

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2016 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm	
	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, Barry Clarke, John Shepherd, Sarah Goff and Ann Crowcombe; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> David Van Dyk, 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 present.</p> <p>Items raised included progress on the proposed bus shelter and speedwatch. It was suggested that a lock be fixed on the notice board to prevent the posting of non-official notices. A request for the timetable at the bus shelter to be changed to a current one was made. Clerk to source timetable and place in position.</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4	<p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <p>i) Minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record with a change to minute 14 iii) to read Cllr Crowcombe rather than Cllr Goff.</p>
5	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting not covered elsewhere:</u></p> <p>i) Hedge at Padfield Green. It was agreed to ask Chris Brown to remove the hedge and tidy up the area.</p>
6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>i) Application 2016/2155/HSE – Erection of single storey garden room at Brookside, Prestleigh Lane, Prestleigh. There was no objection to this application.</p> <p>ii) Application 2016/2202/HSE and 2016/2203/LBC – Erect a greenhouse and adapt existing rear stone wall at Farncombe House, Maesdown Road, Doultling. There was no objection to this application.</p>
7	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>i) Shelter for school children. Clerk to forward quotation obtained by Cllr Clarke to Cllr Crowcombe who was pursuing funding for the shelter.</p> <p>ii) School, Village Hall and Parish Council meeting regarding traffic – 20th September 2016. In the absence of Cllr Clarke it was agreed that the clerk should attend on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>

	<p>The items to be discussed on behalf of the Parish Council included yellow lines in Carey Close to prevent the blocking of the access gate, a pedestrian crossing in Chelynch Park and advice on improving speed bumps.</p> <p>Cllr Fidge noted that she had yet to complete the Terms of Reference for non-councillors acting on behalf of the Parish Council in specific circumstances but would complete these and circulate them before the next meeting.</p>
8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Highway Matters including response to communications regarding traffic problems at the Bath and West show and Glastonbury Festival. The clerk had received a number of responses to his communications to various parties and it was agreed that there should be further communication with David Warburton MP on the matter.ii) Footpath matters. A number of footpath issues were raised and it was noted that there was a new SCC co-ordinator. Clerk also to raise the continuing question of unsafe pavements on Doulling Hill with Mendip.iii) Speedwatch and SID's. There was a general discussion about the continuing problem with recruiting volunteers for speedwatch. Cllr Wilkins offered assistance and it was agreed that the item should remain on the agenda in order to keep speedwatch in the public eye. Cllr Crowcombe advised that she was meeting with Dave Grabham to discuss the locations for SID's on 22nd September and that training in the installation of the SID's was imminent.
9	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Somerset County Council – no report.ii) Mendip District Council – Cllr Van Dyk had sent a brief report: <i>I'm relieved that the Boomtown event has been cancelled due to tragic events at a summer event. We are going to study further the implications of it possibly coming to the B&W at a later date.</i> <i>The Street Trading policy is now going in front of the Licensing board this month and will report back on any progress or amendments to my previous briefing.</i> <i>The Council has decided to outsource further services from July 2017 to private contractors. It's a little complex and I'm wanted to outline it at the next meeting so I can take questions and quantify the ramifications. These services will again deliver savings over the next few years.</i> <i>Can I commend everybody involved in organising the splendid Doulling Summer Fate.</i>iii) Police – PCSO Nicola Housley and another were in attendance. She reported a number of incidents during the last month. Cllr Goff raised the question of cars cruising through the village and also parking up in the entrance to the quarry. The question of drugs was raised. The PCSO confirmed that police were patrolling the village to check cars. The question of apparently untaxed vehicles parked in Carey Close was raised but she advised that this was now a matter for the DVLA.iv) Village and Parish Organisations – Cllr Goff advised that a social event was being organised to attract more people to become involved with the running of the village hall.

10	<p><u>The Glebeland:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Replacement picnic table. Cllr Shepherd had been unable to access the Glebeland due to a parked vehicle and had positioned the table in a temporary location. ii) Inspection report. This matter had been resolved. iii) Northern boundary fence works – alternative quote/authorisation to proceed. Geoff Buzzard had offered to repair part of the fence and install a stile for a cost of £32. This was agreed that the works should proceed on this basis. iv) Poster to encourage more volunteers. In hand with Cllr Crowcombe. v) Confirmation of committee meeting date. It was confirmed that the meeting was to be on 27th September. The clerk advised that he was away and would be unable to attend. vi) Parking in Carey Close and in front of gate. A further check on vehicles to be conducted and the matter of parking discussed on 20th September. vii) The clerk was asked to circulate the relevant title documents concerned with the use of the Glebeland.
11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Replacement signs including notice board sign. The clerk had brought these to the meeting and it was agreed that Cllrs Wilkins, Clarke and the clerk would meet on Thursday 15th September to discuss locations. The sign for the “Community Noticeboard” had been produced and would be fixed on 15th. The question of a lock on the notice board was discussed and it was agreed to include a notice asking for non-official notices to be placed on the community board. ii) Inspection report. This had been resolved.
12	<p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Bath and West matters including proposed meeting with Chief Executive. Cllr Wilkins to contact Mr Cox with a view to arranging a meeting. ii) Response to communications about the recent NASS event. The clerk had written to Mendip Environmental Health asking what steps they took to deal with these noise issues given that the noise appeared to be in excess of the permitted level. He had not received a reply; Cllr Clarke to forward contact details of specific officers who had been dealing with this issue. iii) Cllr Fidge noted that the school would be opening shortly and she had had discussions about a possible role as a community governor but had received no confirmation in this regard. iv) Cllr Crowcombe advised that the drains had been repaired at Waterlip and that there were no further issues to be raised.
13	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerks salary and expenses – 366.65. This was agreed and a cheque raised. ii) Landscape Group Inspections - £66.85. This was agreed and a cheque raised. iii) SID software invoice – 62.50. The invoice had not been received. iv) Arien Signs - £92.40. This was agreed and a cheque raised. v) Grant Thornton – £240.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised. The clerk noted that this was more than the budget because the council’s turnover had been more than £25000.00.

14	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) An exhibition and consultation was underway regarding the showground.ii) The clerk advised of road closures for Kings Road and also at Leigh on Mendip.iii) It was suggested that the number of councillors be increased to seven; councillors to consider this for future discussions.
15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 11th October 2016 at The Prestleigh Inn, Prestleigh.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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