

• DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Monday Sept 14th 2009 in the Village Hall @ 7.00pm

Present: Cllr J Lock (Chairman), Cllr C Giles (Vice Chair), Cllrs Boyes, Burnage, Byrne, Grigg, Partridge, Rolls, the Clerk - Mary Harris and 21 members of public

Apologies: Cllr Jury

The Chairman welcomed David Brown, Chairman of the High Bickington Community Property who gave an interesting presentation on the developmental history of the Trust. The trust was set up in 2004 to implement the High Bickington Parish Plan. It was constituted as an Industrial and Provident Society. David talked through each stage of the Trust's work and outlined the current status of the plans. Planning approval had been gained, and a building partner was in place. A full Business Plan was currently in progress and funding applications were being drawn up. It was hoped that the work would start in 2010 for Phase 1- affordable housing, market sale plots, workshops for rental, drainage, roads infrastructure and a biomass heating plant.

David answered questions on issues such as the public perception of affordable homes and market housing, traffic and car parking issues, ownership of land, the biomass, play area management, the school, workspaces and the holistic approach to solutions.

The Chairman thanked David Brown for his presentation and formal matters of the Parish Council meeting started at 8.10pm.

The minutes of the meeting held on July 27th 2009 having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Burnage

Seconded: Cllr Partridge

All Agreed

44 (09/10) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: none

45(09/10) CORRESPONDENCE
1 South West Water – response to complaint about reminders/threats of cutting services

2 South West Water – letter regarding charges and procedures for checking on leaks

3 DAPC AGM reminder

4 DAPC Regarding Subs 2010/2011 – possible 2% increase

5 Stones – Playing Field lease

6 NPS group – forwarding copies of 1986 lease

Correspondent	Subject	Action
South West Water	Response to complaint about reminders	none
South West water	Procedures / charges for leaks	noted
DAPC	Subs 2010/2011 Possible 2% increase	noted
Stones NPS Group	Playing Field Lease Copy of 1986 lease for info	Part 2 in Nov meeting

46 (09/10) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : none

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman closed the meeting to invite members of the Public to raise questions

Cllr Rose Lock Speeding traffic issues on Rectory Rd – Ward Cllr has sent a letter

Member of Public Suggested calming measures similar to Beaford and High Bickington

47 (09/10) FINANCE

a) Accounts to Pay - the Clerk presented the following accounts for agreement to pay:

Supplier	Description	VAT	£	No
K Hardy	Caretaker wages 45.50 Expenses 5.79		51.29	385
M Harris	Clerk salary 321.16 Expenses 38.11		359.27	386
Village Hall	July Hire & Aug hire		16.0	387
Audit Commission	Annual fee	42.75	327.75	388
South West water	¼ bill		101.92	389
J lock	Expenses for maintenance /repairs		46.46	390
Simmons services	Grass cuts for memorial land		30.00	391
M stubbins	Relief caretaker work		51.57	392
Flags global	replacement flag		46.00	393

Proposed: Cllr Boyes

Seconded: Cllr Byrne

All Agreed

Cheque signaturers Cllrs Grigg and Partridge

b) Invoices/ income :none

c) Any other financial matters: none

48 (09/10) PLANNING

a) Applications considered:

(1) 1/0680/2009/OUTM Fishleigh Park

The Council offered the following comments:

It was resolved at the Dolton Parish Council meeting on September 14th 2009 that the following comments in respect of Planning Ref 1/0680/2009/FUL be made:-

- That the location which is slightly out of the village may involve car traffic to access local retail facilities. However it is noted that it is also flat walking land
- The part of the bank which is to be removed – does it have planning permission ?
- It is noted that the scale of development is not excessive and is of a nice scale.
- The identified affordable housing scheme is in accordance with the Dolton Housing Needs Survey and its Parish Plan
- The Parish Council wish to know why the scheme has had a change of policy from HSC6 – the last policy applied to the site - to its current planning status of DVT2. How has this decision been arrived at ?
- The improvements to the access do not serve the greater community. The gateway into the remainder of the field should be in the corner and accessed onto the highway as opposed to the estate.
- There are concerns that the site could increase traffic congestion
- Whilst there is a need for allotments , and this is to be applauded – this aspect appears to be a separate issue ? There is an accepted need for affordable housing.
- The Parish Council propose that a footpath to Stafford Way would be an improvement to the plans.
- The Parish Council comment that on balance there are some positive effects for the bcommunity.
- The Parish Council require clarification of the developer's long term community responsibilities for its Section 106 agreements and in particular whether the Parish Council will be responsible financially for any maintaining of allotments or management of an allotment association

The Parish Council require assurances from Torridge District Council regarding the robustness and the appropriate level and infrastructure discussed with developers reference any Section 106 agreement concerning this planning application and both the Council and interested residents within the Parish would appreciate a consultation process with the appropriate officer(s) / developers regarding the Section 106 agreement

(2) 1/0750/2009/FUL Drakes Barton

No comment other than ensuring that it does meet any listed building requirements

b) Permissions granted: 1/0371/2009/FUL Stafford Barton

c) Refusals advised: none

d) Other Planning Issues : Cllr Burnage requested a response from Cllr Grigg regarding a letter that she had posted onto the Torridge District Council Web site which Cllr Burnage believed contained misleading information. There was some discussion regarding the issue with both parties able to air their own views to the meeting.

49 (09/10) RECREATION GROUNDS

The July meeting report was brought back to the September meeting for consideration. A copy is attached to these minutes.

It was recommended that the Council approve the financial proposals as set out in the report to provide playground inspections and maintenance . In addition that a weekly inspection checklist be designed for the caretaker to use for his inspections on the two Recreation sites.

Proposed Cllr Boyes

Seconded Cllr Grigg

All approved

Dolton Cubs requested the use of the Field and the charge was agreed at £10

50 (09/10) PARISH ACTION PLAN

The Parish Action Plan was distributed during the month. There was discussion regarding the most appropriate way to involve all the parish in the next stages – the setting up of the Dolton Vision Group. It was decided that the next parish Meeting in October be an Open meeting for everyone to attend.

51 (09/10) PRIDE IN OUR OWN VILLAGE

It was agreed that the development, re design and maintenance of the War Memorial ground should be open to tender and the Clerk will advertise for interested companies or individuals to approach the Council with ideas. Simmons services have been asked to continue to maintain the area in the interim period.

52 (09/10) SHARED GARDEN SCHEMES

Allotment Officer Martin Moore will be asked to be speak to the Parish Council in the New Year.

53 (09/10) HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & MAINTENANCE

No update.

54 (09/10) MEETINGS ATTENDED

St Edmunds Church – Welcome packs for new residents

Cllrs Lock, Giles

55 (09/10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Byrne - request for a vandal proof Bus Timetable – Clerk to ask Bus Company

Cllr Byrne – dog Bins – Clerk to ask TDC Dog Warden to contract Cllr Byrne

Cllr Burnage- Reported that Simmons Services had allegedly been asked to cut grass adj to the Burial Ground – Cllr Grigg denied that she had asked for this additional service. The need for additional work ; for example at the entrance to the village will be an Agenda Item in November.

Cllr Giles – noted that there had been some complaints about anti – social behaviour

Cllr Boyes – noted that there had been some trading vans on Barfield Close car Park . This issue will be considered at the next meeting within the Maintenance and traffic agenda item

Cllr Lock – noted that there were instances of dog walking on the Recreational Field.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed

dated