

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 5th 2023

PUBLIC SESSION: 4 members of the public attended. No comments were made

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

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

37 (23/24) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

C Cllr Saywell sent apologies for his absence from the meeting.

38 (23/24) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on May 15th 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 Rendell

39 (23/24) MATTERS ARISING

No matters were brought forward to be reviewed.

40 (23/24) CLLRS' REPORTS

Ward Cllr Lock confirmed that the planning application discussed in the Meeting in May (Land At Grid Reference 257166 112063, South Street, Dolton) had been withdrawn and that the application for Halfpenny Land had been resubmitted due to error on the original application regarding the names listed as land owners.

Finally TDC Planning Manager Helen Smith has offered to make a presentation to the local Parishes to give advice of how to respond to planning applications, Cllr Lock asked if Dolton Parish Council would like to join other Councils in the area for this and all Cllrs agreed that this would be a good idea. Steps will be taken to arrange this

41 (23/24) CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Applications had been received for consideration by existing councillors for co-option. A ballot was taken and counted by the clerk. Confirmation was given that Anjie Devine and Andrew Smith had received the majority of votes. The Clerk will contact all applicants to notify them of the result.

42 (23/24) FINANCIAL MATTERS FINANCE

a) Accounts to pay 5th June 2023

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
Village hall	31/05/23	Hall hire	12.00		1417
D De-Pinto	31/05/23	Home office and stamps	18.80		1418
M Lock	30/05/23	caretaker	195.00		1418
D Lock	23/05/23	Grass cutting	712.50		1420
To be formally approved during the meeting					
Dolton parish Council		Deposit for new bank account	500.00		1421

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

b) RECEIPTS after 15 May 2023	
none	

c) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

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BANK RECONCILIATION TO 15 MAY 2023

Balance at bank 15/05/2023

Current Ac 15 May 2023	10,706.06
Reserve Ac	1,160.21
35 Day Ac	40,612.63

Less un-presented cqs at 15/05/23	4,816.22	cq no	amount
		1404	177.00
Plus un-cleared credits at 15/05/23		1408	58.99
		1410	195.00

Total Balance at bank at 15/05/23	47,662.68	1411	9.00
		1412	1341.61
Cash Book		1413	2132.14
Opening Balance from accounts at 1/4/22	44,710.06	1414	248.16
Less payments to 15/05/23	5,281.69	1415	644.32
Plus receipts to 15/05/23	8,234.31	1416	10.00
Closing balance per cash book at 15/05/23	47,662.68		

Variance	0.00		
			4816.22

- d) formal agreement and approval for Unity Trust account: all Cllrs formally agreed this change to the bank account and will now move forward with the opening of a current account. A deposit account can be opened at a later date and hopefully can be made by internal bank transfer
- e) Approval of £500.00 cheque for initial deposit : all Cllrs agreed to the signing of this check and was formally proposed by Cllr Tremayne and seconded by Cllr Martindale. Cllr Martindale expressed this thanks, on behalf of DPC, for all the time and effort that Cllr Tremayne had put into arranging this.
- f) any other financial matters: Cllr Rendell confirmed that the Jubilee committee had received quotes for the bus shelter upgrade and the project has been offered to Jamie Parsons. The remaining funds from the Jubilee committee are ready to be transferred to the Parish Council for this project. The Parish Council will write a letter (to be signed by Cllrs Giles and Walker) agreeing to this transfer once the final amount is known.

43 (23/24) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider: None
- b) Applications granted: none
- c) Applications withdrawn: 1/0307/2023/FUL - Land At Grid Reference 257166 112063, South Street, Dolton
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) any other planning matters: none

44 (23/24) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) ROSPA playground safety report: Cllr Rendell has read this report and confirmed that the remedial works required and not serious and that he is working his way through the list.
- b) Multi gym equipment at Dennis Cross: it is believed that the cost to repair this equipment is too high for the amount of use it gets is minimal. It was proposed by Cllr Walker that this be removed, this was seconded by Cllr Tremayne. During a recent visit from TK Play, it was suggested that if the multi gym was to be removed, the space could be used for new equipment aimed at older children. Options will be considered in the coming months
- c) any other Parish Grounds issues:

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- i) The Parish Church has requested to hire part of Dennis Cross a open air Songs of Praise as they have previously done. The date is Sunday 13th August & the service is at 6pm. Permission for this was granted by all Cllrs
- ii) The football club asked if they could treat the docks and nettles at the football field. Again all Cllrs were in agreement to this.

45 (23/24) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

a) half barrel planters: New volunteers are needed for the upkeep of the half barrel planters. Steps will be taken during June to find someone willing to undertake this task. The Cllrs acknowledged that Jean & Eddie Levett had done a good job in tidying them up

b) any other maintenance and traffic issues: The Defibrillator located at the village hall is now an obsolete model and replacement pads are becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to find. It was suggested that a newer model be purchased. Quotes will be sourced and this will be discussed fully t the next meeting.

46 (23/24) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

No meetings had been attended

47 (23/24) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

No items were brought forward

Date of next meeting will be July 3rd 2023 in the Village Hall

Signed **Date**