

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2015****VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH @ 7.30pm**

	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, Sarah Goff, Barry Clarke, Ann Crowcombe; also in attendance Cllr Davis van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllr John Shepherd, Mary Newman and Nicola Housley (A&S)	
2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Seven members of the public were in attendance. Tony Blaker raised a number of items. A tree within the Glebeland was obscuring a road sign, he had attended a quarry liaison meeting, he expressed great concern about the continuing problem with vehicles speeding in the village hall car park and surrounding areas and inconsiderate parking during school set down and pick up times. He asked for the Parish Council to write to the school, the governors and PTA on these matters. He also circulated photographs of recent works to a goat willow within the conservation area (planning application 2014/2422/TCA refers) and referred to the councils recent decision to object to the pruning of two hornbeam trees in a similar location.	
3	<u>Declarations of interest:</u> None.	
4	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 8 th October 2015 were signed and agreed as a true record with an amendment to item 13 to note that Cllr Clarke had not dealt with item iii) Footpath (dealt with by the clerk).	
5	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Shelter for school children – it was proposed and agreed that a suitable shelter be erected near the entrance to Carey Close; clerk to check ownership of land, Cllr Wilkins to check planning situation with Mendip. Clerk to check area available for shelter. b: Post Office for Doultong – Mary Newman had written to the clerk suggesting that a questionnaire be circulated around the village, school and PTA. She had offered to deliver the questionnaire if needed. Clerk to prepare draft and speak to Mary on the matter. c: Venue and date of meetings at Doultong – further correspondence received. The clerk read an email from John Lees about the use of the community room on Tuesdays and the charges for the use of the room. He advised that the room was used by parents waiting to pick up children from the class using the main hall until 7.45pm. It was agreed to reply to John indicating that the Parish Council would wish to book the room from 7.30 until 9.30pm and would make their own arrangements for putting out tables, etc.	

	The school had advised that it would no longer be possible to use the school premises for meetings. It was suggested that it might be possible to use the skittle alley at The Poachers Pocket; Cllr Clarke to investigate.	
6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a: Withdraw of Enforcement Notice re: 56 New Buildings, Doultling. Tony Blaker advised that he would be meeting with Mendip DC officers to discuss this matter and would report back to the Parish Council.</p> <p>b: Mendip Local Plan part 2 and Local Green Space considerations. It was agreed that the Parish Council should make a response before the deadline of 16th December. The matter of CIL (section 106) monies was raised and Cllr Goff advised that a council group had been set up to deal with these matters. Cllr van Dyk expressed concern about lack of information on this matters. Clerk to circulate details for review at the next meeting.</p> <p>c: Whyte Sleight Farm, Farm Road, Doultling – Planning Board 16th November. Councillors were unsure about the reason for this application being taken to the planning board; Cllr van Dyk to seek further information and advise if the Parish Council needs to respond.</p> <p>d: Application 2015/2420/APP re Land at Farm Road, Doultling approval of details ref 2014/2272/VRC. No application papers had been received for this and councillors were unable to comment.</p>	
7	<p><u>Speedwatch:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Speedwatch report – Cllr Goff advised that Terry Drake had stepped down temporarily as co-ordinator and Ashley Rae had taken over. She was happy to undertake training. A new training DVD had also been produced. New members of speedwatch were required and refresher training could be arranged using the new equipment. ii) Speedwatch collaboration with Cranmore – Cllr Goff had had some email correspondence with Cranmore. iii) SID's – awaiting a meeting with Dave Grabham. iv) There was some discussion about the inconsiderate and random parking which occurred at school times affecting all roads around the school. Cllr Goff advised that consideration had been given to extending the car park at a cost of up to £40,000. This was an ongoing problem and most felt that the school should work to resolve the problem. Cllr Wilkins to speak to chair of PTA and police to be asked to attend to monitor the situation. 	
8	<p><u>Council Reports:</u></p> <p>a: Somerset County Council – no report.</p> <p>b: Mendip District Council – Cllr van Dyk advised that work was ongoing to resolve the funding shortfall. After a large amount of work the proposed tie up with South Somerset Council had not materialised and Mendip were looking for other options in the regard. He advised that Building Control had been amalgamated to form a Somerset wide group from April 2016.</p>	
9	<p><u>Police Report.</u></p> <p>Nicola Housley had reported three incidents during the month</p>	
10	<p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <p>a: Dog bin. – this was on order.</p> <p>b: Quotes for tree felling – Cllr Crowcombe had received a further quote which was</p>	

