

Dolton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 22nd May 2006 7.30pm Village Hall

Present: Cllrs.J.Lock, J.Kendrew, J.Heal, S.Jury, A.Chivers, S.Berkley Sage
The Clerk Mrs.R.Lock, Mr.D.Goodman. 3 members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs.Sillfow, Giles and Grigg

1. Torridge Community Transport Association

The Chairman introduced Mr.Duncan Goodman who gave a talk of the work of their organisation. Main points as follows:-

- a) they are a charity, a company limited by guarantee. Their work is to fill in gaps for those with no transport. They have one minibus, five staff, and 60 volunteer drivers with their own cars. It was stressed that you do not have to be elderly or disabled to use their transport, it is for those with no other appropriate transport at the time that they need to travel.
 - b) they cover 36 parishes within northern Torridge with a fortnightly service
 - c) "Wheels to Work" scheme exists whereby youngsters can borrow mopeds for six months to travel to work. They pay for CBT training and equipment. A charge of £5 per week is made per week and if moped is returned after the hire period in the same condition, then this money is refunded.
 - d) Within each parish they are looking for potential passengers and drivers, and possible funding.
 - e) Question of insurance for volunteer drivers with their own cars was raised. Mr. Goodman stated that any driver should inform their own insurance company what they were doing, stating that only expenses were charged. If anybody has a "bump" then TCTA would reimburse such items as any excess that you have to pay.
- The Chairman thanked Mr.Goodman for his attendance and interesting talk.

2.Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 17th May 2005 the Clerk read these minutes, already having been signed on 6th June 2005.

3. Matters arising - there were none

4. Chairman's report - the chairman read his report , copy attached to these minutes.

5. Parish Plan – the Parish Plan now needed reviewing. This would be an agenda item at the June Parish Council meeting so that Councillors could select relevant sections that required new needs.Cllr.Kendrew felt that the Parish Plan should be an agenda item at each annual parish meeting.

6. Any other business:

- a) Lilac tree at Dennis Cross – this had blown down last week, and removed. Agenda item at June Council meeting to discuss replacement tree.
- b) Dennis Cross – Mrs.D.Madge felt that Dennis Cross needed a "general refurbishment" as to was the gateway into the village. This could be a parish project. Agenda item June meeting.
- c) Dennis Cross/football field – Cllr.Kendrew felt that the cost of rolling these areas should be built into the gardening contract. However Chairman stated he was happy to continue with this work at no charge

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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