

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2020

IN DOLTON VILLAGE HALL

PUBLIC SESSION :

Three members of the public spoke at the public session, and the points raised included:

It was reported that the planned enquiry for the Acorn Park Appeal on June 9th 2020 would be changed but nothing is yet confirmed and belief is that it will remain on this date. Only original parties are currently being informed and it was agreed that Ward Cllr R Lock would contact Torridge District Council and liaise with their solicitor and or Mr K Evely to ensure all existing and new representatives. All matters concerning the Acorn Park appeal will be discussed fully in future Parish Council meeting when it appears on the agenda. It was also suggested that a nominated person should represent Dolton Parish in a legal capacity as this Appeal is a matter of law.

Devon Climate Emergency Network thanked the Parish Council for being included on the agenda and confirmed that they will be showing information film open to public view on March 14th 2020 at the Dolton and Dowland Village Hall and they requested funding of £40.00 from the Council to cover the hire charges and supply of refreshments on this date. Cllr Haynes agreed this would not be a problem.

Devon Wildlife Trust gave information of why a grant was being requested. This is due partly to their concerns of loss of animals and habitat change in the area and in conjunction with community office the collection of bumble bees, moths and wild flowers will be collected, a meeting is planned at the Village Hall in June. The requested grant is scheduled to be dealt with in next month's Parish Council meeting.

It was also reported that the recent planning application for wind turbine was rejected based on hub height of the turbine being too high.

PRESENT:

Cllr Walker (Chair); Cllrs Giles, Haynes, Herniman, Lock, Martindale, Rendell, Rolls and Tremayne. C.Cllr A Saywell and Ward Cllr R Lock.

Also in attendance : Clerk L Morris; Clerk D Edmeads.

In addition, there were 8 members of the public.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

122 (19/20) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Ward Cllr M Clarke had sent his apologies for absence from the meeting.

123 (19/20) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th January

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had been circulated. They were agreed by all to be correct and signed as a true record.

124 (19/20) MATTERS ARISING

The matters arising from the last meeting had been summarised and these were reviewed.

125 (19/20) FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Responders gave the following update and thanks the community for their support.

The Responder Car has now been retired from use due to its age and pending MOT failure, and the responders will use their own private vehicles. This means that there is now no dedicated vehicle.

The ambulance service has given a grant to the First Responders and this together with their own funds, it is now possible for a further 2 defibrillators to be located in the village. It is suggested that these could be located close to Stafford Way and West lane but this will be dependant on authorities allowing the use of power supplies.

Fundraising will continue to provide further necessary equipment

126 (19/20) CLLRS' REPORTS

- a) Ward Cllr R Lock reports that the Community Resource Budget is to be set and that some raises in council taxes can be expected but the figures are not net definite. This will be ratified by a full council meeting.
- b) C.Cllr Saywell was pleased to see public attendance in the meeting. He acknowledged that some road surfaces have been carried out and that more are still to be done. Cllr Haynes advised that the road between Langham and West Lane had still not completed fully as this still needs to be top dressed. An e-mail will be sent to C.Cllr Saywell to ensure this is dealt with. A back log of pot hole repairs are being dealt with but patience is needed.

It was reported that since New Year, a new parking permit scheme for NHS workers allowing them to park on single and double yellow lines for up to 1 hour if needed. FIRE Station closures have occurred and Budleigh Salterton has now been relocated to Exmouth and Topsham to Clyst St George and Middlemoor. A new payment system for firefighters and new work rota systems will hopefully help the service. It is Budget setting time and C.Cllr Saywell reports increases in spending for healthcare, childrens care and highways are expected and raises in council taxes could be used to offset these increases. Detailed figures were not available at this time.

127 (19/20) CLERK'S REPORT:

- i) New Clerk, Diane Edmeads, has been appointed and start date of February 1st is agreed with a 1 month transition/handover period given.
- ii) A new laptop is requested with updated working systems. Prices for this and maintenance will be obtained before final decision can be made

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128 (19/20) CORRESPONDENCE:

The list of correspondence received was reviewed:

Ref	Date	Correspondent	Content	Action
11/1	23.01.2020	DALC	Newsletter	Information
11/2	22.01.2020	Plantscape	funding	information
11/3	22.01.2020	Councillor A Saywell	Road closure	information
11/4	21.01.2020	Councillor A Saywell	Aviva community fund	information
11/5	24.01.2020	DCC	Traffic permit scheme	information
11/6	20.01.2020	TDC	PCC Alert	information
11/7	20.01.2020	DCC	Road Closure	information
11/8	16.01.2020	TTC	Dementia action week	information
11/9	15.01.2020	Martin Blackaby	North street signage	Agenda item
11/10	13.01.2020	Devon communities	training	information
11/11	12.01.2020	ROSPA	Play area inspection	plan
11/12	09.01.2020	TDC	Acorn Farm hearing cancellation	information
11/13	31.01.2020	Darren Parrish	Community safety	Speaker?

