnage by October 27th
- 2. The request for Highway signs for Orchard Gate were clarified as ones that signed the actual road from the Main Road and not the previous requests for Cul De Sac signs. These had actually been in place since July.
- 3. The Clerk requested that the December meeting be held on December 8th and this was agreed.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

Signed.....Chairmandate

