

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

Prior to the meeting a presentation was made by Jayne Clark from the Devon Neighbourhood Health Watch Scheme

Apologies: Cllr R Lock – Ward Councillor

Present: Cllr J Lock- Chair, Cllrs C.Giles, S.Jury, , J.Rolls, , R.Dunn, N.Walker, S Lune, M Grigg, A.Haynes the Clerk, and 7 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 Dunn in matters relating to the churchyard.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

The following comment was made:- Dog mess was again causing an unpleasant problem in the lanes surrounding the village especially Aller Road. The clerk agreed to write a piece for the Dolton Diary.

#### **374(13/14) MINUTES**

The Minutes of the council meetings held on Monday 2<sup>ND</sup> September 2013 having been circulated were signed as being a true and correct record. Unanimously approved.

#### **375(13/14) CLERKS REPORT**

- 1) Cllr Lune had drafted a letter which was sent on behalf of the council questioning the closure of in-patient beds at Torrington Hospital. Letter was sent to Northern Devon Health Care Trust and the Commissioning group.
- 2) Still awaiting a response on the football field preservation
- 3) A meeting had been held between the Council, Stagecoach and Tarka Housing to discuss bus turning issues.
- 4) Issues with local housing had been raised with Tarka Housing who passed on the criteria they use when allocating housing.
- 5) Repairs to the bus shelter in the square. Simon Brant confirmed he would proceed with the project when his present workload allowed.

#### **376 (13/14) CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondent	Subject	Action
Sarah Radford	School Licence	Agenda item
Mike Tighe	Health care review re. Torrington Hospital.	Agenda item
Ruth Carter, NHS northern, eastern, and western devon clinical commissioning group	Acknowledgement of letter regarding trial suspension of in-patient beds in Torrington Hospital	noted
DALC	Annual report	Reading file

NAT WEST	Response to complaint	Agenda item
DALC	Newsletter	Reading file
DCC	Connecting Devon and Somerset	Reading file
North Devon and Torrington voluntary service	Snippets newsletter	Reading file
St Edmunds Church	Grant request	Agenda item
Campaign to protect rural England	Invitation to training day @how to respond to an application for commercial wind and solar power	
Devon Senior Voice	newsletter	Reading file
DALC	New model standing orders	noted
Kerry Burton Commissioning lead for care closer to home	Launch of involvement and engagement exercise 1 <sup>st</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> November. Offer to come and talk to groups.	Noted Reading file Agenda item
Roger Finch – Chair Northern Devon Healthcare trust	Reply to the councils letter regarding closure of Torrington Hospital and points made plus supporting document and feedback form	Noted Reading file Agenda item
Ross Kerri- community relations manager for N,E,W Devon Clinical Commissioning group	Leaflet distribution on the future of Torrington Hospital	Noted

### 377(13/14 ) FINANCE

#### i)Accounts to pay

Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office – sept £10.00 Paper £4.99		14.99	684
Sww ltd	18/7-2/9		17.30	685
David Lock	Grass cutting		165.00	686
Martin Lock	Caretaking monthly charge		104.00	687
Martin Lock	supplies		10.46	688
D&D Village Hall	hire		8.00	689

Approved for payment. Cheque signatories Cllr Grigg and Walker

Cllr Dunn agreed to check the water meter at the football field as recent bills had been estimated

ii) Income - £4982.44 2<sup>nd</sup> half precept

Balance in current account £9629.00

Balance in deposit acc. £20809.12 (statement date 30.10.13)

Liquidity Manager 95day notice account ££41002.59 (inc. aug interest £20.18, compensation £50.00, reimbursement £27.00) The compensation and reimbursement followed the clerk writing to complain about statements still being sent to the wrong name and address.

iii) quarterly balance sheet - see attached. 6month budget sheet - see attached

iv) Council community grants – An application had been received from the church in relation to the churchyard. It was decided to invite applicants to submit their applications by 25<sup>th</sup> November for consideration at the December Council meeting. The clerk would advertise in the Diary and on village notice boards.

