

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

| <p align="center">MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2015 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: ST ALDHELMS SCHOOL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm</p> | | |
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| | | <p><u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge, (Chair), Ann Crowcombe, Barry Clarke, Tony Blaker, John Shepherd; also in attendance Cllr Gloria Cawood and Alan Butcher (Clerk).</p> |
| | 1 | <p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllr Ros Wilkins, Nicola Housley.</p> |
| | 2 | <p><u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Five members of the public were present.</p> <p>The matter of the new road markings in Chelynch Road was raised and concern expressed about traffic and parking at school times which would now be restricted by the new markings.</p> |
| | 3 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.</p> |
| | 4 | <p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record with the correction the spelling to two references to Prestleigh. Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 26th March 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p> |
| | 5 | <p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Speed Watch Report – Sarah Goff tabled a report to 9th April; clerk to circulate to Councillors. There had been watches on 11th, 12th and 18th March with some 23 speeders out of 2000+ vehicle movements. Cllrs Fidge and Crowcombe requested speed watches at Prestleigh and Waterlip respectively. The clerk had received a non-specific response to the request at the last meeting for confirmation of approved sites; email to be circulated to Councillors. b: Shelter for children awaiting buses – the clerk had had no response from Cllr Ham; Cllr Blaker to contact Cllr Ham on the matter.</p> |

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| 6 | <p><u>Council Reports:</u> a: Somerset County Council – no report. b: Mendip District Council – Cllr Cawoods report had been circulated. She was retiring as a District Councillor after 32 years and thanked everyone for their help and support and for their work as Parish Councillors during that period. In turn Cllr Fidge thanked her for her work as District Councillor and called for a round of applause which was duly given.</p> | |
| 7 | <p><u>Police Report.</u></p> <p>Nicola Housley had emailed a report as follows:</p> <p>21/03 An accident nr the Wagon and Horses 23/03 Report of a suspicious vehicle reversing up a lane in Bodden 24/03 Report of tractors over laden on Chelynch road 31/03 Fallen tree at Long cross</p> <p>It was noted that the continuing problem with overladen tractors had been reported and was quickly resolved by the police.</p> | |
| 8 | <p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <p>a: Stones to be delivered shortly. b: New signs – in hand with the clerk c: A brief report on the meeting held on 8th April was given. It was noted that the litter bin was being used for dog waste rather than the actual dog bin which was located in another location. Next working party to discuss location of both bins. A request to purchase a number of fence posts and nails was agreed. Clerk to write to Oliver Harris to thank him for his work at The Glebeland.</p> | |
| 9 | <p><u>Padfield Green:</u></p> <p>a: Replacement equipment, fencing and signs and funding for same – in hand with Cllr Wilkins.</p> | |
| 10 | <p><u>St Aldhelms Well:</u> nothing to report.</p> | |

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| 11 | <p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>a: Highways matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Blocked gullies on Doultling Hill – reported. ii) The large pothole opposite the Waggon and Horses had been reported. iii) The new road markings in Chelynch Road were noted. iv) There was a fly tipped bed in Ball Lane. v) There was a distinct area of raised rubble and stones in the centre of Merryfield lane. vi) There appeared to be an abandoned car in Carey Close. <p>b: Footpaths Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Footpath Chelynch Woods to Farrington Lane – still reported as difficult to traverse. <p>c: Arrangements and date for Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting and forthcoming election information – already notified, Annual Meetings to be on 14th May.</p> | |
| 12 | <p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a: Unauthorised works at Wells Lane, Doultling. – Still awaiting a planning application from Mr Osbourne as requested by David Woodridge prior to enforcement proceedings.</p> <p>b: Clerk to write to enforcement about the stored Portakabins at the Bath and West showground and at Waterlip.</p> | |
| 13 | <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>a: Clerks salary and expenses for March: £311.46 – agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>b: HMRC quarter 4 payment of £193.95 agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>b: Quarterly financial update – circulated.</p> <p>c: Annual Return – timetable – a date for completion of the Annual Return had been given as 1st June. Clerk to ask for date to be amended to 29th June.</p> | |
| 14 | <p><u>Prestleigh/ Waterlip</u></p> <p>a: Bath and West meetings, planning issues and proposed changes.- Cllr Fidge to represent Parish Council at the planning board on 15th April on the matter of the Zone 1 change; clerk to book slot with Mendip.</p> <p>b: Proposed Mendip School at the Bath and West Showground – awaiting Mendip DC.</p> <p>c; Cllr Fidge noted a B&W liaison meeting at the end of April.</p> <p>d: A problem with surface water running off the land behind The Prestleigh Inn was noted which required some work by highways to drain water away from the site. Cllr Blaker to discuss with Harvey Siggs.</p> <p>e: Following the proposed changes to speed limits through Prestleigh a suggestion that double white lining should be introduced had been made. Cllr Blaker to discuss with Harvey Siggs.</p> | |

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| | | f: Waterlip – nothing to report. | |
| | 15 | <u>Village Hall, Douling:</u> a: Request for meeting minutes – these had been received and circulated to councillors. b: Representative on village hall committee – deferred until meeting on 14 th May. | |
| | 16 | <u>Beacon Hill Wood Society</u> – nothing to report. | |
| | 17 | <u>Correspondence:</u> confirmation that Cannards Grave Road in Shepton Mallet would be closed from 5 th May for 28 days had been received. | |
| | 18 | <u>Matters of Report.</u> A pre-planning meeting regarding the spoil tips at Wainwrights quarry had been arranged for 16 th April. Cllr Clarke had visited the post office in Mells and suggested that a travelling post office could be set at in Douling. This to be placed on the agenda for the new Parish Council. The Chairman, Cllr Fidge, thanked Councillors for their efforts over the last four years and members of the public for their attendance and input at meetings. In turn, they thanked Councillors for their work. | |
| | 19 | <u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on Thursday 14 th May 2015 commencing at 7.30pm preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm. | |

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

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