129 (19/20) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The proposed payments were scrutinised and approved for payment.

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
Mr M Lock	28.1.20	Caretaking January 2020	120		1197
Mr M Lock	28.1.20	Caretaking supplies	13.27	2.2	1198
Mr D Lock	31.1.20	Grasscutting	255		1199
D&D Village Hall	1.2.20	Hall Hire	12		1200
Linda Morris	31.1.20	Home Office	10.00		1201
Linda Morris	31.1.20	Stationery reimbursement	9.50	1.59	1202
Mr N Walker	6.12.19	Reimbursement Chr Lights	20.99	3.5	1203
			440.76		

The Payments were checked by Cllr Haynes. Cheque payments were proposed by Cllr Rolls and seconded by Cllr Tremayne. Cheques were signed by Cllr Giles and Cllr Lock.

b) Bank Reconciliation. The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation to 15th January 2020.

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 15 JANUARY 2020			
Balance at bank 15/1/20			
Current Ac sheet 192 to 15 January 2020	7,831.23		
Reserve Ac sheet 86	1,153.08		
95 Day Ac sheet 70	41,967.59		

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Less un-presented cqs at 15/1/20	642.00	cq no	amount
		1193	12.00
Plus un-cleared credits at 15/1/20	0.00	1196	630
			642
Total Balance at bank at 15/1/20	50,309.90		
Cash Book			
Opening Balance from accounts at 1/4/19	50,564.19		
Less payments to 15.1.20	16,332.87		
Plus receipts to 15.1.20	16,078.58		
Closing balance per cash book at 15/1/20	50,309.90		
Variance	0.00		

- c) Other matters. A question was raised as whether funds could be given to the Plough Arts Centre as this is a very important venue in the Devon area that is used by any residents in the Dolton Parish. It was suggested that this could be looked at within community grants that are to be discussed next month. It was also noted that the need for fundraising at the Plough was needed because of running and management costs and would be a difficult decision.

130 (19/20) TPLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider: there were none.
- b) Appeal Information: 1/1065/2018/CPL- Public Enquiry
- c) Applications granted - 1/1058/2019/FUL Kingsdown, Cleave Hill
- d) Applications withdrawn: there were none
- e) Applications refused – there were none
- f) Any other planning matters. the possible set up of a planning working group could be set up to include Ward Cllr R Lock.

131 (19/20) DEVON CLIMATE EMERGENCY NETWORK

There is to be a public session on March 14th to include film and talk from conservation officer.

Clarification is needed from Torridge District Council regarding solar panels. The Village Hall (among others) is interested but guidance is needed in this area as there seems to be no general policy

132 (19/20) FOOTBALL FIELD AND PAVILION MANAGEMENT

Cllr Haynes had hoped for responses from previous meeting but has received nothing.

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The walking football seems to be the only group using the football field on a regular basis and has agreed to pay £5.00 each week to Dolton Rangers for the use of the pavilion and also £5.00 per week for the use of the field.

Winkleigh under 16s very rarely use the field and cancel more times than actually play.

The running costs of the football field and Pavilion will be discussed at a future meeting along with the ownership.

133 (19/20) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) Car Park. the Car Park will be closed between 12:00 and 22:00 on Saturday February 15th for the fireworks display.
- b) Dennis Cross. Further advice and regulations will be needed to ensure everything is ready for the inspection
- c) Memorial Garden. It has been noticed that the statue is not standing straight but does not pose any danger. This will of course be monitored
- d) Telephone Box. Works are delayed due to weather. A suggestion was made that this could be used for the site of one of the defibrillators mentioned earlier in the meeting. permissions will be needed to relocate power.
- e) Public Convenience meter. The meter is not able to be read as it was boxed in when recent work were carried out. It has been suggested that an average reading be calculated to pay the Royal Oak as the meter belongs to them and not the water board. The water usage should now be lower than in previous years due to the new system installed but this would still be cheaper than accessing the meter.

134 (19/20) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

- a) Speed signs. A site has now been found for the re-siting of the speed sign and an e-mail will be sent to C.Cllr Saywell informing him of the exact location before installation.
- b) Verges. Cllr Martindale reported that seeds have begun to germinate so the verges should be colourful in June for the Community Wildlife Garden Day.
- c) North Street signage. Martin Blackaby often picks up debris from vehicles and damage has been known to occur to buildings. For these reasons signs are requested to bring attention to drivers who are unfamiliar with the area. It was suggested that Mr Blackaby contact the highways agency directly for their advice.

120 (19/20) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

Torrington Town Council, Transport & Environment meeting was attended and during this meeting linkage from the Tarka Trail to Torrington was raised along with a cablecar link from Torrington to Rosemoor. Recycling and plastic waste were also discussed

121 (19/20) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Nothing suggested

Signed Date