	<p>more than that received from Parrot Works. It was agreed to proceed with this quote in the sum of £390.00</p> <p>c: Graffiti in skate park – it was agreed to monitor the graffiti and review the re-painting/removal in the spring of 2016.</p> <p>d: Other Matters raised – it was noted at the recent working party that a fence and gate had been erected adjacent to the school boundary; clerk to check ownership issues.</p> <p>The clerk circulated the proposed sign giving contact details and would be finalising details of all the signs with Arien Signs shortly.</p>	
11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>a: Replacement equipment – this was now being erected. The previous equipment had been removed (with difficulty) by a large party of volunteers and it was agreed to offer a gift to those involved by way of thanks.</p> <p>b: Childrens Gym equipment – planning was not needed for the equipment and the Local Legacy fund application had been submitted.</p> <p>c: Replacement fencing – funding was being sought for this.</p> <p>d: Base for picnic tables – to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>e: Replacement signs – Signs given information on the age restriction and that no ball games were allowed to be sourced from Arien Signs in a similar style to those in The Glebeland.</p> <p>f: Grass cutting – this had been resolved.</p>	
12	<p><u>St Aldhelms Well</u></p> <p>a: Proposals for works at the Well.</p> <p>Cllr Fidge was seeking a meeting with the County archaeologist regarding the extent of any stabilisation works to be undertaken. Mary Newman had reported that there had been no further damage to the Well and that she had the post which had been part of the damaged handrail in her garage.</p>	
13	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>a: Highways and Footpath matters:</p> <p>i) Footpath blocked by maize north of Chelynych Woods. The clerk had received an acknowledgement from Somerset Rights of Way but was unaware of any further action.</p>	
14	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>a: Clerks salary and expenses for October £311.46 – this was agreed and a cheque raised</p> <p>b: The Landscape Group – Invoice for inspections £66.85 - - this was agreed and a cheque raised</p> <p>c: Mendip District Council – Invoice for election expenses £815.70 – this was agreed and a cheque raised</p> <p>d: Shepton Mallet Landscapes – Invoice for various works £2622.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised</p> <p>e: Ros Wilkins in respect of volunteer gifts - £87.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised</p> <p>f: Glasdon Ltd – dog waste bin - £103.82 – this was agreed and a cheque raised</p>	
15	<p><u>Waterlip.</u></p> <p>Cllr Crowcombe to contact highways about the continuing problems with the uneven road surface.</p>	

16	<p><u>Prestleigh</u></p> <p>a: Bath and West Showground – Works were taking place on the school development and it was noted that surrounding properties are being affected by vibration.</p> <p>b: There was some discussion about the newly appointed district council group for Shepton Mallet and concerns about how they would interact with other parties including the Parish Council. Cllr van Dyk to report on this situation</p>	
17	<p><u>Village Hall, Doultong</u></p> <p>a: Request for grant from Produce Show for tables – confirmation of ownership of the tables. Clerk to confirm that the tables will be passed to the Produce Show on permanent loan.</p> <p>b: Cost of tables including delivery £368.63 – this to be confirmed and a cheque raised at the next meeting.</p> <p>c: A copy of the recent meeting minutes had been received and would be circulated.</p>	
18	<p><u>Beacon Hill Wood Society:</u></p> <p>Mary Newman had reported that there had been a well attended fungus foray and that the wood had been listed as number 12 in The Times 30 best Autumn Woods feature.</p>	
19	<p><u>Correspondence:</u></p>	
20	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p>	
21	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is on 8th December 2015. Venue to be confirmed.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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