

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 2014			
VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: ST ALDHELMS SCHOOL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm			
		Present: Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, Tony Blaker, Barry Clarke, Ann Crowcombe; also in attendance Gloria Cawood and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> None received.	
	2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Two members of the public were present; no matters were raised.	
	3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.	
	4	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 11 th September 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
	5	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: It was agreed to monitor the parking situation and organise a meeting in the future should it become necessary. b: Speed watch issues: There had been no response to the issues raised previously. Cllr Blaker advised that an early morning watch was proposed for Chelynch Road. c: Joint meeting with other Parishes to discuss traffic issues suggested by Cllr Ham: Yet to be arranged.	TB
	6	<u>Council Reports:</u> a: Somerset County Council: no report. b: Mendip District Council: Cllr Cawood had circulated a report. She noted that the Parish Council were now subject to the Openess and Accountability legislation which included recording council meetings. She mentioned recycling problems and the proposal for substitute councillors on the planning board.	
	7	<u>Police Report.;</u> No report.	
	8	<u>The Glebeland</u> a: Ball games and Replacement signs and budget (both items awaiting next Glebeland meeting)	

		<p>Cllr Crowcombe advised that she would be away on the 29th October and asked that the meeting be re-scheduled for either 18th or 25th November subject to availability of the meeting venue. Mary Newman to check with John Lees on his return from holiday and advise accordingly.</p> <p>Cllr Crowcombe to check with Cllr Shepherd about the fixing of the lectern sign and make alternative arrangements if necessary.</p> <p>Cllr Crowcombe to discuss the supply and delivery of the stones at the next quarry liaison meeting.</p> <p>Mary Newman had met with Chris Brown and discussed the areas to be the subject of the annual cut.</p> <p>Clerk to speak to Skate Park inspector to arrange for site meeting when the next inspection is carried out.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	9	<p><u>Padfield Green:</u></p> <p>a: Replacement equipment and fencing and funding for same: Cllr Wilkins was currently obtaining quotes for replacement equipment and would be preparing applications for funding. She had seen a type of fencing which would provide a good replacement for the chain link fencing and was seeking more details.</p> <p>b: Replacement of signs: To be carried out as part of the Glebeland sign project.</p> <p>c: Equipment inspection report – repair to surfacing: Clerk to arrange for repairs.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	10	<p><u>St Aldhelms Well:</u></p> <p>Parish Council liabilities: The clerk had spoken to Chris Brown and a suitable repair to the fencing agreed.</p>	
	11	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>a: Website update: An extensive update was planned in the next two weeks.</p> <p>b: Asset register and risk assessment – adoption of documents: The asset register was formally adopted and signed by the chairman.</p> <p>Cllr Crowcombe queried the wording of the paragraph entitled “Financial Records” on page 1. The clerk advised that the wording was incorrect. The corrected assessment to be tabled for adoption at the next meeting.</p> <p>c: Highways matters:</p> <p>i) Doultling Hill footway: repairs still awaited.</p> <p>ii) Meeting on 8th October with Chris Betty. This had been cancelled on 6th October. Councillors expressed disappointment that the meeting had not taken place. Another meeting to be arranged in November when all parties originally invited could attend.</p> <p>iii) Closure of B3153 Cary Road at the railway bridge for one night on 29th October. This was noted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

		<p>iv) Cllr Blaker noted that the drain near The Poachers Pocket was blocked and required substantial clearing.</p> <p>v) Cllr Fidge noted that there was a collapsed drain on the main road at Prestleigh.</p> <p>vi) Cllr Blaker noted that a mechanical road sweeper had swept Chelynch Road that day and asked if a more regular attendance was possible. Cllr Cawood to enquire.</p> <p>d: Footpaths Report: nothing to report.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GC</p>
	12	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a: Application 2014/1670/FUL - Conversion of stable block to holiday let. Fairlings, Farrington Lane, Doultling for Mr S Baker. This was approved with the comment the the access from the driveway onto Farrington Lane had restricted visibility.</p> <p>b: Permission granted: 2014/0544/OTA – Ingsdon Farm, Bodden 2014/0781/FUL – Lodge Farm, Doultling + approval of reserved matters. It was generally agreed that, as no condition was included in the permission regarding the control of lorries accessing the site, the matter of lorries in excess of the 7.5T limit using Kings Road and passing through Doultling should be raised with both highways and the police. 2014/1013/FUL – Beard Hill Farm.</p>	
	13	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>a: Bank signatories: Cllr Wilkins has been added</p> <p>b: Clerks salary and expenses for August and September £601.53. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>c: Payment to HMRC for 2nd quarter £252.92: This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>	
	14	<p><u>Prestleigh/Waterlip</u></p> <p>a: Bath and West meeting: The most recent meeting had been cancelled. Cllr Fidge noted that the appointment of the new chief executive had yet to be formalised. She also noted that the proposed consultation on the LDO at the site was being delayed.</p> <p>Cllr Fidge queried the erection of a number of large portable buildings on the B&W site which was causing a noise nuisance with work carrying on late into the night. She was unaware of any form of planning permission for this work. It was agreed that she should contact Mendip DC to raise the matter.</p>	<p>PF</p>

		<p>b: Removal of signpost: The matter had been raised with highways who had advised that the sign had been replaced with appropriate signage for the location. Cllr Fidge noted that the reasons for the removal given by highways were incorrect and she would query these.</p> <p>c: Waterlip: Cllr Crowcombe noted that highways had been contacted about the collapsed manhole.</p>	PF
	15	<u>Village Hall, Doultling:</u> The letter agreed at the last meeting had been sent to John Lees. Mary Newman noted that it had not arrived as of the recent committee meeting. It would be discussed at the next meeting	
	16	<u>Beacon Hill Wood Society:</u> Mary Newman noted that the question of the disabled path raised at the last PC meeting would be discussed when the society next meet.	
	17	<u>Correspondence:</u> Cllrs were aware of emails from Origin 3 who were dealing with the planning for the proposed housing in Chelynch Road which had recently been refused by the planners requesting an informal meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Fidge and Wilkins together with the clerk should attend a meeting and report back to the Parish Council in due course. It was suggested that such a meeting could take place on a Friday at 2pm. Clerk to contact Origin 3.	PF/RW Clerk
	18	<u>Matters of Report:</u> The matter of the apparent unauthorised works at Well Lane were still unresolved and there appeared to be no action being taken at the present time. There had been no response from the person at the site. It was agreed that the matter needs to be raised with Planning enforcement.	
	19	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting is on Thursday 13 th November 2014 at the Prestleigh Inn, Prestleigh commencing at 7.30pm.	

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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