

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2015**

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm

	<i>Present:</i> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, Ann Crowcombe, Sarah Goff, Barry Clarke and John Shepherd; also in attendance Cllr David Van Dyk, Nicola Housley (A&S) and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<i>Apologies for absence.</i> None	
2	<p><i>Public Forum:</i> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Six members of the public were present.</p> <p>Mary Newman raised the matter of speeding in the village and its environs.</p> <p>Joyce Godden thanked the Parish Council for the tables for the produce show which had been delivered.</p> <p>Tony Blaker raised a number of matters:</p> <p>56 Doultong – he understood from Mendip that the hedge which had been planted along the frontage had been removed “by others” and Mendip DC had been advised that, in these circumstances, the enforcement notice could not be served. He mention the unauthorised works at Well Lane, the proposals for the post office and goat willow and hornbeam matter previously discussed.</p> <p>He was concerned about the speed of vehicles entering the school and the indiscriminate parking in Chelynch Park at school pick up times. He suggested that a change to the entry into the car park could help to reduce some of the traffic problems.</p>	
3	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> None.	
4	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> Minutes of the meeting held on 10 th November 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
5	<p><i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</i></p> <p>a: Shelter for school children: area available, ownership of proposed location, planning, size and style. The clerk had checked the title documents and obtained a title plan from the Land Registry. The exact line of the boundary between the Glebeland and Carey Close was unclear although it appeared that the stone wall formed the boundary on some documents. Cllr Wilkins suggested posting a notice about the proposal to erect the shelter but it was agreed that further investigation should be carried out as to the ownership of the land before this was placed.</p>	

	<p>b: Post Office for Doulling: Questionnaire. The clerk had prepared a draft giving the option of a yes or no answer. Mary Newman had offered to distribute around the village and there was discussion about how they would be returned. Cllr Goff suggested that volunteers should contact villagers at home to ask for their views. The range of services which might be offered was considered to be a key part of the process and it was understood that these would include normal post office services, cash withdrawals, pension payments, etc. It was agreed to recruit more volunteers and to circulate the village in the new year.</p> <p>c: Venue for meetings in Doulling. Councillors were happy with the arrangements for using the village hall.</p> <p>d: Mendip Community Transport – minibuses. The mini bus which would be delivered to the Mendip area for Mendip CT would be available for one off use and group hire; it would not be possible to offer a regular service. Councillors to canvass parishioners for suggested uses.</p>	
6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a: Withdraw of Enforcement Notice re: 56 New Buildings, Doulling. Cllr Van Dyk reiterated comments made about the withdrawal of the notice. He would circulate the comprehensive explanation to councillors.</p> <p>b: Mendip Local Plan part 2 and Local Green Space considerations: Parish Council response. The clerk to prepare and submit comments concerning the addition of the Glebeland to the Green Spaces list for Doulling.</p> <p>c: Whyte Sleight Farm, Farm Road, Doulling: Application granted</p> <p>d: Fig Tree Cottage, Well Lane – Felling of Willow Tree – TPO not required.</p> <p>e: Unauthorised works – Well Lane. It was understood that an application deadline had passed but that Mendip had given Mr Osbourne until 25th December to make an application.</p> <p>f: SALC Planning training – March 2016. Clerk to book places for all councillors except Cllr Shepherd.</p>	
7	<p><u>Speedwatch:</u></p> <p>i) Speedwatch report – Cllr Goff was awaiting the arrival of the training DVD; she had also been put forward to be trained as a trainer and was also on the committee. There had been no watches recently, she was trying to establish dates. She also advised that information as to the whereabouts of speed watch vehicles could be found on Facebook.</p> <p>ii) Speedwatch collaboration with Cranmore – this was in hand.</p> <p>iii) SID's, report, training and other matters – Cllr Crowcombe reported that she was still awaiting the “disc” from Dave Grabham; Cllr Van Dyk to chase up.</p>	
8	<p><u>Council Reports:</u></p> <p>a: Somerset County Council – no report.</p> <p>b: Mendip District Council – Cllr Van Dyk confirmed the granting of Legacy Fund money to Doulling. He advised that the Council would be discussing Council Tax at the meeting on 14th December and that new Government Proposals regarding planning were due to be announced shortly.</p> <p>He had also visited Fosseway School who were keen to build bridges with the Prestleigh Community and a meeting with the Parish Council had been suggested. He had also met with both Richard Frogget (L&W) and Rupert Cox (B&W) and had suggested separate meetings with the Parish Council.</p>	

	He had also noted complaints about the lighting to the school site which was too bright and also varying levels of mud being deposited on the highway. Cllr Wilkins suggested that the meetings should be arranged when the parish Council next meets at Prestleigh; clerk to suggest suitable dates.	
9	<u>Police Report.</u> Nicola Housley advised of five incidents and would advise of the next date for her beat surgery in January.	
10	<u>The Glebeland</u> a: Dog bin – location: this to be agreed on site in January. b: Quotes for tree felling – the order had been placed with Parrotworks. c: Graffiti in skate park – held over until Spring 2016. d: Signs.- in hand; awaiting final details from Arien.	
11	<u>Padfield Green.</u> a: Replacement equipment – this had been installed and looked very good. b: Childrens Gym equipment – Cllr Wilkins had received confirmation of the Local Legacy Fund grant of £7000; further funding was being sought. c: Replacement fencing - funding for this was being sought. d: Base for picnic tables – awaiting final details and location. e: Replacement signs – the clerk tabled a draft of a proposed sign including points previously discussed. Final details to be agreed at the next meeting. Clerk to investigate by laws for the area.	
12	<u>St Aldhelms Well</u> a: Proposals for works at the Well. – deferred. It was suggested that this should also include Conservation Area items.	
13	<u>Parish Council Matters:</u> a: Highways and Footpath matters: i) Footpath blocked by maize north of Chelynych Woods – this had been cleared; item to be removed from agenda. ii) Emails received via Tony Blaker confirmed that the proposed new signage would be completed by the end of the financial year. iii) Cllr Fidge advised that the grit bin in Prestleigh Lane needed filling; clerk to advise Highways. b: Quarry Liaison meeting – minutes of this meeting had been received.	
14	<u>Financial:</u> a: Clerks salary and expenses for November £311.46 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. b: Reimbursement for Folding Tables purchase via Amazon by Clerk - £398.63 this was agreed and a cheque raised. c: Budget update for review prior to precept discussions – this was circulated by the clerk for councillors consideration. d: Changes to audit and annual return regime – deferred until the next meeting.	
15	<u>Waterlip.</u> Nothing to report.	

16	<p><u>Prestleigh</u> a: Bath and West Showground – meetings to be arranged as noted in Cllr Van Dyks report. b: Other matters – Evercreech Parish Council were discussing a footpath/cycleway from Evercreech to Shepton Mallet. It was suggested that consideration should be given to registering local pubs as Assets of Community Value; clerk to circulate details.</p>	
17	<p><u>Village Hall, Doultong:</u> Redecorations had been carried out and the curtains altered following the installation of the new ceiling.</p>	
18	<p><u>Beacon Hill Wood Society:</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
19	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> Somerset Rivers Authority information. This to be circulated to councillors.</p>	
20	<p><u>Matters of Report</u> Cllr Fidge reported she had received a note from David Entwistle about proposed works to the Edge Tool Works; it was suggested he should be invited to a future meeting. The clerk advised he would be away for the next PC meeting when the precept was to be set. He would liaise with Cllr Fidge to provide the necessary paperwork.</p>	
21	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 12th January 2015, 7.30pm at Doultong Village Hall.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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