### **378 (13/14) PLANNING**

- a) Applications to consider –
  - 1/0726/2013/LBC –SANDSCOTT, THE SQUARE
  - 1/0832/2013/LBC – BRAMBLE COTTAGE
  - 1/0789/2013/LBC- COBB COTTAGE
  - 1/0873/2013/LBC- COBB COTTAGE
  - 1/0816/2013/FUL-CORNERSTONE

The council had no objections to any of the above applications

b) Permissions granted – none

c) Refusals advised – none

### **379(13/14)PARISH GROUNDS**

a)Football field i) school licence – it was agreed to contact Stones Solicitors in Okehampton to deal with the legal side of the new licence. The draft contract states that DCC should reimburse the Parish Council's reasonable legal costs in this matter ii) Hard Area – It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Grigg that the council should seek legal advice over the surrender of the Hard area by DCC and the resulting drainage issues. Unanimously agreed. The clerk would contact Stones as above. iii) Broken kissing gate – it was proposed to replace the broken kissing gate with a single small gate. Cllr Dunn would investigate and get quotes.

b)Dennis Cross – Zurich Play Equipment inspection to take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October @9.30am. Cllr Dunn would be attending and other councillors welcome to come along.

c)Memorial garden – no matters arising

### **380(13/14)MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC**

- a) Bus turning -A meeting between councillors, stagecoach representative Richard Scant and associate, Di Denning from Tarka Housing and Shelly Duncan Tarka Housing's tenant's representative was held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. The outcomes from the meeting were 1. Stagecoach provides the service on behalf of DCC and will continue to do so as contracted. 2. Stagecoach have no problem with the present system of turning, it is not endangering the future of the service. 3. The bus will always find somewhere to turn. 4. The safest place for bus users is if the bus reverses into the car park. 5. Tarka Housing have concerns about the damage of the car park surface and blocking of garages. Tenants pay a maintenance charge for the upkeep of this area. 6. The clerk would contact highways requesting 'bus turning' signs be erected. 7. The possibility of upgrading the surface to a suitable standard for bus turning. Who would pay for this could be an issue.

Cllr Rolls would obtain quotes for the upgrade of the surface and bring to next month's meeting. The approx. area required would be 6m x 12m.

b) Salt – the village's salt supply has been checked and there should be ample for this winter

c) Dennis Cross Christmas lights – it was proposed Christmas lights be erected on the oak tree at Dennis Cross – Cllr Walker to investigate types of lights and costs.

### **381(13/14)HEALTH**

- a) Torrington Hospital- an involvement and engagement exercise on the proposed in-patient bed closure and the hospitals future is taking place until 26<sup>th</sup> November. Leaflets will be delivered to

households in Dolton enabling residents to feedback their views to the commissioning group if they so wish. A representative from 'care closer to home' will be at the village coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Lune offered to read up on all the necessary documents and report back to the council.

- b) Neighbourhood Health watch – Cllr Lune offered to establish the need and support for such a scheme in Dolton. She would place an article in the Diary etc and judge the response.

**382(13/14)NEWSLETTER –**

The re-establishing of the council newsletter was discussed and whilst desirable was considered expensive. It was decided to write expanded Diary reports when there are items of particular interest to members of the community. Individual councillors would take responsibility for this but they would be circulated to all councillors for approval before printing. The clerk would continue with monthly council meeting reports for the Diary.

**383(13/14)MEETINGS ATTENDED – none**

**384(13/14)TAP FUND –** 12/13 walks booklet progressing well and would be available in the spring 2014. 13/14 fund ideas still being sought. Cllr Jury suggested the Plough in Torrington was in need of support for new film equipment and many people from the village used the facility. Cllr Haynes agreed to look into this.

MEETING CLOSED 9.40PM

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

SIGNED .....DATE.....

