

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th AUGUST 2016 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm	
	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, John Shepherd, Barry Clarke, Sarah Goff, Ann Crowcombe; also in attendance David van Dyk (MDC) and Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Nicola Housley.
2	<p><u>Public Forum:</u></p> <p>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 noted that it was 20 years since the grant which secured the purchase of Beacon Hill Wood and that there was to be an event on 14th August to mark the anniversary. She mentioned the minutes of 12th July regarding the Glebeland and advised that the phrase “23 volunteers” was not correct.</p> <p>She expressed thanks to the local community and the reception class children for furnishing the bug hotel in the Glebeland.</p> <p>Tony Blaker asked that the Parish Council should not contemplate giving The Glebeland SSSI status.</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 12th July 2016 were agreed and as a true record with the removal of a superfluous “the” from the public forum section and the deletion from minute 10iii) of part of the sentence “It was suggested that.... In helping at the Glebeland” with the amended wording starting “The draft....”</p> <p>ii)</p>
5	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting not covered elsewhere:</u></p> <p>i) Hedge at Padfield Green – deferred until the September meeting.</p>
6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>i) Application 2016/0612/FUL and 2016/0613/LBC – Conversion and extension of Existing Barns to form a single dwelling house to barns north of the Wagon and Horses, Old Frome Road, Doultling for Mr and Mrs Corp. It was agreed unanimously to support the application.</p> <p>ii) Application 2016/1259/FUL – Erection of automated milking parlour, etc at Beard Hill Farm, Pylle - amendments received to original application. It was agreed to continue to support the application.</p>

	<p>iii) 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 – non material amendment granted. This was noted</p> <p>iv) Land at the Bath and West Showground (Mendip School) – approval of various reserved matters. This was noted.</p> <p>v) Notification that permission had been granted for a single storey extension at Church Lane, Doultling was noted.</p>
7	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>i) Shelter for school children. – deferred until the September meeting.</p> <p>ii) School, Village Hall and Parish Council meeting regarding traffic – deferred until the September meeting.</p>
8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <p>i) Highway and Footpath matters. There was a discussion associated with minute 12 about recent problems with traffic including the problems caused by Glastonbury Festival traffic.</p> <p>ii) Speedwatch and SID's. Cllr Crowcombe advised that a suggested location for the SID at Prestleigh had been identified. It was felt that this was not a safe location and an alternative opposite "The Old Chapel" suggested. Cllr Crowcombe to refer the suggestion back.</p>
9	<p><u>Reports:</u></p>
10	<p><u>The Glebeland:</u> all matters deferred until the September meeting.</p>
11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Picnic tables and bases. This had been positioned by John Shepherd who was thanked for his efforts.</p> <p>ii) Replacement signs. These had been ordered; a plaque from MDC to be fixed when the new signs were erected.</p> <p>iii) Inspection report. Vita Play had been in contact with the inspector and all matters had been resolved.</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. Cllr Clarke had circulated correspondence between himself and Rupert Cox regarding both the recent noise problems with the NASS event and traffic problems caused by the Bath and West Show. The replies were considered unsatisfactory but subsequent conversations about the NASS event with the enforcement officer from MDC environmental health confirmed that there had, indeed, been noise problems caused in part by the non-arrival of Friday of the monitoring team. It was confirmed that the music was licensed until 11.30pm and not 3.30am. Cllr van Dyk assured the meeting that he would be following these matters through with the licensing department.</p>

	<p>On the subject of traffic problems both at the Bath and West and Glastonbury Festival it was generally agreed that there appeared to be no robust plans in place to deal with the sort of issues that had arisen in 2016. The clerk to write to MDC Licensing and all associated parties before the feedback meeting for Glastonbury in September, Cllr van Dyk to follow matters up regarding the Bath and West and the clerk to write separately on this matter.</p> <p>ii) Boomtown gathering – clerk to forward copy of email to Cllr van Dyk who would follow the matter through with licensing.</p>
13	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses – 355.40 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>ii) LCR Magazine subscription renewal - £17.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iii) SID software invoice – 62.50. Cllr van Dyk to chase the invoice which had not, as yet, been received.</p> <p>iv) Receipt of Local Legacy Fund grant. This was confirmed.</p> <p>v) Grant Thornton – Audit for year ended 31st March 2016. This had been received with no issues raised on finance but with a procedural issue highlighted. The return had been published on the website.</p>
14	<p><u>Matters of Report.</u></p> <p>i) The closure of Bodden Lane in September was advised by the clerk.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Goff advised that the footpath between 6 and 12 Ganesfield was to be the subject of works for 10 days which was likely to cause parking problems for residents.</p> <p>iii) Cllr Goff suggested she would attend a CCS funding seminar at a cost of £15 fee, this was agreed.</p> <p>iv) It was noted that the white van was again parking in front of the gate to the Glebeland despite requests to the owner to desist. It was also noted that appeared to be “abandoned vehicles” parked in Carey Close, the numbers were passed to the chairman.</p> <p>v) It was suggested that non Parish Council notices be moved to the new notice board. Clerk to arrange a sign to say “Doultong Community Notices”. The suggestion that the Parish Council notice board be locked to be reviewed at a later date.</p>
15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is on 13th September 2016 at Doultong Village Hall.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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