

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 8th 2024

PUBLIC SESSION: 5 members of the public attended.

Ms Moore asked when the application for the phone tower had been approved as she believes it to be a health risk. The application was approved and the tower has been in place for a number of years. Cllr Rendell will ask the land owners if they can remember when this took place

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

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

1 (24/25) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Barwell and Jones, Ward Cllrs Elliott and Lock and C Cllr Saywell sent apologies for absence from the meeting.

2 (24/25) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 4th 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 Smith and seconded by Cllr Rendell

3 (24/25) MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Rendell reminded the meeting that there is still a vacancy for Village Hall representative

Cllr Smith noted that the bus shelter roof in the square should be kept on the agenda until the repairs are finalised

4 (24/25) CLLRS' REPORTS

No reports received from Ward or County Cllrs

5 (24/25) DIGITISATION OF DOLTONS BOOK OF WALKS

Cllrs Tremayne and Jones have been looking into this. When the weather improves, they will complete some of the listed walks with available apps to see how this can progress. Cllr Walker offered to help

6 (24/25) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts to pay 8th April 2024

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
M Lock	02/04/24	caretaker	195.00		1465
M Lock	02/04/24	Caretaker supplies	80.47		1466
ROSPA	27/03/24	Playground inspection	127.20	21.20	1467
TDC	25/03/24	Salary recharge	2170.14	23.00	1468
DALC	02/04/24	Membership subscription	344.08	45.08	1469
Village Hall	31/03/24	Hall hire and electricity contribution	43.14		1470
D De-Pinto	31/03/24	Home office + postage stamps	20.00		1471
J Parsons	01/04/24	Public toilet repairs	174.00	29.00	1472

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 Cllrs Walker and Giles.

b) RECEIPTS after 4 March 2024	
none	

c) Statement of Accounts: Bank Reconciliation

Missing statements since end November 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	0.00
Less cheques issued on 04/12/23	651.50
Less cheques issued on 08/01/24	431.00

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Less cheques issued on 05/02/24	257.74
Less cheques issues on 04/03/24	267.06
Less Direct Debits December – March (incl)	100.00
Subtotal	1697.31

Total available in current account **42888.04**

- d) Other financial matters: It was agreed that 1 or 2 training sessions will be needed to ensure all Cllrs and the Clerk are able to connect online with the new back and understand how to use the system. The Clerk will check available dates for the Village Hall

7 (24/25) PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) Applications to consider: no objections we raised to any of the following applications:
1/0939/2023/REMM - Land North Of Aller Road, Dolton
1/0150/2024/FUL - Stafford Barton, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon
1/0151/2024/LBC - Stafford Barton, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon
- b) Applications granted: 1/0091/2024/FUL - Halfpenny Yard Limited, Halfpenny Yard, Dolton,
- c) Applications withdrawn – none
- d) Applications refused – none
- e) Any other planning matters:

8 (24/25) PARISH GROUNDS. Matters Relating to:

- a) Dennis Cross Playground Equipment update – lots of people spoke with Cllr Devine at the recent Spring Fayre held at the village hall. The feedback was mainly positive and suggestions were offered for ideas of how the playground could be improved further. The playground committee will discuss these suggestions in their next meeting along with the progress of grant funding
- b) ROSPA report for Dennis Cross – the annual report has been received and nothing major has been flagged. Cllr Tremayne will look at some of the issues highlighted in the report. Cleaning of the equipment could possibly be included in the next village clean up day.
- c) Any other Parish Grounds issues:
- i) the wild flower area at Dennis Cross will be by tidied by Cllr Martindale
- ii) Pig and Olive Pizza have requested to use the Village Car Park next to the Village Hall. It was agreed that this site could not used as there are conditions in place for no commercial activity. The clerk will reply to them to inform them of this and to advise they use another area in the village e.g. Dennis Cross

9 (24/25) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES:

- a) Village Road sweeper replacement – there is no news yet of any replacement. Ward Cllr Elliott has been in contact with the relevant department at TDC and will keep Dolton Parish Council updated with any news. Dolton Parish Council will mark the retirement of Graham Hutchings is some way to thank for his many years of dedicated service.
- b) village clean up day – this was unfortunately cancelled due to the bad weather, A new date will be scheduled
- c) Ash trees on West Lane – Cllr Jones has reported that there are 2 large dead Ash trees on West Lane. He has reported these to Devon Highways who have acknowledged his report and have confirmed that this will be incorporated in a scheduled highway safety inspection that is due to take place in the summer. Efforts will be made to identify who the landowner is so that they can be informed
- d) any other maintenance and traffic issues: Details of the new 20mph zones have been displayed in the village and DCC should implement these in the coming months.

10 (24/25) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED:

None

11 (24/25) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

No items were brought forward

Date of next meeting will be May 13th 2024 in the Village Hall

Signed Date