

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN STALDHelm'S SCHOOL DOULTING ON 15 AUGUST 2013 AT 7.30PM

Present Parish Cllrs: P Fidge, R Wilkins, T Blaker, J Shepherd, B Clarke
In Attendance Parish Clerk, County Cllr P Ham, District Cllr G Cawood, Mr B Newman (Voluntary Footpaths Warden), Mrs M Newman (Beacon Hill Woods Society and School Governor), 6 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr A Crowcombe

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr T Blaker declared an interest in Planning Application 2013/1320 as a School Governor

3 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were some discussions around the Planning Application being considered.

4 PLANNING

Planning Applications considered

2013/1320 – Siting of new classroom unit.

St. Aldhelm's VC Primary School, Chelynch Park, Doultling, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PL

Ms Joy Mounter St Aldhelm's Primary School, Chelynch Park, Doultling, Somerset, BA4 4PL

Decision: Recommend Approval

The Parish Council received one letter objecting to the proposed plans prior to the meeting and listened to a number of residents' concerns at the meeting. Following discussions and a vote the Parish Council unanimously agreed to recommend approval with the following considerations to be taken into account:

The plans state that "Although the school does not plan to expand its numbers of students it wants to provide more spacious, functional areas for those currently studying here." A Governor of the School in attendance at the meeting confirmed that the new intake of students will increase by 20 to enable an increase in funding and create a 2 form entry. Overall student numbers are set to increase from 192 to 220+. As a result the following concerns were raised:

- Noise.** The new unit will be situated next to neighbouring residential houses and will increase noise disturbance and impact on privacy. The windows on that side of the building must be closed at all times except under exceptional circumstances. Additional sound proofing should also be looked into.
- Increased Traffic.** With a large percentage of children coming from the Shepton Mallet area traffic, parking and access are already a problem. A traffic survey must be undertaken.
- Infrastructure.** With the increased pupil numbers a survey of the drainage and sewerage systems must be undertaken to ensure they are adequate to meet the increased numbers.

The Parish Council views the School as central to the Doultling Village Community, Village Hall and Church, employing a number of local people and in the circumstances wishes to support and encourage what they hope to achieve.

5 FINANCE

1. Quote approved

A Moulding - Prestleigh Parish Noticeboard - £951.00

2. Payments Approved

a. St Aldhelm's PCC – Village Planting - Cheque No. 000697 £86.40

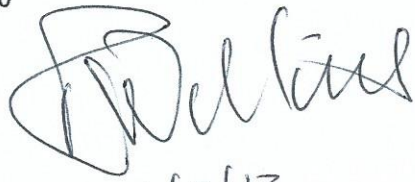
b. Clerks payments July 2013

6 ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

None reported

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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status will be
confined to 1 yr
as it moves
through the school


12/9/13