

## **Dolton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 immediately following the AGM**

**Present:** Cllr.Lock in the chair, Cllrs.Heal, Giles, Grigg, Silltow, Kendrew, Jury  
Chivers, Berkley-Sage. The Clerk Mrs.R.A.Lock 29 members of the public

**Apologies** None

The minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Silltow. All agreed.

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

1. Pavement Arscotts Cottage (min.897 refers) invoice received in sum of £1428.89 including vat. Resolved that Clerk write and thank DCC Highways for an excellent job.
- 2.. DCC Education Dept/Playing field (min.898 refers) nothing heard regarding new lease. Clerk and Cllr.Berkley-Sage to chase up.
3. .Orchard Gate Phase 2 Affordable houses (min.899 refers) Clerk had contacted TDC four times. No result received from Land Registry search.
- 4.. New play equipment (min.900 refers) Cllr.Kendrew and Lock had installed the swings. Good positive feedback from people on this improvement. Resolved that Clerk write to Mr.M.Cowell asking him to quote a price for digging a pit and concreting the same for the slide. Picnic table at Dennis Cross had been vandalised, those concerned are known. Resolved that Chairman and Vice Chairman have a word with the parents of the boys concerned. Resolved that new picnic table be purchased from Portsmouth Arms Sawmills.
5. RocKETS (min.901 refers) forms had been handed to Village Hall Committee who would apply in the next round of funding for a grant.
6. H.M.Inspector of Taxes (min.904 refers) Clerk had received written confirmation that imposed penalty of £100 for late return, which Dolton Parish Council did not have to undertake in the first place, had been quashed.
7. Licensing Laws (min.907 refers) copies of the licenses for the public houses in Dolton were in the reading file.
8. Fly tipping Chapple Cross (min.908 refers) Clerk had met representative from Environment Dept. TDC. The only way to trace the continuing offenders was to open a bag of rubbish to find any names, address etc. which could be sent to TDC.
9. Union Inn (min.909 refers) ivy had been trimmed back.
10. Annual Parish Meeting (min.929 refers) now arranged for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 8pm.
11. DEFRA Clean Neighbourhood Act (min.934 refers) no booklets available.
- 12.Highway matters (min.938 refers) DCC Highways reported work will be carried out shortly.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

13. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mr.K.Hardy	wages	£ 101.00
b) Village Hall	hire	£ 6.60
c) Devon County Council	pavement Arscotts	£1428.89
d) DPFA	sub.06/07	£ 15.00

proposed Cllr.Kendrew seconded Cllr.Silltow that the above accounts be paid and Cllrs.Jury and Chivers signed the cheques.

14. Moneys received:-

a) Devon County Council	hire playing field 05/06	£ 65.00
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15. British Heart Foundation Defibrillator – acknowledgement of cheque received. Confirmation of order should be received by 26<sup>th</sup> May. Clerk to check if vat was included.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

16. Adjoining Parish notices in reading file.

17. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr.Mrs.Merrington	Aller Cottage	Timber decking
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*(Cllr.Jury declared an interest – applicant being her architect – and left the room)*

Council had no objection to the decking but note that on the drawings a window is to be made into a door, and this is not on the proposal.

18. Permissions granted:-

a) Mrs.Marshall	Fircroft	single storey extension (shed withdrawn)
b) Mr.Mrs.Clarke	1 Thornes	replacement windows
c) Mr.Woolrych-Higgins	Quillets	2 storey rear extension

19. Refusals advised:-

a) Peninsular Power	Airfield Winkleigh	Biomass
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20. The Rectory – Cllr.Kendrew commented that the Rectory is still empty.

Cllr.Berkley-Sage informed the Council that the position of Rector was being advertised.

### **DEED OF DEDICATION**

21. Clerk had spoken to Mr.Miles, solicitor for TDC. If the land was conveyed under The Open Spaces Act 1906 then land will automatically be held in trust as that. Copy conveyance had been sent to Mr.Miles for his perusal.

### **DESIGN STATEMENT**

22. Cllr.Silltow had not spoken to Mr.Hobbs. However, the whole process of a Design Statement will be made harder by future legislation.

