

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2016 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH @ 7.30pm	
	<i>Present:</i> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Barry Clarke, Ann Crowcombe, John Shepherd, Sarah Goff; also in attendance David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1	<i>Apologies for absence.</i> Cllr Ros Wilkins.
2	<i>Public Forum:</i> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. The chairman advised that she would adjourn the meeting to allow public comments about the planning applications. In response to a request, she also advised that she would adjourn the meeting to allow comments on agenda item 5iii)
3	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> Cllrs Clarke and Shepherd declared an interest in agenda 13 in respect of cheques to be drawn for reimbursement of materials obtained on behalf of the Parish Council.
4	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> i) Minutes of the meeting held on 8 th November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record ii) Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 29 th November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.
5	<i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting not covered elsewhere:</i> i) Parish Council representation - The clerk had yet to re-draft the paper prepared by Cllr Fidge. ii) Proposed additional yellow lining in Chelynych Road – These had been completed as white lines and a clear notice in Carey Close “Keep Clear”. iii) Petition presented at last Parish Council meeting. Parish Council comments and actions. The chairman adjourned the meeting briefly to allow for public comments. Mary Newman that not all residents in Chelynych Park had been visited when the petition was circulated and that some felt they had been cajoled into signing as they did not want a barrier. One person had asked for their name to be removed. There was also some doubt about the amount of drug paraphernalia that had been found. The chairman responded that the Parish Council had accepted the petition in good faith. Gail Blaker responded that she had attended a recent village hall meeting when the matter was not even discussed and reiterated that the petition called for a barrier to the car park. The meeting then reconvened and the chairman advised that a meeting with a number of bodies connected with the car park and school was being arranged for the new year.

	<p>iv) Quarry Liaison meetings. Site plan to be forwarded – this had yet to be received; Cllr Clarke to remind the quarry.</p>
6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>i) Application 2015/2631/FUL – Siting of a portable modular building and engineering works to create a level site entrance (both retrospective) and the proposed formation of a track, parking area and widening of site entrance at Wellspring Grove, Well Lane, Doultling for Mr Peter Osborne.</p> <p>The chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public comments on this application. Mr Osborn, the applicant, addressed the meeting about the revised application and outlined the new proposals. Tony Blaker commented that he had objected to the last application and would object to this amended application. A letter from Margaret Harding outlining her objects was circulated to councillors.</p> <p>The meeting then reconvened. Cllr Clarke referred to previous applications and correspondence. Reference was made to the nearby Edge Tools Works when works were also being carried out. Cllr Crowcombe summarised the application as she saw it and felt there was a need to be fair when considering the application.</p> <p>The chairman called for a vote and it was agreed to support the application 3 for 2 against.</p> <p>ii) Application 2016/2873/LBC – Updating and renovation to farm house including several elements at Hurlingpot Farm, Kings Road, Doultling for Mr and Mrs J Paterson. There were no comments on this application and it was agreed to support it unanimously.</p> <p>iii) Grants of permission for: Two storey vehicle workshop, etc at Beard Hill Farm, Pylle (2016/2332/FUL) – this was noted.</p>
7	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>i) Shelter for school children. Donations received, further funding options and programme of works. Donations totalling £3150 had been received and it was agreed that the Parish Council should made up the shortfall of around £1000 from its own resources. Cllr Crowcombe noted that an offer to assist with the foundations for the shelter had been received. The chairman thanked Cllr Crowcombe for her work in obtaining donations. Clerk to finalise details of costs for the next meeting.</p>
8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <p>i) Highway Matters generally. Prestleigh footpath. This was apparently scheduled for works to be carried out. Other matters reported. Cllr Shepherd reported another vehicle collision with the wall at Longcross.</p>

	<p>ii) Footpath matters. Footpath to Beard Hill – locked gate. Clerk to contact Rights of Way. Footpath to Well.</p> <p>iii) Speedwatch and SID’s. Cllr Goff reported that there had been several watches and that there had been a police speed vehicle in the village. A new system of reporting had had a positive effect. She had also had a conversation with Insp Nicholls about a number of matters including speeding in Chelynch Road. There was also to be a speed awareness and road safety session supported by a PCSO in the New Year.</p> <p>The brackets for the SID’s were on order. New “Kill your speed” signs available from the police had been erected at Waterlip. The signs cost £25 + VAT. And Cllr Crowcombe suggested that the Parish Council should purchase signs for erection in other areas of the parish. Cllr Clarke was concerned about the proliferation of signs on the highway.</p>
9	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <p>i) Somerset County Council – no report.</p> <p>ii) Mendip District Council – Cllr van Dyk reported that Mendip were collecting 98% of council tax which was positive news. He also advised that there would be a budget shortfall by 2020 and that the council had agreed to borrow £40m to be invested in a diverse range of ethical investments. There had been a meeting with the new Chief Constable who had advised that the increased use of police body cameras over the next five years would revolutionise policing. He advised that the scheme with five councils co-operating had had some teething problems but these were being ironed out, Mendip would be taking up the scheme in 2017. He had attended the Christmas lunch at the church and thanked the organisers for their work for the local community. Cllr Clarke queried the situation with Capita and mentioned problems with call centres. He was also concerned about who would handle the investments referred to as he felt it would need to someone with experience in these matters.</p> <p>iii) Police – no report had been received before the meeting although it was understood that PCSO Nikki Housley had intended to come to the meeting but had been taken ill.</p> <p>iv) Village and Parish Organisations Village hall car park issues – proposed meeting. Cllr Goff reported on the recent village hall meeting. She noted that fencing had now been erected to prevent access into the school grounds as required by OFSTED but it was intended that the existing path alongside the school would be re-opened. She noted that the installation of a barrier to the car park would compromise the operation of the school deliveries. She also advised that the CCTV covering the car park had been regularly checked from 12th November and that there had been one car coming into the car park during the intervening period. She had also spoken to the police who advised that they had no knowledge of any drug paraphernalia in the car park. Cllr Goff also thanked various people for their work in the village.</p>
10	<p><u>The Glebeland:</u></p> <p>i) The recent working party had been cancelled due to illness.</p> <p>ii) The date of the next meeting to be agreed at the meeting in January 2017.</p>

11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Cllr Clarke asked if the council should consider a portable toilet for the play area.</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 progress on arranging the meeting.</p> <p>ii) Response to NASS event licencing application. This had been sent but there was some confusion as to whether an actual “objection” to the licence application was required. Cllr van Dyk suggested that the system should be used to influence future licence applications to reflect community requirements.</p>
13	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses – 366.20. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>ii) Landscape Group Inspections - £66.85. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iii) Reimbursement of invoice for concrete pipes for planters to Cllr Clarke - £21.80. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iv) John Shepherd Feeders rubber mats (under picnic tables) - £96.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>v) Time table for setting of precept for 2017/18 – Clerk to circulate updated budget for consideration at the next meeting.</p>
14	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u></p> <p>i) Cllr Clarke raised matters concerning contacts for Evercreech Parish Council and a proposed mobile phone mast.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Goff raised the matter of letters received from residents concerning the recent petition.</p>
15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 10th January 2017 at Doultling Village Hall.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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