

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 12th JANUARY 2016**

HELD AT DOULTING VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm

1	<p><u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ann Crowcombe, Sarah Goff, Barry Clarke and John Shepherd. also in attendance Cllr David Van Dyk</p> <p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Clerk Alan Butcher and Cllr Ros Wilkins</p>	
2	<p><u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Ten members of the public were present.</p> <p>Public speakers will participate in planning application 6A</p> <p>Mr Tony Blaker raised various concerns about Speedwatch, the village hall and the proposed admissions policy at the school.</p>	
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Cllr Ann Crowcombe declared an interest in planning application 6A</p>	
4	<p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
5	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></p> <p>a: The patch of ground where the Shelter was to be placed is owned by Knightstone Housing. Clerk to contact.</p> <p>b: Post Office for Doultong: The Clerk had produced a format for the questionnaire. Suggestions from the floor were to add names and addresses. Also to include a collection time for the questionnaire eg will be collected in 'n' days. Concern from Cllrs at loss of banks in Shepton Mallet. Mary Newman now has 3 volunteers to delivery and collect questionnaires.</p> <p>c: Mendip Community Transport – hold over to next meeting and canvas more suggested uses.</p>	
6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a) Application 2015/3020/OTA – Outline consent for change of use of existing farmhouse building and land to a nursery school and MOT/vehicle testing facility at Beard Hill Farm, Fosseyway, Pylle for Neil and Michael Christensen.</p> <p>i) From the public forum Mr Roger Dance made the following points</p> <p>ii) A37 is dangerous and traffic speeds through the area.</p> <p>iii) (Signage limited - are there any plans to include additional signage</p> <p>iv) Are there plans for possible improvements to roads to ensure safety. Junction is very dangerous.</p> <p>v) Concerns over light pollution and noise pollution from additional lightening and alarms.</p> <p>vi) Clarification on which entrance to be used as two on the section of road.(Believed to be the northerly one)</p> <p>b) Unauthorised works – Well Lane.</p> <p>i) There are a number of containers on site which are an eyesore.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) Planning permission has still not been submitted although the date was 25th December. Cllr David Van Dyk will discuss at council and report back to meeting. c) SALC Planning training – March 2016. Places booked for Cllrs Fidge, Crowcombe, Goff and Clarke. Cranmore to pay half of Cllr Crowcombe's fee. 	
7	<p><u>Speedwatch:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Speedwatch report - nothing to report although a lot of activity by police with speedwatch van and motor cycle in the area on consecutive days. b) Speedwatch collaboration with Cranmore - no further information. Cllr Fidge suggested that this should be moving on and all efforts to be made before the next meeting. c) SID's, report, training and other matters - there is still difficulty with the disc to run the system on the computer. Still working to acquire working disc, which was of concern. 	
8	<p><u>Council Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Somerset County Council - Cllr not in attendance b) Mendip District Council – Cllr David Van Dyk reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Formal Resolution on the Council Tax base reate which will then formulate rate for April ii) Devolution proposal. Cllr Harvey Siggs together with 17 other councils put together plan which has been sent to the government. This is a plan for the whole of the West Country and covers areas in which the constituent councils have significant skillsets and experience. Proposal to be emailed to parish councillors. 	
9	<p><u>Police Report</u> - Nicola unable to attend but sent written report, which covered various recent accidents.</p>	
10	<p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Report from meeting held on 5th January 2016. b) Dog bin to be fixed by fence c) Check to be carried out on uprights d) Bug hotel not yet placed- working with reception class. e) No 8 unauthorised gate leading onto Glebeland. Clerk to include in letter to Knightstone. f) Chris Smith draft report received. Full report to meeting in due course g) The Parish Council thanked Geoff Buzzard for his help. h) Tree fell to be done when weather improves 	
11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Replacement equipment - no update due to Cllr Wilkins not being present b) Children's Gym equipment - no update due to Cllr Wilkins not being present c) Replacement fencing - not covered d) Base for picnic tables - All seats broken on old bench. Suggest new one goes in its place. e) Replacement signs - no update f) Request for Clerk to sent letter to Peter Barkwell for his donation towards equipment g) Suggest application to Clarks foundation for further funding. Information to be passed onto Cllr Wilkins. 	
12	<p><u>St Aldhelms Well</u></p>	

	Meeting re: Edge Tool works - Mr Entwistle to come and talk to parish meeting. Date to be arranged.	
13	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u> Highways and Footpath matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) More drainage works needed as problem not solved. b) Charlie Higgins met with Cllr Crowcombe. Lorries too wide to pass so mounting pavement. Cllr Shepherd asked that consideration to taken of lorry users and local businesses. Possible discussion to take place with Cllr Philip Ham about some traffic calming measures. c) Pavement in Prestleigh is in terrible condition with pedestrians having to walk in the road. Letter to Mendip to report. 	
14	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clerks salary and expenses for December £311.46 b) HMRC Quarter three tax payment £193.95 c) Vita Play – Padfield Green new equipment £14540.86 d) Arien Signs – Glebeland signs pro-forma £265.20 e) Quarterly review, Budget update and setting of precept for 2016/17. Precept will remain the same meaning no increase for 4th year. Some concerns over living wage f) Changes to audit and annual return regime - deferred to next meeting. 	
15	<p><u>Waterlip.</u> Nothing to report</p>	
16	<p><u>Prestleigh</u> Bath and West Showground - Invitation to the school to attend parish meeting. School likely to make formal request to the council for a member of council to become governor. Proposed separate meeting with Rupert Cox to discuss difficulty with site. Proposed that Rupert then meets in an open forum meeting with the residents of Prestleigh. Proposed meeting to be held on neutral territory. There are a number of issues including dirty roads which need to be dealt with at source and a line of communication needs to be opened. There is also a lot of water running off the site onto the road which is making conditions difficult with the recent weather. Possible goodwill for Prestleigh around broadband improvements linked to school presence.</p>	
17	<p><u>Village Hall, Doultong</u> Nothing to report as meeting taking place on 25th January. Request made for dates of meetings for the coming year. Reminder to send minutes to Parish Clerk.</p>	
18	<p><u>Beacon Hill Wood Society</u> No update</p>	
19	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> Somerset Rivers Authority information. (circulated)</p>	
20	<p><u>Matters of Report</u> Comment from Tony Blaker asking if the new proposals from the school would mean an increase in numbers. It was explained that the document was purely an update on the admissions and appeals policy which needed to be update by the school.</p>	

	Leaves have been cleared in Church Lane and School Lane but there is difficulty in removal of the leaves. Council to approach Chris Brown for a quote	
21	<u><i>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</i></u> The next scheduled meeting is provisionally on 9 th February 2016 at Prestleigh.	

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