

# DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST ALDHELM'S SCHOOL, DOULTING ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30 PM

**Present** Parish Cllrs: P Fidge (Chairman), R Wilkins, J Shepherd, B Clarke  
**In Attendance** Mrs M Newman (Beacon Hill Woods Society), Mr B Newman (Voluntary Footpaths Warden), Parish Clerk and 10 members of the Public

Cllr Fidge opened the meeting at 7.30pm and proposed that agenda item 12, Planning Applications to be considered be moved to follow agenda item 6. This was agreed.

### 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Cllrs A Crowcombe, T Blaker, District Cllr G Cawood, PC Claire Leonard, PCSO Nicola Housley

### 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None declared except those already registered.

### 3 **AGREE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2013**

These were agreed.

### 4 **MATTERS ARISING**

None

### 5 **AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON THE 12 DECEMBER 2013**

These were agreed

### 6 **MATTERS ARISING**

- Clerk to speak to Cllr Wilkins regarding article for Parish Magazine
- There is a possibility of getting a grant for outside table tennis. Cllr Crowcombe to follow up with the help of Cllr Wilkins
- Cllr Clarke had spoken to the owners of the house at the bottom of Church Lane regarding the footpath access. They have agreed to allow access on a grace and favour basis but if the house is sold agreement may cease.

#### **ACTION**

**14/11/13C/F**

Cllr Wilkins to arrange for a padlock for the gate Padfield Green

#### **ACTION**

**14/11/13C/F**

Cllr Crowcombe to apply for grant.

#### **ACTION**

**14/11/13 C/F**

Clerk to put Highways contact details on Noticeboards

#### **ACTION**

**14/11/13C/F**

Clerk to contact Mendip footpath warden

#### **ACTION**

**12/12/13C/F**

Cllr Crowcombe to chase grass cutting

### 12 **PLANNING**

#### **Planning Applications to be considered:**

**2013/2419/LBC:** Renovation of existing dwelling, alterations to 2no external openings, internal alterations. 77 Chelynch Road Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4PY, Mrs Pepita Collins

**Decision:** The Parish Council did not receive any objections prior to the meeting and none were raised at the meeting. The Parish Council felt that the plans were appropriate to the setting and acceptable therefore recommended approval.

**2013/2208/FUL:** Erection of B1 Unit, Land at Quarry Way Business Park,

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Waterlip

**Decision:** The Parish Council received 2 letters prior to the meeting one in favour of the application and 1 objecting to the application. Following discussions with residents, a representative Cranmore Parish Council and the applicants, the Parish Council voted with casting vote by the Chairman to recommend Refusal of Permission in support of the residents and Cranmore Parish Council.

**Planning Decisions Noted:**

**2013/1129:** Application for the approval of details reserved by conditions Waggon and Horses Public House, Old Frome Road, Doultling Beacon, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 4LA

**Decision:** Approval

**2013/1591:** Demolition of existing garage and erection of a new dwelling. Land to the East of Farm Road, Doultling, Shepton Mallet, Somerset

**Decision:** Approval with Conditions

**2013/2224/TCA:** Proposed removal of saplings in a Conservation Area Doultling Manor Church Lane Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Decision:** TPA Not required (No Objection)

**2013/2214/FUL:** The erection of a single wind turbine.

Royal Bath And West Showground Prestleigh Hill Prestleigh Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Decision:** refusal

**2013/2227/TPO:** Proposed pruning of 2 x Hornbeams

Doultling Manor School Lane Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset

**Decision:** Refusal

**Appeal Ref: APP/Q3305/A/13/2195742:** Land at Hurlingpot Farm, Doultling, BA4 4PT

**Decision:** The appeal is dismissed

**Enforcement Matters, Reports and up-dates, from MDC:**

None received for this meeting

**7 POLICE – COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES OF CONCERN**

PCSO Housley sent the following report:

**15/12/2013** Power cables down near Turnpike lane

**18/12/2013** Tree down in Waterlip

**18/12/2013** Tree down on Bodden lane

**20/12/2013** 3 calls relating to a drain cover sticking up nr the Bath and West Show ground.

**24/12/2013** Large tree branch down nr the Waggon and Horses Pub.

**26/12/2013** A road traffic collision at the bottom of Doultling hill

**28 12/2013** A further RTC on Doultling hill

The problem of dangerous parking in the Village Hall car park had been raised with the Police and the School. Cllr Wilkins to provide photographs of incidences involving Officers to the Police and Cllr Fidge to arrange a meeting with the School head to discuss.

Speeding still a problem. Clerk to pass on Community Speed Watch equipment to Cllr Wilkins.

**8 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Nothing raised other than points raised on the Planning Applications discussed.

**9 THE GLEBELAND AND PADFIELD GREEN**

**Glebeland**

Glebeland Management team met on 8 January and the meeting to finalise sign with Arien Signs booked for 29 January 2014. Next working party booked for 5 March 2014.

**Padfield Green**

Nothing to report

**10 ST ALDHELMS WELL**

Mrs Newman brought samples of wood from with the sign maker. The cost of the sign would be £50.00. The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with oak and

**ACTION**

**9/1/14**

Cllr Fidge to arrange a meeting with School Head and Cllr Blaker  
Cllr Wilkins to provide photographs

**ACTION**

**9/1/14**

Mrs Newman to

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wording "St Aldhelm's Well, Caution Untreated Spring Water" Mrs Newman agreed to arrange

arrange for sign for the Well

**11 REPORT FROM GLORIA CAWOOD**

No report received

**13 FINANCE**

1. Payments Approved

- a. HMRC - £136.20
- b. A Moulding – Prestleigh Notice Board - £951.00
- c. Landscape Group - play inspections - £108.00
- d. Clerks payments December 2013

**14 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Dog Fouling is a problem on Chelynych road and someone had placed signs that had caused offence. Another dog waste bin required by Padfield Green. Clerk to arrange.

**ACTION**

**9/1/14**

Clerk to arrange for dog waste bin

Voluntary Footpath's Warden reported problem of flooding on Farm road the water was clear. This was reported on Christmas Eve to Bristol Water which was dealt with

He also reported another flooding problem in the area to Highways, clearing of a drain that had occurred several time previously. Flooding was also occurring where there was no drain

Footpath at the back of the School is in poor shape due to blocking by a fallen fence covered by ivy. He had cleared the ivy and propped the fence back up but it may fall over again in strong winds. He had spoken to the farmer but the School has responsibility and may need help to finance the repair.

Problems with flooding on to the footpath at St Aldhelm's Well as a result the footpath needs maintenance. Voluntary Footpath's Warden to report to Mendip Footpaths Warden

Nothing had been received from Highways following the recent meeting with Cllrs. Cllr Clarke to chase

**ACTION**

**9/1/14**

Cllr Clarke to chase Highways

**15 PRESTLEIGH/WATERLIP**

**Waterlip**

Nothing further to report

**Prestleigh**

Nothing further to report

**16 VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING**

Nothing to report

**17 BEACON HILL WOODS SOCIETY**

**18 CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

**19 ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

The deadline for sending in the precept had been extended to allow PC's the opportunity to take into account the Council Tax Support grant. PC decided not to amend the budget and reduce precept.

To Note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 13 February 2014