

## **Dolton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2006 in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs. Jury, Silltow, Berkley-Sage, Heal (8.10pm)  
Grigg (8.20pm) The Clerk. 29 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs.Chivers, Giles and Kendrew

The minutes of the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Jury seconded Cllr. Berkley-Sage.

#### ***MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES***

123. Affordable houses Orchard Gate (min.94 refers) Solicitor of TDC had confirmed to the Clerk that the properties were still owned by Messrs.Saltmarsh and Jury. As owners they are not obliged to provide any information concerning the amount of rent being paid. Any information given concerning these properties is given voluntary. The "council tax" paid on these properties comes under data protection matters.

124. Play Equipment Dennis Cross (min.95 refers) Cllr.Kendrew, through the Clerk in his absence, reported that he was willing to install the slide to ground level and the "pit and bark" could be installed at a later date. Resolved that Cllr.Kendrew, with help, to proceed with the installation as soon as possible.

125. Leaflet boxes (min.100 refers) Church Street Stores are willing to house leaflet boxes for Parish Council information. Cllr.Kendrew still to ascertain information for planning permission and noticeboards.

126. Parish Council grants (min.102 refers) grant applications from local organisations to be submitted by end of September, for the October meeting.

127. Addisford planning application (min.105c refers) reply from Lisa Skinner of TDC Planning Dept copied for each Councillor.

128. Edgefield/DRAG:-

a) mediation – solicitor of TDC informed the council that "The Council has a duty to ensure that it acts properly in accordance with planning guidance/legislation. This is not a duty that can be negotiated over" Perhaps some underlying personal issues could be dealt with by mediation.

b) NALC Solicitor had requested copy of conveyance of the playing field to the Parish Council together with any other relevant information. Clerk had sent copies of leases/agreements with DCC and Dolton AFC. She had also asked for Deed of Dedication information.

129. Toilets Football field (min.119b refers) School replied reporting they appreciate the upgrade in this facility.

#### ***FINANCIAL MATTERS***

130. Moneys received:-

a) VAT	refund 05/06	£163.31
b) Mrs.Turner	hire Dennis Cross field	£ 7.50

131. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) K.Hardy	wages	£101.00
b) Dolton Village hall	hirings	£ 26.40

Proposed Cllr.Siltow seconded Cllr.Grigg that the above accounts be paid and Cllrs.Jury and Heal signed the cheques.

132. Portman Fixed interest bond – matures 15<sup>th</sup> August with interest as follows:

gross interest	£3412.49
tax deducted	£ 682.50
interest credited to acc.	£2729.99

Resolved that the sum of £75,000.00 be reinvested in a further years bond and the credited interest, and tax reclaimed to be credited to Portman Building Society Dennis Cross account. Clerk to reclaim tax.

### ***PLANNING MATTERS***

133. Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.

134. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr.A.Cook	Cobblers Cottage	Attached garage. Council had no objections.
b) Mr.Mrs.Allam	Venstave Cottage (FULL/LBC)	Single storey side extension. Council had no objections.
c) Mrs.J.Brown	Cheruber	Rethatching. Council had no objections.
d) Mr.D.Offley	Bramble Cottage	Demolition of defective concrete block wall. Alteration of position. Council had no objections.
e) Mrs.M.Grigg (Cllr.Lock – work, Cllr.Berkley-Sage – friend Cllr.Grigg – applicant all declared interests and left the room)	Allerford	2 single storey rear exts/ Council had no objections.
f) Mrs.M.Grigg (Cllr.Lock – work, Cllr.Berkley-Sage-friend Cllr.Grigg-applicant, all declared interests and left the room)	Allerford	Single storey outbuilding. Council had no objections, but are concerned on two points: a) plans show no roof heights b) plans show no drainage for the stable.

135. Permissions granted:-

a) Mr.D.Cobbledick	Ham Farm	Ext. of existing holiday cott.
b) Ms.J.Watts	London House	Shop front alterations.

136. Refusals advised:-

a) Mr.G.Madge	OS no 8183	Horse arena for private use
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b) Mr.Dray                                      Drakes Barton                                      Conservatory  
137. Clerk will notify Mrs.D.Drummond, all Planning Officers at TDC that all planning applications, permissions and refusals for the period 26<sup>th</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> October inclusive must be sent to Cllr.Kendrew.

