

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 7TH 2022

PUBLIC SESSION: 4 members of the public attended. The following points were raised:

Pym Gander asked if copies of the Agenda could now be printed for members of the public as there are no longer COVID restrictions in place. It was agreed that this would happen again from the April meeting onwards.

Caroline Cole asked for an update on the speed sign. It was confirmed that, weather permitting, this should be installed in the coming days. A report of a broken “finger post” directional street sign was made. A photo will be taken of the signpost and forwarded to C Cllr Saywell

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: No prejudicial interests were declared by the Councillors. Cllr Lock declared a personal interest in the tenders for caretaker and grasscutting.

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

133 (21/22) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Ward Cllr Clarke sent apologies for absence from the meeting.

134 (21/22) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 7th had been circulated. They were agreed to be a correct record by all Cllrs and will be signed by Cllr Walker.

135 (21/22) MATTERS ARISING

No matters were brought forward to be reviewed.

136 (21/22) CLLRS' REPORTS

C Cllr Saywell informed the meeting that Devon Councils have all pledged to work together to offer help for Ukrainians during this difficult time.

The highways department received a high number of calls during the recent storms and worked hard to clear debris and obstructions this caused. Western Power also dealt with many power outages across the region. Work is continuing on the A386 at Torrington following the recent landslide and reported that this is hopefully to be finished and the road open again by April 14th.

The budget was set and confirmed in February and includes increases for adult care services and child services among others.

During the half term period DCC provided food vouchers to children entitled to free school meals.

Covid infection rates are coming down with hospitalisation cases at the time of this meeting for the whole of Devon showed 191 people in hospital with only 2 of these classed with “high dependency”.

Ward Cllr Lock advised that no follow up correspondence had been received from Royal Resorts regarding the possible movement of caravans for week commencing 7th March. Ward Cllr Lock will be chasing them up regarding this.

It was also mentioned that TDC are undertaking a survey relating to community electric bike and car rental, this can be found on the TDC website.

137 (21/22) VILLAGE LEGACY:

Cllr Herniman advised that there is no update for the Village Legacy at the moment. Local builders have been contacted and will look at the project and offer rates for the work. It is understood that the Legacy will not move forward until after the Jubilee. It was agreed that the first thing that needs

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to be decided is who actually owns the land that the existing shelter stands on. Cllr Walker has looked at land registry documents but it is still not clear, Ward Cllr Lock will contact Westward Housing to see if they can offer any help in this matter.

138 (21/22) QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

Cllr Herniman informed the meeting that things are running smoothly. Estimated costs have been calculated and were circulated to the Cllrs. It was suggested by Cllr Giles that Dolton Parish Council could offer to cover the costs of the commemorative medals for the children and this was agreed by Cllr Martindale, after further discussions it was agreed that this figure could be "rounded up". A total of £1000.00 donation was proposed by Cllr Walker and this was seconded by Cllr Lock, all Cllrs were in agreement.

Finally Cllr Herniman requested that the football field be available for planned Jubilee celebrations, this was granted without hesitation.

139 (21/22) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts to pay 7th March 2022

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
Andrew Caverly	13/02/22	Half barrel planters	799.25		1322
M Lock	22/02/22	caretaker	120.00		1323
Village hall	28/02/22	Hall hire	14.00		1324
D De-Pinto	28/02/22	Home office	10.00		1325
Dolton Rangers	07/02/22	donation for windows	1000.00		1326

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

b) RECEIPTS after 15 February 2022	
none	

c) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 15 FEBRUARY 2022

Balance at bank 15/02/2022

Current Ac 15 February 2022	3,170.26
Reserve Ac	1,154.23
35 Day Ac	42,234.58

Less un-presented cqs at 15/02/22	1,082.95	cq no	amount
Plus un-cleared credits at 15/02/22		1314	20.20.

		1316	100.48
Total Balance at bank at 15/02/22	45,476.12	1317	814.80
		1318	120.00

Cash Book

Opening Balance from accounts at 1/4/21	43,677.97	1319	17.47
Less payments to 15/02/22	13,368.74	1321	10.00
Plus receipts to 15/02/22	15,166.89		
Closing balance per cash book at 15/02/22	45,476.12		1082.95

Variance	0.00
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d) banking mandate for signatures: a new banking mandate was signed during the meeting in the hope that more Cllrs will be able to sign the cheques. The previous mandate was rejected by NatWest due to a missing secondary signature. Hopefully this new one will be accepted.

e) grant from DAAT. Devon Air Ambulance have grant money from the Government which will be passed on to The Parish Council. This is to cover the labour costs of the installation of the landing lights, we originally missed out on it due to timing of the application.

140 (21/22) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider - none
- b) Applications granted - 114352021FUL - 53 Stafford Way, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon.
- c) Applications withdrawn – none
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) Any other planning matters: none

141 (21/22) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) Vehicles in the car park: the 2 cars previously mentioned that are in the car park with no valid MOT have been reported to TDC. No update had been received so reminders will be sent.
- b) Football field: a drainage trench is to be dug in the near future. This had been discussed and agreed in a previous meeting of the Parish Council. Dolton Primary School had arranged for 2 trees to be cut down without PC knowledge. Cllr Walker managed to speak to someone about this, they apologised and gave assurances that communications would be improved in the future. The trees were suffering from Ash Dieback so could have needed removal at some future point
- c) Other parish grounds matters – Telephone Box: The first draft of the map was shown to the Cllrs who all gave their approval. The map needs final proofing and identifying numbers adding and should hopefully be ready for installation before Easter.

142 (21/22) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES:

- a) tenders for caretaking and grass cutting had been received and were discussed in Part II meeting to take place directly after the public meeting.
- b) storm damage and repairs: damage to several trees occurred during recent storms and these all seem to be dealt with already or are in the process of being made safe.
- c) Electrics at Village Hall: Shaun Craze is scheduled to complete the requested updates in the coming weeks so that the Village Hall can be ready as an emergency hub if needed.

143(21/22) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

No meetings had been attended

144 (21/22) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

No items were brought forward

Date of next meeting will be April 4th 2022 in the Village Hall

Signed **Date**