

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 4th 2024

PUBLIC SESSION: 5 members of the public attended. No matters were raised

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

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

139 (23/24) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Ward Cllr Lock and C Cllr A Saywell sent apologies for their absence from the meeting.

140 (23/24) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February had been circulated. They were agreed to be a correct record by all Cllrs and will be signed by Cllr Walker

141 (23/24) MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Martindale asked who to contact at the Village Hall regarding potential grants that are available for community libraries. He will contact Mrs Celia Howitt about this

142 (23/24) CLLRS' REPORTS

No reports were given.

143 (23/24) EV CHARGING AND ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CAPACITY

Cllr Jones informed the meeting of an email that had been received from TDC requesting possible / potential sites for installation of EV chargers. At this time there is no commitment, just a register of interest from Parish Councils. Cllr Walker proposed that Cllr Jones will complete the forms and return them. Cllr Tremayne seconded the proposal

144 (23/24) VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Rendell announced that he will step down as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee. The position was offered to other Cllrs. This will be discussed again at the next meeting if a member of the Parish Council wishes to volunteer

145 (23/24) EMERGENCIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

The emergencies committee is due to meet again during March and Cllr Martindale asked for any comments that could be put forward for him to take to the meeting. Cllr Martindale confirmed that the Emergency framework documents have been sent to other local Parish Councils.

146 (23/24) DIGITISATION OF DOLTONS BOOK OF WALKS

Cllr Tremayne spoke of the possibility of downloading the information from Roger Dunns book for people to use via apps on their phones. Cllr Tremayne will try to find out ways that this could work either by live maps or downloading information to use offline. Further updates will be given

147 (23/24) ID FOR ELECTIONS

It was agreed that a note should be placed in the Diary to remind everyone that photo ID is needed for upcoming elections.

148 (23/24) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts to pay 5th February 2024

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
M Lock	18/02/24	Caretaker	195.00		1461
Village Hall	28/02/24	Hall hire	12.00		1462
D De-Pinto	30/01/24	Home office	10.00		1463
Source for Business	28/12/23	Water bill	50.06		1464

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

b) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

Missing statements from December, January & February so a complete reconciliation is not possible.

The below is calculated from the November statement and figures at the current account only

Balance at bank 04/12/2023

Current Ac 4 th December 2023	44585.35
Less un-presented cqs at 04/12/23	0
Less cheques issued on 04/12/23	651.50
Less cheques issued on 08/01/24	431.00
Lesscheques issued on 05/02/24	257.74
Less Direct Debits December	25.00
Less Direct Debits January	25.00
Less Direct Debits February	25.00

Subtotal **1415.24**

Total available in current account **43170.11**

c) Other financial matters: none

149 (23/24) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider: 1/0131/2024/FULM, Land At Grid Reference 259117 111090, Dolton, - no objection were made to the variation but it was agreed to mention the concerns regarding the possible lack of site licence as mentioned in the planning portal
- b) Applications granted: none
- c) Applications withdrawn non,
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) Any other planning matters: none

150 (23/24) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) Dennis Cross Playground Equipment update: the playground committee have decided to go ahead with the quote received from TKPlay. Cllr Barwell and Devine are working on grant funding for the project and it was agreed that an Equality and Diversity policy is needed, Cllr Jones agreed to look into this. Cllr Martindale and Walker have checked the condition of picnic tables and confirmed that it may be possible to clean some of the equipment.
- b) trees at Dennis Cross: Mr C Herniman has removed some of the trees and confirmed that the Ash Tree has dieback. It was proposed by Cllr Walker that this be removed and Cllr Tremayne seconded the motion. 3 Rowan trees have been planted in place of the trees that have been removed.
- c) Any other Parish Grounds issues: none

151 (23/24) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

- a) Village Clean up day: Ideas have been put forward for the Village clean up day including, edging paths, cleaning road signs and litter pick up
- b) Tenders for grasscutting and caretaker: this was discussed in Part II meeting directly after the main meeting.
- c) any other maintenance and traffic issues: Cllr Smith advised that the Public Toilet is still leaking, it was agreed that it needs to be fixed properly

152(23/24) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

No meetings had been attended

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153(23/24) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Information of fixed rate loans from TDC are available for home improvements. Details are available from the Clerk

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

Signed Date