

## DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Cllr J Lock, Chair, Cllr C Giles, S.Jury, A.Haynes, R.Dunn, N.Walker, M.Grigg, J.Rolls the Clerk and 3 members of the public. Apologies: Ward Cllr R Lock

#### **187(12/13) MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Council AGM and Parish Council May Meeting all held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, having been circulated, were signed as being a true and correct record.

Annual Parish Meeting - Proposed by Cllr A Haynes Seconded by Cllr S Jury

AGM – Proposed by Cllr R Dunn Seconded by Cllr S Jury

May Monthly Meeting – Proposed Cllr A Haynes Seconded by Cllr R.Dunn

#### **188(12/13) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none**

#### **189(12/13) CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondent	Subject	Action
TDC-various	Groundwater Aller Road	Agenda item 7(d)
John Thouless	Copy letter sent to DCC Highways re Dolton Beacon	Agenda item 13
M Newcombe DCC Highways	Dolton Beacon – improving visibility	Agenda item 13
Julie & Gordon Genge	Jubilee Celebrations in Dolton public vote of thanks to Committee	Noted. Agenda item 8
TDC	New recycling contract with South Molton Recycle	Noted. Reading file
Wendy Byrne	Resignation letter due to moving out of district	Noted. TDC informed and notices up. Emergency Committee need a new Chairperson.

#### **190(11/12) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Cllr Lock and Cllr Jury each declared personal interests in all matters relating to Dolton & Dowland Village Hall and Diamond Jubilee Committee. Cllr Giles declared an interest in Diamond Jubilee Committee and Cllr Dunn declared an interest in Zurich Assurance Plc**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

**The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to invite members of the public to speak – None**

#### **191(12/13) FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) Accounts to pay

Name	Item	VAT	Total	Cheque No.
Mrs J Sidey	Clerk's expenses £10 home use. £0.69 postage,		£10.69	575

D&D Village Hall	Hire of Hall – Ann M; AGM & PC Meeting		£12.00	576
Martin Lock	Caretaking – monthly charge		£104.00	577
David Lock	Grass cutting – monthly charge		£165.00	578
SLCC	Annual membership renewal		£50.00	580
Zurich	Insurance renewal		£1259.69	581

**Proposed: Cllr RDunn**

**Seconded: Cllr J Rolls**

**Cheque Signatures: Cllr M Grigg and Cllr C Giles**

b). Income – none

Balance in Curr.Acc. £6822.49 less above cheques Balance in Dep Acc. £20,791.62

Notification that reclaimed VAT of £218.66 will be credited to current account received today

c). Any other financial matters:

- i. Community Bond renewal – it was **Proposed by Cllr N Walker and Seconded by Cllr M Grigg** that on maturity the capital of £40,000 plus interest by reinvested for a further 1 year.
- ii. It was unanimously agreed to grant the Dolton & Dowland Horticultural Society the sum of £100 towards the purchase of folding tables (Cheque 579 refers).

### **192 (12/13) PLANNING**

a. Applications to consider – none

b. Permissions granted – 1/0275/2012/LBC Replacement of existing bathroom ext. North Ham, Cleave Hill.

c. Refusals advised - none

d. To receive any other planning matters: Clerk had written to TDC Planning to enquire if the footpath from Barlands Way to Aller Road will be adopted and to ask for assurance that the drainage of the lying water will be appropriately dealt with before builder leaves the site. The response received was that the footpath will not be adopted by TDC and that TDC Planning is not responsible for ensuring that the lying water is appropriately drained and considers the matter to be a civil one between the landowners and the property owners affected by the altered watercourse. The Clerk was asked to write to TDC to put on record that the Parish Council do not accept this conclusion and continue to believe the responsibility lies with the TDC Planning Department who approved the re-siting of the footpath without either consulting or advising the Parish Council who would have strenuously objected.

### **193(12/13) QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The Parish Council whole-heartedly agree with the sentiments expressed in Mr & Mrs Genge's letter and asked the Clerk to forward a copy to the Jubilee Committee Chairman, Mr Eddy Levett, for him to pass on to the Committee members. The Parish Council extend their thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make all the Jubilee celebrations in Dolton such a splendid, enjoyable and memorable occasion.

### **194(12/13) PARISH GROUNDS**

(i) Football Field Licence to Dolton School – no further news to date

(ii) Dennis Cross. Cllr Dunn's weekly inspection reported damage to the fence behind the Youth Shelter caused by children climbing over to retrieve footballs which he will repair. Cllr Jury hopes that goal post and safety netting can be considered. Cllr Dunn said that the new Jubilee benches and patio are installed at Dennis Cross and recommended that the field should be rolled again to level the surface where it has been disturbed. It was agreed that an older seat could be placed close to the Toddler swings.

**195(12/13) PARISH PLAN.** With the Parish Plan in place and the Vision Group currently stood down nothing to report.

**196(12/13) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE** – i. Cllr R Dunn has inspected the Flower box to see how best it can be raised above the Dolton sign and hopes to now have time to attend to this.

ii. The Tender of Mr Roger Heywood to carry out the erection of a low stone wall around the telegraph pole and stay-wire at the Paddocks has been accepted and Clerk was asked to inform him.

iii. The Clerk reported that the bus shelter in Rectory Road looks very shabby and is in need of some repair and a fresh coat of preservative to protect the wood and improve the shelter's appearance. It was agreed that the Village Caretaker should be asked to deal with this.

**197(12/13) REVIEW INSURANCE.** The Clerk had received renewal details by email from Zurich today as the details posted more than a week ago have still not arrived. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that the new Jubilee benches should be included and subject to Zurich accepting to do this without increasing the premium, the Council would agree to a five year contract at a cost of £1259.69 per year (index linked) which is the cheapest option available.

**198(12/13) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES**

**i. Dolton Beacon.** Mr Thouless's copy letter to DCC complaining of lack of action regarding proposed improvements to the crossing was read out. Co-incidentally the Clerk had spoken with Mr Newcombe of DCC who apologised for the delay caused by sending an email with some suggestions to the Parish Council to the wrong email address. He had now resent them correctly and awaited the Council's response to the possibility of pushing back the hedge on the Winkleigh side of the junction to allow better visibility but warned that the telegraph pole and stay wire in the hedge may have to be moved and this would be very expensive indeed. Following a discussion it was agreed that in the first instance Cllr Lock will contact Mr Middleton (the landowner) to see if he is willing to have the hedge moved back as suggested. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Newcombe of this and also to suggest that the Parish Council would favour some method of slowing down traffic approaching the junction.

**ii.** Cllr Lock had spoken with the Lengthsman who was making a good job of clearing gulleys and had mentioned to him the one in Aller Road which the lengthsman will attend to.

**199(12/13) MEETINGS ATTENDED -** Cllr Haynes had attended the GTCLP AGM on 31<sup>st</sup> May and gave a verbal report on the interesting discussion on Neighbourhood Planning which had taken place. He suggested that the Parish Council should not rush into producing a Neighbourhood Plan immediately but take their time to see how the concept evolves.

**200(12/13) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Giles mentioned the problem of Dog bags being placed in litter bins instead of dedicated Dog Bins. Clerk will make some appropriate notices to be placed near litter bins. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15p.m..

Date of next meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30 p.m.

Signed.....

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