

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016

#### IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

**APOLOGIES:** Ward Councillor Lock

**PRESENT:** Cllr Lock (chairman), Cllrs Giles, Haynes, Walker, Martindale, Dunn, Rolls and Grigg, the clerk and 2 members of the public.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** comment - How attractive the daffodils look coming down from Dolton Beacon on the entrance to the village.

Does the Dolton Local Plan identify areas suitable for wind turbines? What is Dolton Parish Councils view on the latest Torridge and North Devon consultation on the Local Plan? Will Dolton Parish Council be lodging an objection to the latest Torridge and North Devon consultation? – To be dealt with in Agenda item 6di.

**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. Cllr Walker in planning application 1/0143/2016/AGMB

**109(15/16) MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting and part two held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 were signed as a true and correct record.

**110(15/16) CLERKS REPORT:** nothing to report which was not coming up in the meeting later.

#### **111(15/16) CORRESPONDENCE**

CORRESPONDANT	CONTENT	ACTION
Torridge&North Devon Local Plan Consultation	Consultations relating to *wind energy development, *starter homes exceptional sites	Agenda item 6 d i)
A Forward,	Does Doltons local plan identify areas suitable for wind energy development? Does the Parish Council have a view on Torridge and ND local plan wind energy proposals and has it responded?	Reply with decisions from agenda item 6di
CPRE	Local plan – objections to policy on wind energy development	Email and noted
Cllr Peter Watson	Progress report on Torridge and N Devon Local plan	Email, reading file
CPRE	Invitation to Devon Neighbourhood plan roadshow 18 <sup>th</sup> March –Newton Abbott	Email, reading file
Cllr Jane Whittaker	Devolution Prospectus for Productivity	Email, reading file
Barnstaple Town Council	Invite to Planning and Environment School – sat 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Email and reading file

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High Bickington PC	Seeking endorsement for their letter to MPs Geoffrey Cox and Peter Heanton-Jones regarding reduction to services in rural areas.	Reply endorsing their comments
North Devon Sanctuary for Refugees James Craige - coordinator	Invite to forum 'fulfilling our areas duty to assist refugees in North Devon'	Noted, email
Councillor Whittle – riverfly project	Invite for volunteers to monitor streams	Email, reading file, notice board
Trowers and Hamlins Solicitors	Shutting of Okehampton office from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	noted
DALC	newsletters	Email, reading file
Eddie Levett	Queens 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations – donation request	Agenda item 5di)
Tower Mint	Commerative medal for queens 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Donate as a raffle prize at celebration event
Paul and Hazel Donovan	Thank you for keeping Dennis Cross play area in such a good state	noted
Local Boundary commission	Final recommendations	Reading file
SLCC	Clerk magazine	Reading file
Clerks and council direct	magazine	Reading file

### 112(15/16) FINANCE

#### FINANCE a)Accounts to pay 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office 10.00+printer74.98+ink37.48	18.73	122.46	878
Mr D Lock	Grass cutting monthly charge		195.00	879
Mr M Lock	February caretaking		117.00	880
D&D village Hall	February meeting + queen's birthday meeting		12.00	881
Mr Roger Dunn	Projector	63.33	379.99	882
Playsafety ltd	Annual Dennis cross play area inspection	18.20	109.20	883
The Royal Oak	Water and electric use for the year in toilet in square		143.99	884

Proposed Cllr Walker seconded Cllr Martindale

Cheque signatories Cllr Giles, Cllr Grigg

Invoices checked by Cllr Haynes

b) Income -£122.76 from transparency grant fund

c) Bank balance – current account £9120.33(25/2/16)

d any other financial matters –i) Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations donation request. -£400 remained in this years community grant fund. Proposed Cllr Haynes, seconded Cllr Grigg that £400 be made available for the celebrations. All agreed. In the event of money being needed prior to a meeting it was proposed the chairman and another signatory could sign cheques outside of a meeting, Proposed Cllr Haynes seconded CllrGrigg. All agreed.

ii) Graham Hutchings to be appointed the internal auditor for this year. All agreed.

### 113(15/16)PLANNING

Cllr Walker left the meeting (declaration of interest)

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- a) Applications to consider – 1/0015/2016/FUL – Aller Farm, change of use of ancillary outbuildings and retention of domestic stables and vehicle workshops. New sand school with adjacent field (response date 24/2/16)  
1/0143/2016/AGMB –Former stable, Chapple Farm –prior notification for the change of use of agriculture building to dwelling/s under class Q(a). (response date 8/3/2016) – The Parish Council had no objections.  
Cllr Walker re-joined the meeting.
- b) Applications approved - none
- c) Applications refused – none
- d) Any other planning matters -  
LOCAL PLAN - Latest Torridge and North Devon Consultation – on \*proposed policy relating to wind energy development and \*changes relating to starter home exceptional sites. - This was a very long and wordy consultation which had been studied in depth by Cllr Haynes and Martindale. Cllr Haynes would write the Parish Councils response. Which would include the following:- \*The timeframe for consultation was too short, with Parish Councils who generally meet once a month having little time to fully understand and review the policy and then form a response. \*The proposed policy was long and difficult to read. \*The overall policy of the Parish Council is they have the right to approve or reject wind power development in its area.  
Dolton Parish Council has a Policy of considering applications relating to the Parish on an individual case by case basis. Parish Councils response to be placed on the noticeboard and website.

### **114(15/16) PARISH GROUNDS**

- a) Football Field – i)land registration nothing to report, –
- b) Dennis Cross- RsOPA had carried out their annual inspection on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All in good order with just a few minor adjustments to made which Cllr Dunn would deal with.
- Cllr Haynes stated that in the near future the Devon Air Ambulance would start to make night landings. He thought Dennis Cross would be a suitable landing site within the village. He would liaise with them to see if this was so and what would be required to make it a suitable site. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- c) War Memorial garden – nothing to report

### **115(15/16) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES**

- a) Pride in Our Village Day – Arranged for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. Clerk to do posters for the village.
- b) Mirror opposite the village hall to aid visibility.- Cllr Haynes and Martin Lock thanked for putting this up.
- c) The village road sweeper suggested people should be thanked for picking up after their dogs. Clerk to place note in Diary and on noticeboard.

### **116(15/16) HOUSING SURVEY**

365 forms had been given to the Parish to distribute and another 50 had to be requested to complete the village. All had been distributed. Clerk to place reminders on noticeboards and in the Diary reminding households to return their forms.

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**117(15/16) COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – It was agreed that when the clerk had confirmation that no election was to be held notices of vacancy to be advertised around the village and on the website. Replies to be received by 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016.

**118(15/16) QUEEN’S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS-** the next meeting of interested persons to be held in the village hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Beacon to be lit on Stafford Hill on the Queens birthday – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

**119(15/16) MEETINGS ATTENDED** – Cllr Dunn had attended the last meeting of the Torridge Advisory at which Simon Dart of the Environment Agency was the guest speaker. At the next meeting the planning enforcement officer will be speaking.

**120(15/16) MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR** – none

Date of next meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

THERE WAS A PART TWO – members of the public were asked to leave the Hall.

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

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