### ***FOOTBALL FIELD***

23. Clerk circulated to each Councillor a copy letter received from Football Club and Youth Committee. Comments made as follows:-

- a) Cllr.Berkley-Sage – subjective and without facts. With regard to right of way from Edgefield through playing field, the Parish Council must seek some sort of remuneration from the Developer.
- b) Cllr.Grigg – Parish Council should not give away a public right of way, developer should buy such a right.
- c)Cllr.Kendrew – two sides should talk. Parish Council should not be in the middle. Individuals should be encouraged to write to TDC
- d) Cllr.Heal – the Parish Council are striving to do the best for the village.

Resolved that Clerk reply to the letter and stating that individuals must be encouraged to write direct to TDC

### ***BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION***

24. Cllr.Giles reported that May judging had already taken place.

25. Further working party arranged for Sat.13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30pm to meet at The Square village signs to be cleaned.

26. Cllr.Kendrew:-

- a) waste paper bin needed bottom of Aller Road. Resolved that “Topsy Jubilee” from Glasdons be purchased at a cost of £179.00.
- b) Another noticeboard and leaflet boxes in shop are needed. Agenda item next meeting.

27. Cllr.Jury asked that volunteers be thanked for taking part in the working parties

### ***QUALITY COUNCILS***

28. Clerk had nothing further to report. Further courses should be available next few months.

### ***PARISH PLAN***

29. Cllr.Kendrew – a review of the Parish Plan was needed. Resolved that Parish Plan be made an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting where members of the public could inform the council of any points they wishes to be reviewed. These could then be discussed at the council meeting in June.

30. Cllr.Silltow reported that a new initiative for taking Parish Plans forward was being produced by Community Council of Devon. This could be followed up after further Parish Council discussion.

### ***COURT HOUSE***

31. This had been sold prior to auction.

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

32. Cllr.Lock – invited to attend special MCTI meeting on Affordable Housing chaired by Dr.P.Neilson. Main points to arise were:
- i) Government will have to change their planning policies in rural areas as there is just not enough land or affordable houses.
  - ii) planners take too much notice of bricks and mortar –timber houses could be built for £55,000 (without the land)

### ***CORRESPONDENCE***

33. TDC Advisory meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May. Cllrs.Jury and Chivers to attend.
34. TDC – Torridge Retail Study – in reading file.
35. TDC – Quick guide to planning policy- in reading file.
36. South West Forest Parish analysis – Chair and Vice Chair to complete.
37. Ramblers Assoc. – newsletter in reading file.
38. TDC Core Strategy Regulation 25 Consultation – to establish with partners and stakeholders which local issues are important. Clerk copies questionnaire for each Councillor which they would complete and return next meeting. Clerk to check if we can submit individual councillors forms, or just one from Parish Council.

### ***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

39. Clerk reported that the walkway between Stafford Way and Stafford Road because it has a street light, and TDC litter bin, should be the responsibility of TDC to clean. Details should be received in three weeks.
40. Cllr.Giles – requests that the question of the footpath into Aller Road from the Housing Assoc. houses be an agenda item next month.
41. Cllr.Grigg – Honeysuckle Cottage hedge – Clerk to write again to Highways.
42. Cllr.Silltow – will arrange for the Parish Plan to be put on the website  
He will contact Mr.M.Lock.
43. Cllr.Kendrew – roadsweeper needed around the village to clear gutters/drains.
44. Cllr.Jury:-
- a) Village Hall Committee have ascertained that they need planning permission before they can replace the windows in the village hall because it is in a conservation area. The Village hall committee will be asking the Parish Council to apply on their behalf because they get 50% discount on the planning fee.
  - b) Dustbin at Dennis Cross is not being emptied each week.
  - c) Cracked manhole cover by the kissing gate at Martins Lane.
  - d) Could the village have 30mph signs such as in High Bickington and Beaford?
45. Cllr.Chivers – swinging gate at Martins Lane needed attention.
46. Cllr.Lock:-

- a) large pot hole opposite BG Electrics very dangerous.
- b) Request from a Mr.Stanton from London if he could erect a seat somewhere in the village in memory of his mother who had recently died. Suggestions were Dennis Cross playing field, or Stafford Road for people walking to catch the bus.

47. Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Next Council meeting Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> June.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed.....chairman.....dated