

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2017 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm	
	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, Barry Clarke, Sarah Goff; also in attendance Cllr David van Dyke and Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1702/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllr Crowcombe
1702/2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Six members of the public were present. Chris Norman raised the matter of the café at the new Mendip School which appeared to be operating on a commercial basis and was likely to be taking trade from other, established, businesses in the local area.
1702/3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Cllr Goff advised she was a neighbour of Emanjay – item 1702/6i)
1702/4	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> i) Minutes of the meeting held on 10 th January 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record with the removal of wording “were not interested in drugs being used for personal use. They” from 1701/9iv).
1702/5	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting not covered elsewhere:</u> i) Parish Council representation – amended Terms of Reference. The chairman asked councillors to respond with their comments to the clerk before the next meeting. Cllr Clarke noted he had already responded.
1702/6	<u>Planning:</u> i) Application 2016/3154/HSE – Two storey extension at Emanjay, Chelynch Road, Doultling for Mr Rob Rayson. It was noted that permission had already been granted. The clerk advised that this had been received immediately after the last meeting and had “slipped through the net” for which he apologised. ii) Application 2017/0147/FUL – Change of use from agricultural to business use (B1) at Lodge Farm, Wagon and Horses Hill, Doultling for Messrs K and J West. Councillors noted the inclusion in the Design and Access statement that traffic should only approach the site from the north. This to be reiterated in the Parish Council response; councillors had no other comments. iii) Grant of non-material amendment to application 2016/2176/NMA – Bath and West Showground. This was noted.
1702/7	<u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u> i) Shelter for school children. Delivery and installation arrangements – see also “Financial”. The clerk advised that he had discussed the provision of the

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	<p>shelter with the supplier who had sent a pro-forma invoice. He had asked about installation and was quoted £1900 for this service. The shelter came as a flat packed item on a pallet which would require unloading. He had provisionally asked for the shelter to be delivered to John Shepherd who had facilities for unloading. Clerk to confirm with Cllr Shepherd.</p>
<p>1702/8</p>	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <p>i) Highway Matters generally. Prestleigh footpath damage. No repairs had been carried out. Doulling Hill – blocked drainage. These had been cleared but continuing action was required to keep the drains clear. “Kill your Speed” signs. These were out of stock and being re-ordered with 4 signs allocated to Doulling. Drainage at Poachers Pocket. This had been reported. Doulling Hill – following an accident a car was precariously balanced in the hedge and there seemed to be no immediate action to remove the car before it rolled into the field. Cllr van Dyke to take matter up with the police and Mendip DC. Extensive damage to the walls on the A361 were reported and, in particular, a section of wall thought to be the responsibility of Somerset Highways was leaning into the road. Whilst this may be an insurance matter, Cllr Clarke to raise matter of highway safety with Somerset. The matter of signs around the village was raised. Cllr Goff agreed with Cllr Clarke's comments about too many signs and discussion took place about the type of signs including “Brown commercial signs”. It was noted that there are no warning signs about dangerous bends, etc in place. It was noted that a review of signs was undertaken about 17 months ago. It was suggested that a further review should take place.</p> <p>ii) Footpath matters. Bath and West footpath. No further issues were reported.</p> <p>iii) Speedwatch and SID's. a) Cllr Goff reported that the speedwatch was taking place regularly and that normally around 600-800 cars per hour were recorded through the village. They had taken place in a day long speedwatch when 9656 cars were recorded during the day of which 34 were recorded as speeding. There had been eight accidents since the start of 2017 and a 40 mph limit had been suggested on the A361 to compliment the 30mph in the village. Cllr Goff advised that she is now on the speedwatch committee. She also suggested a joint meeting between Cranmore, Waterlip and Doulling to discuss a future programme. b) SIDS – the brackets were still in hand.</p>
<p>1702/9</p>	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <p>i) Somerset County Council – no report. ii) Mendip District Council – Cllr van Dyk reported on the current situation with broadband following the appointment of Gigaclear to the second phase of the roll out. He noted that the proposed move of the library in Shepton Mallet to the council offices site was proceeding. He confirmed that he would report more on financial matters at the next meeting.</p>

