

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 10TH 2022

PUBLIC SESSION: 1 member of the public attended. No points were raised.

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

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

107 (21/22) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Barwell and Tremayne and C Cllr Saywell sent apologies for their absence from the meeting.

108 (21/22) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 6th had been circulated. They were agreed to be a correct record by all Cllrs and will be signed by Cllr Walker. 1 point was raised and is covered in the report by Ward Cllr Lock

109 (21/22) MATTERS ARISING

No matters were brought forward to be reviewed.

110 (21/22) CLLRS' REPORTS

Ward Cllr Lock noted that her reports from November and December had not been included in the minutes for these months. Whilst the reason for this was due to a request from TDC, Cllr Lock would like it put on record with regard to the property 53 Stafford Way - that the owners of this property have been made aware of the planning status by TDC

TDC has launched new financial support for businesses and hospitality due to on-going effects of Covid-19 and Omicron. All information can be found on the Torridge District Council website.

Cllr Lock also commented on the removal of caravans from Acorn Park – again no information had been offered to her in advance for these movements and there was no response to her email dated 10th Jan.2022.

Ward Cllr Clarke informed the meeting that he is working on projects concerning housing. These include Afghan refugee housing, affordable rural housing and the provision of council housing. There is also a project in discussion for a landlord scheme where TDC would guarantee the rent and repair costs to the landlord. It was pointed out that these schemes in other areas of the UK have not always been successful and that the scheme could only really work if TDC became “the tenant” and sublet to residents. This was duly noted by Cllr Clarke.

111 (21/22) EMERGENCIES COMMITTEE:

Cllr Martindale confirmed that the next meeting of the emergencies committee will take place at the end of January and that the committee members are moving forward and working well together.

Cllr Martindale also confirmed that he is happy to remain as PC representative

112 (21/22) QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

Cllr Herniman informed the meeting that due to the Christmas break not much has happened recently. Fundraising is still in discussion but due to the effects of Covid-19 some events could unfortunately be cancelled or postponed. A commemorative coin has been suggested for the children and will be looked into further. It was suggested to Cllr Herniman that she look at the government website as they have a dedicated page for the Platinum Jubilee.

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113 (21/22) THE VILLAGE LEGACY

Cllr Herniman has been in contact with the quarry regarding the supply of materials. Further costings will be sourced and planning procedures looked into in the coming weeks. More updates should be available next month.

114 (21/22) DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Richard Oaten has confirmed that he would be happy to offer defibrillator during February. Cllr Herniman will co-ordinate dates with the Village Hall and hopefully this can be arranged in time to be advertised in the Dolton and Dowland Diary.

115 (21/22) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts to pay 10th January 2022

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
Village Hall	21/12/21	Hall hire	14.00		1311
E Levett	23/12/21	Christmas tree	45.00		1312
M Lock	03/01/22	Caretaker	120.00		1313
D De-Pinto	31/12/21	Home office & postage stamps	20.20		1314

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

b) RECEIPTS after 15 December 2021	
none	

c) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 15 DECEMBER 2021

Balance at bank 15/12/21

Current Ac 15 December 2021	5,267.57
Reserve Ac	1,154.21
35 Day Ac	42,229.78

Less un-presented cqs at 15/12/21	420.92	cq no	amount
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Plus un-cleared credits at 15/12/21	0.00	1290	20.00
		1298	10.00

Total Balance at bank at 15/12/21	48,230.64	1302	10.00
		1305	300.00

Cash Book

Opening Balance from accounts at 1/4/21	43,677.97	1307	30.92
Less payments to 15.12.21	10,609.40	1310	10.00
Plus receipts to 15.12.21	15,162.07		

Closing balance per cash book at 15.12/21	48,230.64		420.92
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Variance	0.00		
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- d) Annual Precept – Cllr Tremayne has looked at the figures for the annual precept from TDC and suggests that we accept their figures. This was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Martindale. The paperwork was signed by Cllr Walker ready to be returned to TDC
- e) Authorised signatories for the bank account: The gathered signatures will be taken into the bank along with a signed copy of the December minutes. Hopefully they will be no delays.

116 (21/22) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider - none
- b) Applications granted - none.
- c) Applications withdrawn – none
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) Any other planning matters: none

117 (21/22) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) Car Park sign: wording for the new additional sign was agreed by all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr Walker that Cllr Martindale go ahead with the acquisition of the sign and seconded by Cllr Rendell
- b) Other parish grounds matters – none were raised.

118 (21/22) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES:

- a) Speed sign: it is hoped that the installation of the pole by the Highways team will take place before the end of February. Once this is done the sign itself can be installed – subject to height assessment review
- b) Other maintenance matters – tenders for caretaking and grass cutting will be due this year. This will be discussed in the February meeting

119(21/22) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

No meetings had been attended

120 (21/22) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

No items were brought forward

Date of next meeting will be February 7th 2022 in the Village Hall

Signed **Date**