DOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Monday 1st June 2026- Draft

PUBLIC SESSION - 4 members of the public attended

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

PRESENT: Cllr Walker, Giles, Tremayne, Rendell, Martindale, Moore, newly co-opted Cllr Mullan (see minute **48 (26/27**). County Cllr Cottle-Hunkin. Ward Cllrs Elliott and Lock and clerk Caroline Gay.

44 (26/27) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Goucher and Cllr Jones.

45 (26/27) MINUTES: The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th May had been circulated. They were agreed to be a correct record by all Cllrs and were signed by Cllr Giles, this was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Tremayne.

46 (26/27) MATTERS ARISING: No matters were brought forward to be reviewed.

47 (26/27) CLLRS REPORTS:

County Cllr Cottle-Hunkin bulleted items from her June report (full report attached).

Ward Cllr Lock: – The Local Government Review will be on 16th July before the Government stops for summer recess. Continuing changes with planning. It has been noted that two new antenna have been fitted to the village speed signs. Neither Devon County Council nor the road safety and data team have any knowledge of this. Cllr Walker believes to know who is responsible and will speak with them.

Ward Cllr Elliott – Following a meeting of the Emergency Committee held Monday night, update on the mobile mask at the top of the village. Progress is being made slowly. The provider will no longer be O2 but Vodafone.

48 (26/27) NEW CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR: Robert Mullan has been co-opted. All Cllrs were in agreement. Members Register of Interests and Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms complete and signed. Clerk signed as witness. The clerk to scan and send these to Cllr Jones for uploading on the Parish Council website. Members Register of Interest forms also to be sent to the Monitoring Officer at Torridge District Council.

49 (26/27) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Payee	Date of Invoice		Gross	Inc VAT	Cq No
To sign at the meeting					
T K Play	12.05.26	Maintenance/repair work as per RoSPA report	348.00	58.00	1596
Caroline Cole	13.05.26	Dolton Beacon flower box exp's	9.25	0.88	1597
Caroline Gay	26.05.26	May home office exp's incl.	18.68	0.23	1598

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Dolton & Dowland Horticultural Society	26.05.26	Donation towards 2026 show	100.00		1599
Dolton & Dowland Village Hall	31.05.26	Village Hall hire charges for May, to incl. Emergency Committee meeting	16.50		1600

a) RECEIPTS after 1st May			
	£0.00		
BANK RECONCILIATION TO 01 JUNE 2026			
Balance as at bank 01/05/2026			
Natwest current account	22,727.39		
Unity Bank	5,357.78		
Less un-presented cqs at 01/06/2026	2,051.79	chq	amount
		1591	356.55
		1592	17.28
		1593	21.50
		1594	240.00
		1595	1,416.46
Plus uncleared credits at 01/05/2026	0.00		
Total balance at bank as at 01/05/2026	28,085.17		
Cash Book			
Opening Balance from Accounts at 01/04/2026	26,980.02		
Less payments to 01/06/2026	9,964.64		
Plus receipts to 01/06/2026	9,025.00		
Sub total balance as per cash book as at 01/06/2026	26,040.38		
Less service charge payments – Unity – as at 01/06/2026	7.00		
Balance as per cash book as at 01/06/2026	26,033.38		
			2,051.79
Variance	2,051.79		

Note.
Statements produced by end May/beginning of June not yet received. Hence, cash book reconciliation as at 1st June, with last bank statements received dated 1st May.

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b) **Any other financial matters: Dolton Rangers Football Club (DRFC).** Ward Cllr Lock passed to Clerk, C Gay, a cheque for this year's rent to the value of £155.00.

50 (26/27) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) Applications to consider: 1/0325/2026/LBC - Convert an existing building into holiday accommodation. Grid Ref: 255989 111148 Dolton. **1/0324/2026/FUL** - Same grid ref: 255989 111148 - affecting a right of way (response to be received no later than 8th June). All Cllrs were in support.

b) Applications granted: None.

c) Applications withdrawn: None.

d) Applications refused: None.

e) Any other planning matters: None.

51 (26/27) PARISH GROUNDS:

(a) Dennis Cross Playground- Cllr Martindale updated on conclusion of repair works following RoSPA report. Unfortunately the repair to the pedal mechanism for the roundabout hasn't been carried out as TK Play is unable to source a replacement part due to this equipment being discontinued. It could be many £000's to replace with a new piece of equipment. Cllr Martindale placed an ad on Facebook and received a response from a person at Dowland who will come and take a look. It could be a lesser cost to consider replacing the roundabout with a springer.

(b) The Paddock Bank-grass/habitat maintenance. The clerk confirmed an email has been sent to David Lock to advise to not cut the Paddock Bank.

(c) Wild flower area-Dennis Cross Playground- A member of the public has offered botany assistance. Cllr Martindale asked the clerk for the email address to enable contact. This area has some yellow rattle establishing and Ox eye daisies. Propose carrying out a survey.

(d) Fence between football field and tennis court- It was considered whether any action was needed and concluded that although the fence has been leaning for a long time the integrity doesn't appear to be undermined. John Folland clarified that it was not a football club responsibility. Erection of posts close to slope has meant they have dropped, but it was not felt to be a safety requirement. Cllr Rendell suggested whether an appraisal be should be done. All Cllrs were in agreement to revisit when attendance numbers increase.

(e) Memorial Bench – Barfield Road. This has now been removed. Cllr Walker proposed to reposition (Ethel Turner) bench from the carpark which is rarely used. Everyone was in agreement. Cllr Rendell says to speak to Roger Dunn or a relation of the late Ethel Turner. Cllr Walker will action.

(f) Local Council Weed Survey – Cllr Moore. Survey completed and submitted. No invasives recorded. No option to save a copy.

51 (26/27) MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES:

(a) An email had been received from parishioner Barry Hunt, raising his concerns over the speed of some of the agricultural contractors passing through the village and asked if DPC may be able to identify them. Many are not signwritten. Cllr Walker advised that although this is not a parish council matter it will be raised at the next meeting as to the status of previous traffic monitoring equipment.

(b) Public bin emptying – The clerk has sought clarification from TDC as to which bins are their responsibility. A map showing the dog bins had been received. No map is available for the other refuse bins.

(c) any other maintenance and traffic issues **–Grit bin lid repair-Stafford Way –** Cllr Moore has inspected and confirms repair has been carried out although some of the salt has gone hard and could do with removing and replacing. Cllr Moore will check to see if Dawn Everest would like to take it.

52 (26/27) VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED, IF ANY: None**.**

There is an upcoming meeting of Torridge and Tavistock Collaborative Group regarding the outcome from the Local Government Review and the proposals for Devon. Speaker- Sir Geoffrey Cox– 3rd July –6- 8 p.m, Winkleigh Community Centre- Cllr Moore will aim to attend.

53 (26/27) ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD: Cllr Walker thanked Christine for water for the flower tubs. We will need to consider what to do with the tubs. The old tub needs to be removed and new ones have suffered some shrinkage due to the heat. Cllr Walker has carried out some repairs. The clerk was asked to put an entry into the Dolton & Dowland Diary to see if anyone wants to take over the responsibility.

The meeting was declared closed at 19:51

Signed…… Date……

Date of next meeting to be held in the Village Hall will be Monday 6th July 2026.