	<p>iii) Police – no report. Cllr advised that the police were unable to provide representation to meetings due to cuts in staff. It was suggested that they be invited to attend twice a year as appropriate including the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>iv) Village and Parish Organisations</p> <p>a) Village hall car park issues – proposed meeting cancelled. The chairman expressed disappointment that the school had felt unable to attend this meeting and that it was not possible for the Parish Council to take the matter of the suggested barrier forward as it had no jurisdiction over the car park entrance.</p> <p>b) There was much discussion about the fence which had been erected around the school which now prevented access outside of school hours. The chairman briefly adjourned the meeting to allow public comments which included the lack of consultation with the village, the loss of the footpath through the school and the loss of the use of the playing field area which had been used by local children since the school had been built. In particular, residents were now unable to use the footpath as access between different parts of the village and the alternative was muddy and unsafe. The school had responded that the area needed to be locked up after hours to reduce risk of claims against the school should an accident occur. Cllr van Dyk had inspected the footpath and noted that a new gateway could be installed to overcome part of the muddy and unsafe section. It was suggested that Chris Brown should be asked to quote to level and surface the path. Cllr van Dyk noted that the footpath through the school had been officially redirected. It was noted that the community are working together to resolve the situation and that there was a need to involve the governors.</p> <p>c) Cllr Goff thanked Jan Crewe for her work in raising £955 at the recent quiz night toward the proposed defibrillator. The location was still to be decided although a suggestion that the machine be located near the phone was made although Cllr Wilkins felt that this location could be subject to vandalism. A location at the village hall was also suggested.</p> <p>d) Cllr Goff noted that the village website was being updated.</p> <p>e) The CCTV covering the village hall car park was still being monitored and one suspicious van and a car noted over the period.</p>
1702/10	<p><u>The Glebeland:</u></p> <p>i) Report of meeting held on 31st January 2017 – Cllr Clarke gave a brief resume of the meeting. It was agreed to defer a decision on items ii) – iv) below until the next meeting.</p> <p>ii) Parish Council to agree budget for fence repairs</p> <p>iii) Parish Council to agree budget for provision of additional picnic table</p> <p>iv) Parish Council to agree budget for “up and over” stile from Carey Close.</p>
1702/11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Provision of toilet facilities. Much concern had been expressed to the idea of toilets and Cllr Wilkins felt that there was currently no problem. It was agreed to add the matter to the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting in May.</p>
1702/12	<p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) Bath and West matters including proposed meeting with Chief Executive. There</p>

	<p>had been no contact regarding any meeting. Cllr Fidge advised that she had been approached by a company seeking information about flood risk on part of the LDO site and she suspected that work was proceeding on new development for the area although there was no official information. It was noted that the planning condition 16 regarding highway improvements had yet to be fulfilled. It was also noted that the Glastonbury 2017 brochure was advertising camping at the B&W site.</p> <p>ii) Matters concerning “Mendip School” – there was continuing concern about the use of the café on site which had not been included in any planning documents at the time of the application. The café seemed to be offering cheap lunches and there was also a question of lorry parking on the site. Cllr van Dyk to take up the matter of the café and parking as well as the LDO issues and Glastonbury camping issues.</p> <p>iii) Other matters reported. Cllr Fidge had brought the matters raised at the last meeting to the attention of the headteacher at the school. She also advised there was to be an “open evening” on 27th February at 5pm and that a formal opening was scheduled for March.</p>
1702/13	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses to include website renewal costs. £487.30 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. ii) Doultling Village Hall hire costs 2016/17 - £190.00– this was agreed and a cheque raised. iii) Arien Signs – self-adhesive sign for Padfield Green - £9.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. iv) Idverde – play area inspections - £66.85 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. v) J Lees planting - £90.00 (cheque drawn at January meeting incorrect amount) – this was agreed and a cheque raised. vi) Community Council for Somerset – subscription renewal - £40.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. vii) Pro-forma invoice for Waiting shelter – Shelter Store - £3922.80 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. viii) A request for payment of the annual Subscription to Somerset Playing Field Assoc in the sum of £15 had been recently received – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>
1702/14	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <p>i) The clerk had circulated information about a Neighbourhood planning event and Cllr Fidge advised that she would like to attend.</p>
1702/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 14th March 2017, 7.30pm at Doultling Village Hall.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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