

DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MAY 13th 2024

PUBLIC SESSION: 7 members of the public attended.

Pym Gander spoke in relation to the next phase of Orchard Gate and in particular to the affordable housing that is to be included and if it these homes can be built first rather than delayed in the project and possibly not included by the completion. Ward Cllr Lock advised that this is not stated in any planning rules and regulations and cannot be enforced by the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in an item he will raise in any other Parish Grounds or Maintenance issues. No prejudicial interests were declared by the Councillors.

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

20 (24/25) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Tremayne sent apologies for his absence from the meeting.

21 (24/25) MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on April 8th 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 Smith

22 (24/25) MATTERS ARISING

No matters were brought forward to be reviewed

23 (24/25) CLLRS' REPORTS

C Cllr Saywell reported that the public consultation of the proposed 20mph ended on April 25th with a majority of positive replies. C Cllr Saywell will keep DPC updated on the progress of the programming of any works that will be carried out. At the end of the financial year DCC managed to finish the year with a slight underspend which gives them a better position for this year and the future. Due to the balancing of the budget, the government has given additional funds to be used for special education plus money has been able to be reallocated to Highways for needed repairs. C Cllr Saywell advised that legal processes are starting following the approval of the Devolution of Devon and Torbay. Finally John Hart is retiring from his role of leader of DCC. James McInnes, the current deputy leader is expected to replace him, and Cabinet member Andrea Davis to be his deputy. The changes are expected to be confirmed at the council's annual meeting on Thursday 23 May.

Councillor Saywell was asked about the role of Devon Communities Together with regard to Emergency Plans and planning. He confirmed that this was the appropriate point of contact for Parish Councils and that it was the correct procedure to have our Emergency Plan registered with them

Ward Cllr Elliott advised that the planning enforcement officers of TDC have been working extremely well and have managed to close many of the existing cases

Ward Cllr Lock informed the meeting that the AGM of TDC is taking place on Monday May 20th. Ward Cllr Lock also spoke regarding the football club and changing rooms and said that the Exeter Club that is using these facilities believe the Dolton site to be the best they use. They have also spoken about the possibility of erecting a sign on the site.

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

No update was given this month but will be discussed again in the June meeting

25 (24/25) REGENCY CAMPSITE

It appears that "Regency" who now owns the campsite is planning to start work this year to fill the site with similar lodges that are there at the moment to rent as holiday lets. This was the information given to Cllr Smith by a representative of Regency earlier in April.

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26 (24/25) FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Accounts to pay 13th May 2024

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
Cancelled chq					1473
Caroline Cole	03/05/24	Rectory Road planter plants	13.96		1474
Village Hall	30/04/24	Hall hire	12.00		1475
M Lock	01/05/24	caretaker	195.00		1476
Flagmakers	20/03/24	New flag	116.02	19.34	1477
Zurich Municipal	29/04/24	insurance	1372.23	147.02	1478
The Kitchen 25	24/04/24	Gift hamper	50.00		1479
D De-Pinto	01/05/24	Home office, postage & envelopes	22.79		1480

The Payments had been circulated to all Cllrs and checked by Cllr Tremayne prior to the meeting. These were checked again during the meeting by Cllr Smith who proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Devine. Cheques were signed by Cllrs Walker and Giles.

b) <u>RECEIPTS after 8th April 2024</u>	
TDC precept 1 st instalment	8030.00
Jubilee committee	552.51

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
TDCAP 1 st instalment received April 2024	8030.00
Cheque received from Jubilee Committee May 2024	552.51
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
Less cheques issued on 05/02/24	257.74
Less cheques issued on 04/03/24	267.06
Less cheques issued on 06/04/24	3154.03
Less Direct Debits December	25.00
Less Direct Debits January	25.00
Less Direct Debits February	25.00
Less Direct debits March	25.00
Less Direct debits April	25.00

Subtotal **4889.33**

Total available in current account **48278.53**

d) Donation from Jubilee Committee: A cheque was received in April from the Jubilee Committee for £552.51. This donation has been made as a contribution towards the cost of the new equipment for Dennis Cross.

e) Other financial matters: none

27 (24/25) PLANNING APPLICATION

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- a) Applications to consider: none
- b) Applications granted: none
- c) Applications withdrawn: none
- d) Applications refused: 1/0131/2024/FULM -Land At Grid Reference 259117 111090, Dolton (this was incorrectly displayed on the agenda as application granted – Clerk error!)
- e) Any other planning matters: none

28 (24/25) PARISH GROUNDS- any matters relating to:

- a) Dennis Cross Playground Equipment update: progress is being made in the application of grants and further updates will become available
- b) Safeguarding policy: to better improve the sourcing of grants a suitable safeguarding policy was needed to be drafted. Cllr Martindale drafted a version of one and had forwarded this to all other Cllrs for their approval. All Cllrs agreed with its wording and also noted that if at any time this needed to have any additions made then it could be updated if needed. This “Version 1” was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Giles. Cllr Walker signed it.
- c) what3words: It was agreed that a list could be compiled of DPC assets/locations listing their what 3 word locations given their accuracy of location if ever needed
- d) Any other Parish Grounds issues:
 - i) Cllr Smith reported that John Rolls is happy to continue to keep the paths etc. in Dolton clear of weeds but would appreciate his costs for weed killer to be refunded. All Cllrs were in favour and Cllr Walker proposed the refund be made, this was seconded by Cllr Giles
 - ii) An email received from Eddy Levett noting 3 points:
 - 1 .any idea if or when our street cleaner will be replaced? It is believed that there will be no replacement from TDC.
 - 2 the steps from Aller road up to Barfield ,the rendering is falling off - Who is responsible for repairing it ? also who is supposed to clean them. – This is not a responsibility of the Parish Council. It was mentioned that maybe they were originally put there by Westward Housing but if this is the case they would not take the responsibility of their upkeep!
 - 3 I suggest a new sign informing traffic approaching the Village from Cleave that there is a free car park 200/300 yards /metres further along. This idea was agreed to be beneficial and will be reviewed once new 20mph road signage is in place

29 (24/25) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

- a) village clean-up day – this will be discussed in the June meeting
- b) any other maintenance and traffic issues – Cllr Smith asked about the payment of Water Bill for the public toilet as this is currently paid by the Royal Oak. This will be added to the agenda for June

30 (24/25) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED IF ANY

Cllr Rendell advised the DPC was listed as a sponsor of the Horticultural Society and asked if the Council wish to remain on the list and make a small donation or if they would like to be removed from the list. This will be added to the agenda for June.

31 (24/25) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

No items were brought forward

Date of next meeting will be June 3rd 2024 in the Village Hall

Signed Date