

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 2021

PUBLIC SESSION : 3 members of the public attended the following point were raised.

Pym Gander made a query in relation to the inspection pit in the new building at Halfpenny yard and that if this was part of the original planning application. It was pointed out by councillors that the original building that has now been replaced was at one time a maintenance shed for the buses and the new structure has used the original footprint that was there. Also this would not have been a matter for planning but will be covered by the building regulations. Pym Gander will call TDC to check that all is in order

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: No personal interests or prejudicial interests were declared by the Councillors

PRESENT: Cllr Walker (chair), Cllr Giles (vice chair) Cllrs Barwell, Herniman, Lock, Martindale, Rolls and Tremayne. C Cllr Saywell and Ward Cllr Clarke Ward Cllr Lock. Also in attendance : Clerk D Edmeads.

56 (21/22) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Rendell and Ward Cllr Lock sent apologies for their absence from the meeting.

57 (21/22) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 26th 2021 had been circulated and were agreed to be a correct record by all Cllrs and will be signed by Cllr Walker

58 (21/22) MATTERS ARISING

No matters were brought forward to be reviewed.

59 (21/22) CLLRS' REPORTS

C Cllr Saywell reported that August had been a quiet (ish) month. Covid numbers have risen sharply and Devon is now an "enhanced response area". Hospitalisation numbers remain low and vaccination numbers are increasing. TDC is looking to improve terms and conditions for child social workers and DCC has made a devolution bid which will include helping to achieve zero carbon footprint and the regeneration of areas. There is no update of the results of the speed survey on Rectory Road at the moment.

Ward Cllr Clarke reported that he is currently working on the housing crisis and looking into more affordable housing. Also a winter programme to deal with homelessness and rough sleeping is underway. TDC is a support network for Afghan refugees, several offers of accommodation have been received for short term housing but it was also clearly stated that it is not believed a large number of refugees will be housed by TDC and that Syrian and Hong Kong refugees are also being dealt with.

Ward Cllr Lock sent the following report that was read in the meeting:

Apologies for absence tonight but I have a Community & Resources Committee meeting at Torridge tonight as well.

First of all update on the disabled bay that has appeared in the Square. Both Andrew Sayell and Russell Hookway the Neighbourhood Highways Officer have been out to look at this site. The bay is official and was requested by a resident. They made an official application for a bay and with a couple of discussions between the neighbourhood highways officer and the Disabled Team an order was submitted. The length of the bay is correct as well as the width. However because of the stone

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features it makes it look too narrow. However when measured from the beginning of the radius of the circular line it checks out. As wonky as it looks, it is correct so nothing currently can be amended. However if the resident who requested the bay is unhappy the matter can be looked into further. Secondly on the agenda – just a small point that needs clarification regarding councillors registers of interest and the council's code of conduct. It is important that all councillors whether elected or co-opted are given the declaration of interest forms which have to be completed and then sent to TDC. These also have to be amended should councillors circumstances change. Also each councillor should be given a copy of the Councils code of conduct for reference purposes Finally as usual please do not hesitate to contact me on any matter.

The council's code of interest forms and a copy of the Councils code of conduct will be sent to all Cllrs by the Clerk

60 (21/22) QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS :

Cllr Herniman advised that the first meeting to discuss this is scheduled to take place on September 18th at the Village Hall. More updates will follow next month.

61 (21/22) EMERGENCIES COMMITTEE:

Cllr Martindale has met with Jean Levett (who has agreed to remain as secretary) and confirms that most of the original members of the committee will remain. Simon Paine has also agreed to join committee and a meeting will be arranged to elect chair and vice chair. Once this is done, an outline procedure and guidelines will be drafted and it is believed that a simple approach to this is the way forward to avoid confusion.

62 (21/22) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The proposed payments were made.

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
Cancelled chq					1283
D Lock	05/07/21	Grasscutting	510.00		1287
Village Hall	31/08/21	Hire of village hall	6.00		1288
M Lock	31/08/21	caretaker	240.00		1289
D De-Pinto	31/08/21	Home office	20.00		1290

The Payments had been circulated to all Cllrs, they were proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Herniman. These were checked by Cllr Tremayne. Cheques were signed by Cllr Giles and Lock.

b) RECEIPTS after 13 August 2021	none
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c) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 13 AUGUST 2021

Balance at bank 13/08/21

Current Ac 13 August 2021	2,653.53
Reserve Ac	1,154.17
35 Day Ac	42,221.50
Less un-presented cqs at 13/08/21	0.00
Plus un-cleared credits at 13/08/21	0.00

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Total Balance at bank at 13/08/21 **46,029.20**

Cash Book

Opening Balance from accounts at 1/4/21 43,677.97

Less payments to 13.08.21 5,289.02

Plus receipts to 13.08.21 7,640.25

Closing balance per cash book at 13/08/21 **46,029.20**

Variance **0.00**

- d) Other financial matters: the bank had finally changed the address and statements are now being received although they did not manage to change the name!! forms will be circulated to Cllrs this month for new signatories to be arranged.

63 (21/22) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider - 1/0823/2021/FULM - Coldharbour Farm, Ashreigney, Chulmleigh, Devon. No objections were raised but it was mentioned that it is a shame that land is being used for projects such as solar farms instead of encouraging the use of solar panels on newly built homes
- b) Applications granted - 1/0628/2021/FUL - 9 Stafford Way, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon
1/0562/2021/FUL - North Woodtown, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon
- c) Applications withdrawn – none
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) Any other planning matters:

64 (21/22) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) Dennis Cross Playground: A request was made to book the use of Dennis Cross from the Carnival on November 6th. This was met with no objections. Also in relation of Dennis Cross, it was confirmed that the bench has been cleaned and there could be the need to prune or remove some of the trees as they are not looking at their healthiest. Cllrs will look at this situation during the month and if anything is needed to be done this will be discussed in the next PC meeting. Finally Cllr Rolls confirmed that all equipment is safe and functional and that a few low key repairs are in hand to be fixed.
- b) Telephone Box: work has been carried out during August and the board is now in place along with 4 shelves. A map will try to be sourced this month detailing the local area and places of interest.
- c) Car Park: Discussions took place regarding the use of the Village Car Park for long term parking and legal requirements of vehicles that use it. It will be checked before the next meeting of the PC what, if any, legal requirements there are .

65 (21/22) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES:

- a) Dog Litter Bin for the bottom of West Lane. We are now on a waiting list for 2 new bins to be installed.
- b) Other maintenance matters:
 - i) A member of the public reported that the rubbish bin located at the old childrens playground has been full for a long time. This has been reported previously and was agreed by all Cllrs that this should be removed. Hopefully this will happen during September.

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- ii) Complaints have been received regarding overgrown hedges on Fore Street and South Street. Cllr Walker will deliver copies of the letter that had been circulated in previous years outlining property owners responsibilities

66(21/22) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

No meetings had been attended

67 (21/22) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

The following points were reported to Cllr Herniman by a member of the public:

- I) Hedges and roads are overgrown on Stafford Road and Stafford Way. C Cllr Saywell asked that this matter be reported to him by e-mail so that he can look into it. Landowners are responsible for their own hedges but highways are responsible for the road.
- II) Thanks were given to the cleaning of the bench at Denis Cross but others around the village need attention. Cllrs Walker and Rolls will look at these to decide what needs to be done
- III) Some of the lids on dog bins are broken and some are overflowing – could new bins or larger bins be provided?? Cllr Walker will look into this also

Date of next meeting will be October 4th 2021 in the Village Hall

Signed Date