### ***DENNIS CROSS***

138. Cllr.Jury produced list of play equipment selected by school children. Resolved that this list, with catalogue pages and prices be placed in reading file for Councillors to consider.

139. Original plan submitted with the skateboard application for Dennis Cross was shown to Councillors. Cllr.Jury produced further plan for the revamping of the area showing separate area for play equipment with paths, and further open space area for ball games. Cllrs.thought this was an excellent idea.

140. Resolved that Councillors consider plans and equipment before next meeting, so that a definite plan can be submitted to TDC to release sum of £7,500 held by TDC from Messrs.Saltmarsh and Jury.

141. Cllr.Silltow enquired whether funding could be obtained from DCC ROckets scheme. Clerk reported that we would have to apply next year.

### ***HOUSING SURVEY***

142. Clerk gave each Councillor a list of their respective delivery addresses. The Clerk upon their receipt would deliver forms to each Councillor. Forms to be delivered only. Spare forms would be available from Cllr.Kendrew.

143. Cllr.Berkley-Sage reported that Ms.M.Constable from The Rural Housing Trust wished to have a meeting with the Parish Council. She was in the area 13<sup>th</sup>,14<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup> September. Suggested date Wed.13<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 6pm. Clerk to check availability of Cllr.Kendrew, who would have to chair the meeting in the absence of the chairman, and the availability of the hall.

### ***COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED***

144. Cllr.Jury and the Clerk had attended the AGM of the DPFA:-

a) poor speakers and a disappointing day. Sport England was accused of “just being a branch of the NHS” this was as a result of changes in their main streams of funding to concentrate on health rather than facilities/equipment.  
b) Clerk had asked the question from the floor “were any Councils present engaged in Deeds of Dedication to protect their playing fields”. None were involved, nor interested. DPFA Secretary is finding out details of the Recreation and Open Spaces Act.

144. Cllr.Lock:-

a) MCTI meeting – the High Bickington project to be resubmitted on a smaller scale. The Roborough project is progressing. Information in reading file concerning the facilities for community use at the new Bluecoat School. MCTI would be supporting the Winkleigh project to purchase the old hall.  
b) Renewable Energy open day at Winkleigh – various leaflets on windmills, solar panels etc. available in reading file.

## ***CORRESPONDENCE***

145. DAPC AGM 30<sup>th</sup> September (entitled to send two voting delegates). Cllr.Berkley-Sage would attend. Clerk to check with Cllr.Kendrew, our nominated representative.
146. Torrington Area Advisory group meeting to be held 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2006.
147. TDC – new Gambling Act 2005 – draft statement of principle – copy in reading file. Cllrs. should send any comments direct to TDC.
148. Torrington Health Centre – volunteer drivers to take patients to surgeries. Resolved that letter be displayed on noticeboard and Clerk to reply asking if they have contacted Torridge Community Transport Group.
149. Flower Show Committee – hire of Dennis Cross on 12<sup>th</sup> August and Youth Committee – hire of Football Field 5<sup>th</sup> August. Resolved both requests granted.
150. TDC Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West – any comments to be submitted either to Ward Councillor or TDC by 29<sup>th</sup> August.
151. DCC Highways – West Lane to be closed 9<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> August.
152. Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Paul Davies has been promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector and will remain in his current post of Geographic Chief Inspector for North Devon and Torridge.
153. Defribillator notices handed to Cllr.Berkley-Sage.
154. Torridge First newsletter distribution – resolved that Clerk reply stating that copies could be left at Dolton Beacon Garage and Top Shop., as not all premises in the village received the Advertiser/Bideford Gazette.
155. DAPC newsletter in reading file. Training course “Introduction to Planning” 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. £45 each. Council considered this to be more useful next May after the Council elections.

## ***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

156. Cllr.Lock - following the letter read by Ms.C.Beedles in the public section and copied to each Councillor, this to be an agenda item next meeting.
157. Cllr.Grigg:  
a) toilets in the Square badly needed cleaning.  
b) Aller Road, by Hectors Close badly needs resurfacing.
158. Cllr.Silltow:  
a) Chapel Street – parked vehicles made turning into Chapel Street difficult, resulting to damage of garage belonging to the property opposite.  
b) Bus Service 315 may be in danger of being axed. Agenda item next month.
159. Cllr.Jury – mounted rubbish bin outside The Manse, Rectory Road needs replacing.
160. Date of next scheduled meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 8pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

signed.....Chairman.....dated