

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 4th 2022

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

Eddy Levett commented on the old toilet block at the football field. Part of the building is inaccessible with locked door. He suggested that this building could have internal walls removed to make a much larger storage space, possibly for the school, walking football, Dolton Rangers etc... It was also pointed out that there is asbestos in the roof that could cause problems if any work was to be carried out. It is not clear who actually owns this building but efforts will be made to try to find this information before any further action can be considered.

Eddy Levett also asked permission (on behalf of the Jubilee committee) to remove the inscription / fascia board from the bus shelter in the Square as this is currently illegible. The wording can be cleaned and highlighted and finally re-fixed. All Cllrs were in agreement to this suggestion and raised no objections.

Martin Lock commented about the "abandoned" cars in the car park as the 2 reported vehicles have still not moved. A reminder e-mail will be sent to TDC regarding this and if no response is made Ward Cllr Lock will make enquiries into this also.

Martin Lock also noted that the bus Shelter on Rectory Road has suffered some damage when the tree was removed

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: No prejudicial interests were declared by the Councillors. Cllr Martindale declared a personal interest in the old basket ball pitch.

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

1 (22/23) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Walker, Barwell, Ward Cllr Clarke and C Cllr Saywell sent apologies for absence from the meeting.

2 (22/23) MINUTES:

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

3 (22/23) MATTERS ARISING

No matters were brought forward to be reviewed.

4 (22/23) CLLRS' REPORTS

Ward Cllr Lock advised that The Torrington Castle Hill work hub is now open. There is a meeting room available, work stations, printing facilities and Wi-Fi. Active Torridge have now opened their facilities at Northam and Holsworthy with Torrington Leisure Centre due to open soon. Easter activities are arranged at Northam Burrows and details can be found on the website.

Finally Ward Cllr Lock confirmed that the high court appeal for Royal Parks has been rejected.

5 (22/23) QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

Cllr Herniman requested permission from DPC on behalf of the Jubilee committee to make an application to close South Street on Friday June 3rd. It was advised that this may be too late to apply for this closure as it is not a decision that is made by the Parish Council but must be requested via Devon Highways. A suggestion was made to hold the proposed event at Dennis Cross which Cllr Herniman will put to the Jubilee committee at their next meeting. All other arrangements for the celebrations are looking good.

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6 (22/23) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts to pay 4th April 2022

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
C Herniman	07/03/22	Hedge and tree cutting	155.00		1327
T D C	25/03/22	Clerk salary	2152.14	20.00	1328
Coventry silvercraft	21/03/22	Commemorative medals	843.00	140.50	1329
ROSPA	08/03/22	Dennis Cross inspection	113.40	18.90	1330
D C C	25/03/22	Post installation	72.01		1331
M Lock	30/03/22	Caretaker	120.00		1332
D De-Pinto	31/03/22	Home office	10.00		1333
Village Hall	31/03/22	Electricity contribution for car park	26.95		1334
Village Hall	31/03/22	Village Hall hire	12.00		1335
DALC	01/04/22	Affiliation renewal	208.01	24.01	1336

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

a) RECEIPTS after 15 March 2022	
none	

b) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 15 MARCH 2022

Balance at bank 15/03/2022

Current Ac 15 March 2022 3,530.29

Reserve Ac 1,154.24

35 Day Ac 42,241.06

Less un-presented cqs at 15/03/22 839.45 cq no amount

Plus un-cleared credits at 15/03/22 1314 20.20

1321 10.00

Total Balance at bank at 15/03/22 46,086.14 1322 799.25

1325 10.00

Cash Book

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

Less payments to 15/03/22 15,450.99

Plus receipts to 15/03/22 17,859.16

Closing balance per cash book at 15/03/22 46,086.14 839.45

Variance 0.00

d) end of year accounts: these will be prepared by the clerk and sent to Cllr Tremayne to double check before the internal audit. Hopefully these will be ready for the next meeting

e) grant from DAAT. This grant payment of £22685.78 has been received.

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f) other financial matters:

- i) banking mandate for signatures – this has been submitted and we are waiting for the bank response
- ii) VAT returns claim has been submitted (up to 03 2021), we wait the response from HMRC

7 (22/23) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider -102702022FUL - Cross Farm, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon.
No objections were made
- b) Applications granted - none
- c) Applications withdrawn – none
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) Any other planning matters: none

8 (22/23) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) Dennis Cross safety report – the inspection took place in March and report has been received. No major issues were found during the inspection, just minor remedial work needed that Cllr Rolls will attend to.
- b) The old basket ball pitch: Dolton Football Club are proposing to change the old pitch into to a muga pitch (all weather pitch). It was agreed by all Cllrs that the football club need to be warned of the drainage problems that the site suffers and inform them that the old tarmac was removed in recent years due to the problems of standing water. With this information the football club can then look into the feasibility of this venture before the Parish Council can make any comment
- c) Other parish grounds matters – Car Park: following from the item raised in the Public session it was suggested that the Council should try to contact the owners of the 2 vehicles to reiterate the rules of the car park and ask them to comply.

9 (22/23) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES:

- a) Moles hills have been reported at the playing field. It was agreed by all councillors that as there is no real trip hazard at this time the soil should be raked before the next grass cutting.
- b) Speed sign: this is now installed and working.

10 (22/23) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

No meetings had been attended

11 (22/23) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

No items were brought forward

Date of next meeting will be May 9th 2022 in the Village Hall

Signed Date