

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th JULY 2016 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm	
	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Ros Wilkins (Chair), Ann Crowcombe, Barry Clarke, John Shepherd; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge, Sarah Goff, David Van Dyk and PCSO Nicola Housley, Mary Newman.
2	<p><u>Public Forum:</u></p> <p>The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Eight members of the public were in attendance.</p> <p>Barry Harding expressed disappointment that the Parish Council had not seen fit to re-consider the planning application for Well Spring Grove in the light of what appeared to be changes to the application and confusion over the date on which the application was validated. The clerk advised that it would not be possible for the council to change its decision unless there were significant changes to the proposals as Standing Orders required a procedure to allow decisions to be amended before a six month period had expired. Clerk to send details to Mr Harding.</p> <p>A number of the those present expressed annoyance at the recent NASS event at the Bath and West showground where loud music had continued until the early morning on both Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>Tony Blaker raised the matter of the traffic problems throughout the area caused by delays for people entering the Glastonbury Festival. The roads had been gridlocked and many of those delayed used the roadside and Padfield Green play area as a public toilet. It was noted that there was to be a meeting with highways about school and associated traffic on 19th July and the matter of both the traffic problems from Glastonbury and the previous ill-considered diversions for the Bath and West show would be raised.</p>
3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
4	<p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <p>i) Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>
5	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting not covered elsewhere:</u></p> <p>i) Post Office for Doultong. The clerk reported that he had been advised by the Post Office that would be unable to consider a post office in Doultong at this time. The community to be advised of this decision and thanked for their input into the survey which had been previously circulated.</p>

6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>i) Application 2016/1666/NMA - Application for a non-material amendment sought: to reduce the solar panel array footprint from 12 ha to 9 ha; increase the capacity from 4.2 MW to 5 MW, replace four Inverter Containers with two Customer Switchgear Containers; reduce the length of onsite access tracks and move the 33 kV DNO building from the north-western corner to the north-eastern corner following a grant of planning permission 2011/0765. Lodge Farm Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4ND. The Parish Council had no objections to these changes.</p> <p>ii) Application 2016/1397/FUL – this was not, in fact, in Doultling Parish.</p> <p>iii) Application 2016/1106/PAA – Prior approval for a change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house at The Old Stables, Hurlingpot Farm – Prior Approval Refused. This was noted.</p> <p>iv) Correspondence concerning application 2015/2631/FUL – Wellspring Grove, Well Lane, Doultling.</p> <p>Correspondance had been received about the process and consideration of the planning application at the last meeting. The clerk advised that the notification of the application had been received on 8th June and circulated to councillors the same day. It was included on the agenda for the meeting of 14th June which was posted on 9th June. It was noted that there was some confusion about whether the application was validated but the council had taken its decision based on the information to hand which appeared not to have changed.</p>
7	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>i) Shelter for school children – it was agreed that the shelter would need to accommodate about 12 children; an approximate budget of £3000 was agreed; further costs to be sought and circulated.</p> <p>ii) Hedge at Padfield Green. It was agreed to ask Chris Brown to cut the hedge until a definitive ownership could be established.</p> <p>iii) School, Village Hall and Parish Council meeting regarding traffic. This to take place on 19th July.</p> <p>iv) Adoption of updated Assets Register. This had been circulated and now included the new play equipment at Padfield Green. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the updated register.</p>
8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <p>i) Highway and Footpath matters. There was much concern about the recent traffic problems caused by the Glastonbury Festival and the Bath and West Show. The disruption caused by the stationary traffic going to Glastonbury and the use of the area as a toilet were noted as was the use of small and narrow country lanes as a diversion for the Bath and West Show. Villagers had been unable to leave the area because of the traffic problems and concern was expressed about access for emergency vehicles. Both events needed an adequate traffic plan to avoid these issues in future and, in the case of Glastonbury, an effective travel plan in case access to the site was hampered by wet weather.</p> <p>Councillors and the clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to write to the organisers of both events, highways, the police and Mendip District council to register concerns about the problems recently experienced and record the effect of Doultling, Waterlip and Prestleigh.</p>

	<p>Correspondance had been received from Gail Blaker regarding a number of issues with traffic in the village including large tractors speeding along Chelynych Road, heavy lorries using Chelynych Road early in the morning, various lorries from out of the area passing through the village as well as concerns already expressed about the traffic problems caused by recent events. Cllr Shepherd responded that lorries from outside the area delivered to his premises up to five times a day. It was suggested that the police should be contacted about the use of village roads by lorries as early as 4.30am.</p> <p>ii) Speedwatch and SID's. Cllr Crowcombe advised that additional locations for the SID's had been reviewed and that a location near the top of Doulting Hill was being considered as there was no suitable post for mounting the equipment on the road coming in from the Frome side.</p>
9	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <p>i) Somerset County Council – no report.</p> <p>ii) Mendip District Council – Cllr van Dyk had forwarded an amended council organisational chart but it was noted that this indicated officers roles rather than named persons.</p> <p>iii) Police – Nicola Housley had sent a brief report detailing a number of minor incidents.</p> <p>iv) Village and Parish Organisations – the clerk noted that a web page had been included on the Parish Council website for village hall minutes and agenda.</p>
10	<p><u>The Glebeland:</u></p> <p>i) Replacement picnic table. This had been purchased and was awaiting positioning</p> <p>ii) Northern boundary fence works – alternative quote/authorisation to proceed. An alternative quote was awaited.</p> <p>iii) Poster to encourage more volunteers. It was suggested that originally there were 23 volunteers interested in helping at The Glebeland, the draft of a flyer to be prepared. The next working party is on 19th July.</p> <p>iv) It was noted that although a sign had been fixed to the gate requesting 24 hour access, vehicles were still parking in front of the gate. The matter to be discussed with highways on 19th July.</p>
11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) New play equipment – the new gym equipment had been fixed and was well used.</p> <p>ii) Picnic tables and bases. These had yet to be positioned.</p> <p>iii) Replacement signs. The wording to the signs was reviewed and agreed.</p> <p>iv) Inspection report. Queries raised by the inspector had been discussed with Vita Play who would contact the inspector to discuss the matters raised.</p>
12	<p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) Bath and West matters including proposed meeting with Chief Executive. There had been no further action on this.</p> <p>ii) Licensing concerns re: Boomtown gathering. An email had been received giving contact information,</p>
13	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>i) SPFA – Annual Inspection fee - 145.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>ii) Clerks salary and expenses – 366.65 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iii) Valley Sawmills – picnic tables - 499.20 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iv) CCS membership – 40.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>

	<p>v) SID software invoice – 62.50. The invoice for this had not been received.</p> <p>vi) An invoice from Farm Services in respect of the survey of The Glebeland had been received in the sum of £149.70 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>vii) The invoice from Vita Play for the Padfield Green equipment in the sum of £14987.04 had been received – this was agreed and a cheque raised. The invoice to be sent to Mendip DC to allow for payment of the Local Legacy fund grant.</p> <p>viii) Confirmation of final approval for Lottery Grant. Final details had been sent to the Lottery who had confirmed that the councils obligations with regard to the grant had been discharged.</p> <p>ix) The clerk circulated quarterly accounts together with the relevant bank statements which were reviewed and agreed.</p>
14	<p><u>Matters of Report.</u> No matters were raised.</p>
15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is provisionally on 9th August 2016 at Doultling Village Hall.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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