

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 5th 2022

PUBLIC SESSION: 4 members of the public attended. No points were raised but Pym Gander commented on the “20 is plenty” and “slow down” signs saying it was nice to see them displayed but they would be better if they were brighter

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

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

98 (22/23) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Barwell, Herniman, Rendell, Rolls and Ward Cllr Clarke sent apologies for absence from the meeting.

99 (22/23) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 7th had been circulated. They were agreed to be a correct record by all Cllrs and were signed by Cllr Walker. This was proposed by Cllr Giles and seconded by Cllr Martindale

100 (22/23) MATTERS ARISING

No matters were brought forward to be reviewed.

101 (22/23) CLLRS' REPORTS

Ward Cllr Lock advised that a neighbouring Parish has a working and trained speed watch group that would be prepared to offer their assistance to Dolton if needed. Ward Cllr Lock will speak to the parties concerned to see if this would be helpful. Ward Cllr Lock also advised the Parish Council to read the pre planning proposal that has been received and reply with their thoughts before any planning application is made

C Cllr Saywell confirmed that a new Chief Executive has now been appointed and will start in February. C Cllr Saywell also confirmed that reductions to the budget overspend are on-going and are progressing

102 (22/23) DOLTON RANGERS – NEW AGREEMENT

The draft of a new agreement is still with a local solicitor and it is hopeful that this will be ready for the next meeting.

103 (22/23) EMERGENCIES COMMITTEE

Cllr Martindale confirmed that a quote had been received from Shaun Craze to carry out the electrical works at the Village Hall to ensure the Wi-Fi router is available on the emergency power circuits. The quoted price for this was £177.00. Cllr Tremayne proposed that the go ahead was given for this and it was seconded by Cllr Giles.

Cllr Martindale also wanted to be sure that the Public Liability Insurance would be valid if needed during times of emergency. The Clerk will check this with the Insurance company.

104 (22/23) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts to pay 5th December 2022

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
M Lock	30/11/22	caretaker	195.00		1383
Village Hall	30/11/22	Hall hire	9.00		1384
Ladds of Crediton	24/06/22	Reissued cheque	34.95	5.82	1385
D De-Pinto	30/11/22	Home office	10.00		1386

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

b) RECEIPTS after 15 November 2022	
none	

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c) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 15 NOVEMBER 2022

Balance at bank 15/11/2022

Current Ac 15 November 2022	5,165.83
Reserve Ac	1,155.30
35 Day Ac	42,349.51

Less un-presented cqs at 15/11/22	3,716.11	cq no	amount
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Plus un-cleared credits at 15/11/22		1352	34.95
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		1362	810.00
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Total Balance at bank at 15/11/22	44,954.53	1366	20.00
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		1372	17.60
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Cash Book		1374	19.00
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Opening Balance from accounts at 1/4/22	46,086.34	1377	2032.14
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Less payments to 15/11/22	20,028.08	1378	63.68
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Plus receipts to 15/11/22	18,896.27	1379	78.82
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Closing balance per cash book at 15/11/22	44,954.53	1381	410.00
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		1382	229.92
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Variance	0.00		3716.11
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- d) Finance tracking and budgeting: Cllr Tremayne circulated a breakdown of spending for the financial year to date (appendix a). It clearly shows that almost 80% of the expenditure to date is for the recurring charges for salaries, grass cutting, insurance etc., and essential variable costs such as utility, office and caretaker supplies. The reserves held by the Parish Council are healthy at the moment but there is no way of knowing if any increase to the Precept will be granted or if these reserves will have to be used to allow on-going costs to be met. It was agreed that any future capital projects be given a great deal of thought before making any commitments and to look into grants or funding for projects as they arise.
- e) Assets: Cllr Rolls has looked at the list of assets and has suggested a few changes be made. These will be made by the clerk and the list will be circulated for the next meeting.
- f) other financial matters: New bank account – Cllrs present at the meeting all provided specimen signatures for the new bank account and Cllr Tremayne will collect the remaining ones

105 (22/23) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider: no objections were made to either of the following:
1/1050/2022/FUL - 65 Stafford Way Dolton Winkleigh
1/1056/2022/FUL - Building At Brightley House Dolton Devon
- b) Applications granted - none
- c) Applications withdrawn – none
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) Any other planning matters: none

106 (22/23) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) Children's playground equipment: a representative from Sovereign Play visited the playground in November and their report with suggestions / costs will be sent. It was agreed that other companies (e.g. TK Play and Rhino Play) be contacted for site visits and proposals. Ward Cllr Lock mentioned that a neighbouring Parish had received Lottery funding to assist with costs and suggested that Dolton could look into this when a decision is made.
- b) Seats on Rectory Road: Cllrs Walker and Rolls have removed one of the benches and will remove the second because of safety issues.

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107 (22/23) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES:

No maintenance or traffic issues were discussed.

108 (22/23) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr Martindale attended a meeting with Devon Communities Together in relation to emergencies training and is going to investigate if costs are involved to join and register the Dolton Emergency Plan

109 (22/23) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

No items were brought forward

Date of next meeting will be January 9th 2023 in the Village Hall

Signed **Date**