

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020

VIA ZOOM

PUBLIC SESSION :

Three members of the public attended the meeting. The only point raised was the issue with Parking Notice that has been issued to a vehicle in the Village Car Park by Torridge District Council. The “problem” has now been solved and the notice has been removed

PRESENT:

Cllr Walker (Chair); Cllrs, Haynes, Herniman, Lock, Martindale, Rendell, Rolls and Tremayne.

C.Cllr A Saywell and Ward Cllrs R Lock. and M Clarke

Also in attendance : Clerk D Edmeads.

In addition, there were 3 members of the public.

25 (20/21) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Giles sent apologies for absence from the meeting.

26 (20/21) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday June 8th 2020 had been circulated.

The following amendments were noted before they were agreed by all to be correct and signed as a true record:

1. Cllr Haynes had left the meeting and took no part in the section dealing with the planning application for alterations at The Gardens.
2. The signing the cheques was proposed by Cllr J Lock and seconded by Cllr Martindale

27 (20/21) MATTERS ARISING

No matters were brought forward to be reviewed.

28 (20/21) CLLRS' REPORTS

- a) Ward Cllr R Lock reports that Torridge District Council has been working during the pandemic with thousands of contacts made from the public by telephone, e-mails, website and Facebook page. Staff have worked tirelessly to keep on top of this. Torridge District Council is one of the only authorities to keep a full waste and recycling service in place.

Planning updates: Brook Road. This was a complaint from a member of the public and the enforcement officer has called to the property and found no-one on site with no digging equipment on site either. There have been shallow excavations of approximately 30m x 10m which are too shallow to be a fishing pond.

Orchard Gate – there is no need for planning consent to change the use of the garage as the property remains within the original conditions of the building regulations.

There is no further update regarding Acorn Farm.

- b) Ward Cllr Clarke added that Torridge District Council have rehomed 11 homeless families during the pandemic in a local holiday park. These are now in temporary

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accommodation in Bideford. A government grant has been given to assist with the homeless situation.

- c) C.Cllr Saywell reports that there has not been any significant increase in local cases of COVID19. Devon County Council has a management plan in place to cope with local outbreaks. The track and trace system in place is now reaching 80% of people. Thanks to government funding to the highways budget it is hoped that this will trickle down to our local level.

29 (20/21) CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report from the clerk

30 (20/21) ALLOTMENTS:

4 members of the public have expressed an interest in allotments and there is 1 potential offer of land. The field in question will need a large amount of preparation work before the land will be ready for use and the Councillors agreed that this could possibly be financed by Dolton Parish Council. Cllr Martindale will look further into the possible terms and conditions of land rental and will also check the costs involved to join the South West Counties Allotment Association before any further action is decided

31 (20/21) VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall opened their doors on Monday July 13th. Risk assessments have been completed and classes are welcome to resume. The 1st coffee morning is provisionally scheduled for July 25th.

32 (20/21) CLIMATE / ENERGY

There is nothing further to be added from the last meeting as the Rural Community Fund is not available to Dolton Village. The infrastructure of Western Power Distribution is not in place. This will be monitored and hopefully will move forward in the future

33 (20/21) FIRST RESPONDERS

The 2 new Defibrillators and cabinets have now arrived and sites for them are still being sourced. BT and Western Power have both proved unhelpful with the original ideas of locations so more potential sites are being looked into.

