

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr J Lock, Chairman, Cllrs Burnage, Boyes, Byrne, Giles, Grigg, Jury and Partridge, the Clerk and 7 members of the public and Cllr. Mrs R. Lock

Apologies: Cllr J Rolls

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2011, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record on the proposition of Cllr. Burnage, seconded by Cllr. Boyes with all in favour.

103(10/11) Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr. Burnage is working on drafting the instructions for the use of the Projector and box to contain the leads etc. but this will take a little time.

The Clerk confirmed writing to SWW about the Sewage1 charge but has not yet received a response.

104 (10/11) Correspondence

Correspondent	Subject	Action
The Big Sheep	Parish Promotions	Pass to D&D Diary
DCC	Do not own hedgebank Stafford Rd/Stafford Way	Noted- inform Mr.Sollars
DCK Beavers Ltd	Government requirements for disclosure of expenditure over £500.	Noted.
Mrs Warburton	One-way system Aller Rd – will not allow sign on her property	Noted
CCD	Community Land Trust Project Seminar 10 th March 10.30 a.m.	Noted. circulated by email & reading file
CCD	Consultation doc Public Forest Estates.	Circulated by email & reading file.
Whitehill Direct Ltd.	Outdoor seating price list	
GM Planning	Apologies for delay in summary of Housing Survey due to personal reasons, hopes to have some info ready in time for Open Day on 19 th .	Noted
DCC Care Direct	Social Care for Adults – Poster and booklets	Display
DPFA	Playing Field Newsletter	Reading file
GTCLP	Meeting 7 pm 10 March Dolton Village Hall	Circulated & in reading file
TDC	Full Council Meeting on 28 th February at Memorial Hall, Holsworthy.	Circulated & reading file

105(10/11) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Lock and Jury declared personal interests in respect of matters relating to the Village Hall.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to invite members of the public to speak.

Name	Subject	Response
Mr G.Hutchings	Annual Village Clean Up	Notice in Diary

106 (10/11) Finance

a) Accounts to pay

Supplier	Description	VAT	Total	Chq.No
Mrs J Sidey	Clerk wages (11 Jan-7 Feb inc) 4weeks @ 8 hrs per week = 32 hrs @ £8.34 £266.88+£10. home use, paper & envel £5.32 Postage £4.38; Printer cartridges £37.92		£324.50	
Sutcliffe Play	Inv.2543 Compact Climber Unit	1999.60	£11,997.60	
Village Hall	Hire of Hall 10 & 31 January £14.00; Vision Group 11 & 24 January £12.00		£26.00	
Mr C.Burnage	Village Life Newsletter expenses: Printing £85.75, Postage £19.20, Envelopes £4.69, Staples £4.35		£113.99	

b) Income – None

c) Any other financial matters: Current acc. bal. £12,234.35 (less above cheques to be paid) Dep Acc: £5,556.68.

The Clerk pointed out that to cover cheques due today there is not enough in the current account and requested the transfer of the £2,593. paid for the Toddler Swings in from the Deposit Acc. to the Current Acc. That will leave £2963.68 in the Dep. Acc.

It was Proposed by Cllr Boyes and Seconded by Cllr Byrne that the above accounts be paid and £2,593 be transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account . All in favour.

Cheque signatories: Cllr Giles and Cllr Grigg

107(10/11) Planning

a. Applications to consider –none

b. Permissions granted –none

c. Refusals advised – none

d. To receive any other planning matters: none

108(10/11) Parish Grounds

i. Dennis Cross Cllr Jury reported that the Sutcliffe Actizone Climber has been installed at Dennis Cross and remedial work carried out.

ii. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will not take up the challenge.

109(10/11) Parish Action Plan.

