

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 4th 2023

PUBLIC SESSION: 3 members of the public attended. Martin Lock reported that the 30MPH sign is not working. Cllr Rendell is aware of this and will look at it

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

PRESENT: Cllr Walker (chair) Giles (vice chair), Cllrs, Barwell, Devine, Martindale, Rendell and Smith. Ward Cllrs Elliott and Lock and C Cllr A Saywell. Also in attendance Clerk D Edmeads.

107 (23/24) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Jones and Tremayne sent apologies for their absence from the meeting.

108 (23/24) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November had been circulated. They were agreed to be a correct record by all Cllrs and will be signed by Cllr Walker

109 (23/24) MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Martindale confirmed that documents prepared by the Emergencies Committee have now been published on the website. Cllr Smith confirmed that the faulty toilet flush in the public toilet has now been repaired by Jamie Parsons.

110 (23/24) CLLRS' REPORTS

C Cllr Andrew Saywell reported that the devolution plans are still in negotiation and updates should be available in the near future. Highways are preparing a scheme for patching/resurfacing for Stafford Way, more information will follow. The 20MPH designs have been prepared and it is proposed to start at the junction of Barfield Close. It has also been proposed that the 30MPH limit will start at an earlier point on Rectory Road (maybe starting from the "Dolton" sign). All new signage costs will be covered by DCC and should hopefully be implemented in the next financial year.

Ward Cllr Lock confirmed that North Devon Council and Torridge District Council have published an updated Five-Year Housing Land Supply Statement which demonstrates that the Councils are able to show a sufficient supply of land for housing to meet identified requirements.

111 (23/24) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts to pay December 4th 2023

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
M Lock	29/11/23	caretaker	195.00		1450
Village Hall	30/11/23	Hall hire	16.50		1451
P Greenwood	21/11/23	Football field grass cutting	430.00		1452
D De-Pinto	30/11/23	Home office	10.00		1453

The Payments had been circulated to all Cllrs and checked by Cllr Rendell they were proposed by Cllr Martindale and seconded by Cllr Devine. Cheques to be signed by Cllrs Walker and Giles.

b) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 04 DECEMBER 2023

Balance at bank 04/12/2023

Current Ac 04/12/2023	44,585.35
Reserve Ac	0.14
35 Day Ac	137.06
Less un-presented cqs at 04/12/23	0.00
Plus un-cleared credits at 04/12/23	

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Total Balance at bank at 04/12/23	44,722.55
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Cash Book

Opening Balance from accounts at 1/4/23	44,710.06
Less payments to 04/12/23	27,197.60
Plus receipts to 04/12/23	27,210.09
Closing balance per cash book at 15/09/23	44,722.55

Variance	0.00
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- c) Precept 2024/25 - The Council Tax base is being agreed by TDC. The information will be ready before January's meeting and will enable DPC to submit the precept application to TDC by the end of January 2024
- d) Other financial matters: Unity Trust Bank - Duplicate account, opened in error by UTB is being closed. - A revised 'Change of Current Account' mandate is to be signed by Niels and Cynthia ready for submission Cllr Tremayne is preparing this. Cllr Tremayne has also directing the VAT reclaim 2021/22 & 2022/23 to the new UTB account.

112 (23/24) 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

113 (23/24) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

Dennis Cross Playground Equipment – TK Play send a large and detailed document with their suggestions and a large quote for new equipment. This has been scaled down and a revised plan has been sent to TK Play. It is believed that along with new items, much of the original equipment could be kept with any renovation or repairs carried out. Cllrs will inspect the playground equipment to see what needs repair whilst they wait for the reply from TK Play.

114 (23/24) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

No maintenance or traffic issues were discussed

115(23/24) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

No meetings had been attended

116 (23/24) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

No items were brought forward

Date of next meeting will be January 8th 2024 in the Village Hall

Signed Date