

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2016

IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

APOLOGIES: Cllr Lock, Cllr Grigg, Cllr Rolls, Ward Councillor Lock

PRESENT: Cllr Giles (vice chairman and chaired the meeting), Cllrs Dunn, Haynes, Walker, Jury, Martindale and the clerk.

PUBLIC SESSION: *Could other uses be found for the football pavilion now the football club was not in existence?* -The football pavilion belonged to the football club and was not a Parish Council issue. *What was being done to protect the football field from development and keep it as a green space?*- The land registration was in the hands of the solicitor but was proving to be a little drawn out. The clerk would contact solicitor again to check on progress.

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 Jury declared an interest in matters relating to Dolton and Dowland Village Hall.

86(15/16) MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015 were signed as a true and correct record.

87(15/16) CLERKS REPORT: nothing to report.

88(15/16) CORRESPONDENCE

	SUBJECT	ACTION
John Thouless St Edmunds PCC	Informing of felling of churchyard tree January 11th	Noted and suggested he keeps school informed
DALC	newsletters	Email and reading file
DCC	Guidance on flood risk for neighbourhood plans	Email and forwarded to emergency committee
Torrige Advisory	Informing agendas and minutes will only be sent by email in future	Clerk to reply stating this was discriminating against councillors who did not use email.
Torrige, north, mid, west Devon CAB	Thank you for donation	noted
Torrington Community Hall project	Questionnaire supporting grant application for town hall project	Not relevant to Dolton
David Fursdon,- Lord-lieutenant of Devon	Informing of planned lunch to mark Queens 90 th birthday	Reading file and Agenda item at next meeting
TDC	Forward information regarding Queens 90 th birthday beacons	Agenda item at next meeting
Devon Communities together	Village green magazine	Reading file
Clerks and councils direct	newsletter	Reading file
SLLC	Clerk magazine	Reading file

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89(15/16) FINANCE

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Name	Item	Vat	Total	Cheque No
Mrs W Holland	Home office – dec office, postage .95		10.95	866
Mr D Lock	Grass cutting monthly charge		195.00	867
Mr M Lock	Dec caretaking		117.00	868
D&D village Hall	Dec meeting		10.00	869
SWWS	Standing charge football field 4/9-14/12		16.79	870
Ralph Gist & son	Renovation to war memorial	88.00	528.00	871

Proposed -Cllr Haynes, seconded Cllr Martindale

Cheque signatories -Cllr Dunn and Walker

Invoices checked by –Cllr Haynes

b) income -TAP fund 15/16 -£906

c) quarterly budget report- attached to minutes

d) precept for 2016/17 – TDC were reducing the Council Tax support Grant to £430. It was agreed that the precept demand for 15/16 should be £14051 (budget requirement of £14351 minus DPC income of £300) proposed Cllr Jury, seconded Cllr Dunn

e) any other financial matters –projector. Two options of suitable projectors had been obtained. It was proposed to purchase the cheaper of the options costing £350 + chromecast to make it wireless, cost £30. Proposed Cllr Walker seconded Cllr Martindale. Cllr Dunn agreed to purchase.

90(15/16) PLANNING

a) Applications to consider – none

b) Applications approved - 1/1091/2015/FUL & 1/1112/2015/LBC Union Inn

c) Applications refused – none

d) Any other planning matters i) DALC are planning to run a planning course on 13th April. No further details yet. Cllr Martindale and the Clerk expressed an interest and it was agreed the clerk would book places. ii) Concerns had been raised by members of the public about the number of cars for sale on the forecourt of the Rams Head Inn. Cllr Haynes agreed to speak to the owners and enquire if this was a temporary arrangement. iii) The final draft of the Local Plan on the TDC website was difficult to find with earlier versions also coming up. It was agreed the final draft should be placed on the new Parish Council Website.

91(15/16) PARISH GROUNDS

a) Football Field – clerk would follow up progress on Land Registration with the Solicitor.

b) Dennis Cross- nothing to report

c) War Memorial garden – Cllr Haynes commented the flag would require replacing in approx. 12 months time.

91(15/16) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

a) Heavy goods vehicles travelling through the village – although it was undesirable and many parts of the village unsuitable there was very little which could be done. It was a B class road. Downgrading the road could have a detrimental effect on its maintenance.

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- b) Mirror opposite the village hall to aid visibility.- Cllr Haynes had spoken to owners of Rams Head who had agreed to it being placed on their wall. A 400mm diameter mirror would cost approx. £30. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase and positioning. Proposed Cllr Haynes, seconded Cllr Dunn.
- c) Garage to store salt gritter – clerk had enquired to Tarka Housing about renting a garage in Rectory Road. There was one available it would cost £11.54 a week. The Council felt this was too expensive. Clerk to make enquiries through the Dolton Diary.
- d) Faulty street light outside 9 Barfield Road. – DCC had contacted the clerk regarding a faulty street light which had been reported to them outside this property. They stated it did not belong to them and was not part of their maintenance program. The clerk had contacted Tarka Housing enquiring if it belonged to them. Awaiting a response.

92(15/16) HOUSING SURVEY

Templates of the covering letter and survey form had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. All were happy to proceed with the survey using the templates.

93(15/16) COUNCIL WEBSITE.

The new Council Web site was up and running. It agreed the clerk should advertise its existence via the Diary and on noticeboards around the village. It was agreed telephone numbers and email addresses of Councillors (where available) should be displayed on the website. Grant funding was available to enable smaller councils to meet the requirements of the Transparency code which had prompted the revamp of the website. It was agreed the clerk should apply for a grant to fund a printer scanner. Approx cost £80-£90.

94(15/16) TAP FUND (15/16)

Cllr Haynes had made the application to TDC to enhance the roof of the bus shelter in the square. The application had been accepted, the money received, and Tom Mares informed he could proceed with the job.

95(15/16) REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED – none

96(15/16) MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE CHAIR

Superfast broadband was now up and running in the village.

There were a number of blocked drains around the village – North Street, Rectory Road, Hillers Garage, bottom of Chapel Street, opposite sewage works. Clerk to report all to Highways.

Date of next meeting Monday 1st February 2016

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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

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