Cllr.Burnage said that he had heard from GM Planning that due to a family illness necessitating a long trip to the Midlands, they had not yet completed and forwarded the analysis of the Housing Survey. He was very disappointed at the delay but hoped that this information will be received in time for the Vision Group Open Day on 19th February. Cllr Burnage said that he felt that perhaps some Cllrs. did not entirely understand the work the Vision Group were doing and a discussion on this took place. Cllr Jury pointed out that the difference between High Bickington's Community Land Trust and Dolton is that Dolton does not have any suitable community land and was not happy that the Vision Group is costing the parish money. Cllr Burnage said that the Vision Group are exploring options for the future for the Parish Council. He went on to say that Mr Bob Patterson had attended a Vision Group meeting and it had been agreed that, instead of attending the Parish Council Meeting tonight as expected, he would attend and speak at the Open Day on 19th February at 2.30p.m. on Community Land Trusts when it is hoped more people will be present. His fee of £500 will remain the same. Cllr Giles asked if the whole Vision Group knew about the arrangement of the £500 fee with Mr Patterson as it had been presented to the Parish Council by Cllr Burnage before the Vision Group meeting had taken place. Cllr Burnage said that the Vision Group had not known. Cllr Byrne had attended the recent Vision Group meeting and was asked for her opinion. Cllr Byrne said that she had thought at first that the £500 fee was expensive but having seen and listened to Mr Patterson, she had noticed that he listened carefully to what everyone said as well as asking pertinent questions about Dolton, and had realised

that he has a lot of professional knowledge and advice that will be of benefit. Cllr Burnage asked if the Council are happy to pay for the hire of the Hall, and light refreshments for the Open Day, and this was agreed. Cllr. Burnage said that The Chairman of the Vision Group has resigned and because of the way the Group work it was felt they would not need a permanent Chairman but would appoint someone to chair each meeting.

110(10/11) Maintenance and Traffic Issues - To receive updates on local issues.

- i. Aller Road. In view of Ms Warburton's decision not to allow the Council to erect a one-way sign on her property, the Clerk was asked to write to Highways Department asking if arrows could be painted on the carriageway. Cllr Jury asked that the same request be made for Chapel Street which had the same problem with some people mis-using the one way system. Cllr Boyes asked if at the same time Highways could be asked to paint 'Keep Clear' at the end of Barfield Close, by the turning circle where people were parking their cars and making it difficult for vehicles to turn.
- ii. The Clerk has asked for the Lengthsman to contact Cllr. Lock prior to working in the Parish on 14/15 Feb
- iii. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Sollars to inform him that DCC had informed the Parish Council that the Hedgebank between Stafford Road and the walk way to Stafford Way was not in their ownership.
- iv. The Clerk was asked to put a notice in the Dolton & Dowland Diary requesting a work party to assist in the annual 'litter pick and tidy up', on Saturday 2nd April.

111(10/11) Parish Emergency Planning –

The Public Meeting on Monday 31st January, to form a Parish Emergency Planning Group had been well attended and a group of 4 Councillors and 11 members of the public would meet on Thursday 10th February for an inaugural committee meeting to set up a workable Emergency Plan for Dolton. Cllrs. Byrne, Jury, Lock and Boyes had agreed to be part of the committee, together with Mr Eddie Levett, Mrs Jean Stanford, Ms Jenny Paine, Mr Tom Jones, Mr Derek & Mrs Penny Thorp, Mrs Carole Rowland, Mr Darryl Matthews, and Mr Richard & Mrs Janet Oaten & Moira Isaacs. Cllr Boyes apologised that he had to withdraw and would not be able to be part of the committee after all. Cllr. Wendy Byrne will chair the meeting. **On the proposition of Cllr Burnage, seconded by Cllr Partridge, it was agreed that the cost of hire of the Village Hall for regular meetings of the Emergency Planning Committee would be met by the Parish Council.**

112(10/11) Local Elections on May 5th. The Clerk asked the Council to note the following key dates in their diaries: **Notice of Election – displayed by Monday 28th March 2011; Close of Nominations is noon Tuesday 5th April 2011; Publication of Statement of Persons Nominated – noon Thursday 07 April 2011; Close of Withdrawals – noon Friday 08 April 2011; Notice of Poll – Tuesday 26 April 2011. Absent Votes – anyone who is on the Register of Electors may apply to have a postal vote by contacting TDC Election Office.**

113(10/11) Selection Purchase and erection of Notice Board adjacent to The Paddocks

Following a short debate on the size, design and prices of suitable notice boards, the Clerk was requested to contact Mr John McKenzie asking him to quote for designing and making a suitable notice board.

114(10/11) Meetings Attended.

Cllr Jury gave a verbal report on the Torrington Area Advisory Group Meeting and had received a print-out of the results on Importance v Spending Analysis 2011-2012 Consultation which showed that Waste Collection is highest in importance and Culture lowest.

02(10/11) Any Other Business

Cllr Grigg mentioned the poor state of Chapple Lane which is full of potholes.

Cllr Lock enquired if there had been an update on the Active Villages Project. The Clerk said that there has been nothing further to date.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting 7th March 2011.

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