34 (20/21) FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
D Lock	10/06/20	Grasscutting	280.00		1231
M Lock	30/06/20	Caretaking	120.00		1232
D De-Pinto	30/06/20	Home office, stamps and stationery	20.37		1233

The Payments were checked by Cllr Haynes. Cheques will signed by Cllr Lock and Cllr Walker. Proposed by Cllr Haynes and seconded by other members of the Parish Council (several members agreed at the same time via ZOOM)

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b) RECEIPTS after 15 June 2020	
Cheques for Planter sponsorship	250.00

c) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

<u>BANK RECONCILIATION TO 15 JUNE 2020</u>			
<u>Balance at bank 15/06/20</u>			
<u>Current Ac sheet 197 to 15 June 2020</u>	<u>8,277.06</u>		
<u>Reserve Ac sheet 91</u>	<u>1,154.03</u>		
<u>95 Day Ac sheet 75</u>	<u>42,114.39</u>		
<u>Less un-presented cqs at 15/06/20</u>	<u>1,416.01</u>	<u>cq no</u>	<u>amount</u>
		<u>1216</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Plus un-cleared credits at 15/06/20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1219</u>	<u>40.12</u>
		<u>1222</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<u>Total Balance at bank at 15/06/20</u>	<u>50,129.47</u>	<u>1224</u>	<u>350.00</u>
		<u>1227</u>	<u>474.95</u>
<u>Cash Book</u>		<u>1228</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Opening Balance from accounts at 1/4/19</u>	<u>50,564.19</u>	<u>1229</u>	<u>180.00</u>
<u>Less payments to 15.6.20</u>	<u>25,567.56</u>	<u>1230</u>	<u>50.94</u>
<u>Plus receipts to 15.6.20</u>	<u>25,132.84</u>		
<u>Closing balance per cash book at 15/6/20</u>	<u>50,129.47</u>		<u>1,416.01</u>
<u>Variance</u>	<u>0.00</u>		

35 (20/21) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider: 1/0409/2020/FUL - Pear Tree Cottage, Aller Road, Dolton, Winkleigh & 1/0410/2020/LBC - Pear Tree Cottage, Aller Road, Dolton, Winkleigh, - no objections were raised
- b) Applications granted - - 1/0358/2020/LBC- The Gardens, South Street, Dolton, Winkleigh & 1/0335/2020/FUL - Snayells, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon,
- c) Applications withdrawn – none
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) Any other planning matters – Brook Road Ponds, Orchard Gate and Acorn Farm were all dealt with in the report from Cllr R Lock. Wisteria Close – this is now being cleaned up and a large digger has been on site to facilitate this. The enforcement officer has been on site .
New planning request 1/0427/2020/FUL - Ham Farm, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon – no objections were raised.

36 (20/21) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

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- a) Half Barrel Planters near the Paddocks. Dolton Villagers have responded with sponsorship offers and the donations are being collated. Final figures will be available at the next meeting.
- b) Dennis Cross. Decisions need to be made regarding the reopening of the playground. There is no directive from Torridge District Council and it is at the discretion of Dolton Parish Council. Cllrs Walker, Lock, Rolls & Martindale along with Martin Lock will meet at the Playground to check the final points of the safety inspection and to assess how the playground could be safely reopened. New signs will have to be in place regarding distancing and cleaning / sanitisation. The final decision regarding the reopening will be made as soon as possible.
- c) Football field. Hopefully the Walking football will resume in the near future. Dolton Rangers have begun training sessions, have purchased the new goal posts and the affiliation fees and insurance are paid. It has been agreed by the Councillors that fees for the use of the football field by Dolton Rangers are to be deferred for 3 months (Until October 1st) when a formal agreement will be made. It is agreed that the field is being kept and maintained to a very high standard.

36 (20/21) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

- a) Speed sign. 2 offers were received from residents to rehome the speed sign and a choice has been made. The sign should have its new home very soon.
- b) Cllr Haynes is in contact with the highways officer to ensure the red lines and "30" sign on the tarmac of Rectory Road are repainted.
- c) Telephone Box. This needs to be cleaned and repainted and the glazing needs to be ordered. Cllr Tremayne suggests this could be used for one of the Defibrillators.

37 (20/21) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

38 (20/21) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

The New surface for the notice board near the paddocks has been ordered and as soon as this arrives it will be installed.

The next meeting of the Dolton Parish Council will take place on Monday September 7th.

Signed Date