

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

| MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2017 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH @ 7.30pm | |
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| | <p><u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, Barry Clarke, Ann Crowcombe, Sarah Goff and John Shepherd; also in attendance Cllr David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p> |
| 1706/1 | <p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Nicola Housley (A&S Police)</p> |
| 1706/2 | <p><u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Nine members of the public were present.</p> <p>Several of those present raised various points about the following matters:</p> <p>Footpath behind school – questions of use, surfacing, lighting were raised and the possibility of cutting back overgrown vegetation discussed. The question of liability for the path was discussed as the footpath is on land not owned by the council.</p> <p>Village Hall Car Park barrier – a number of conflicting views were expressed about the proposal for a barrier, comments were made about how the barrier would be operated. It was also noted that a review of the CCTV overlooking the car park had revealed very little suspicious activity.</p> <p>It was noted that work is proceeding to erect the bus shelter and it was suggested that a waste bin be positioned next to the shelter.</p> <p>Traffic congestion on Chelynch Road during the recent Bath and West show was noted.</p> <p>The question of the café at Mendip School was raised and it was noted that the café now operates when the school is closed and also provides catering at outside events. Concern was expressed about traffic flows associated with the school and café which were not included in the original planning consultations.</p> <p>The question of the proposed brewery and visitor centre at the showground was raised following the informal presentation before the meeting and concern expressed about the continued viability of The Prestleigh Inn when this facility was opened. It was noted that the Prestleigh Inn formed an integral part of the community being pub, social centre and meeting place.</p> <p>Councillor van Dyk felt that there needed to be a review of the planning situation at the showground and the problems being presented by the café at the school and the proposed brewery. It was agreed that an informal meeting should be convened to discuss these matters. This meeting to be held on 19th June at The Prestleigh Inn.</p> |

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| 1706/3 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>None.</p> |
| 1706/4 | <p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p> |
| 1706/5 | <p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) School footpath. Cllr van Dyk reported that a response was awaited from the diocese about various matters including surfacing and some form of lighting. It was agreed to contact Somerset Rights of Way about the overgrown vegetation. ii) Village planting. This had been completed with thanks to John Lees and Geoff Buzzard. iii) Parish Council Computer back-up equipment. In hand with the clerk iv) Parish Council meeting dates. These had been circulated but the July meeting clashed with a school function. It was agreed to hold this meeting at the Prestleigh Inn and change the September meeting to Doulting. |
| 1706/6 | <p><u>Planning:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Wild Beer Co planning application. At the date of issue of this agenda no information on this application was available. There had been an informal presentation before the meeting and the application was awaited. |
| 1706/7 | <p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Shelter for school children. The base had been cast by Andy Stott and Cllr Shepherd was hoping to erect the shelter shortly. The question of the litter bin to be added to the next agenda. ii) Security of and Access to the village hall car park. It was agreed to defer this matter until input was received from the school. iii) Appointment of PC voluntary assistants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Quarry Liaison meeting representative – Cllr Clarke asked for clarification about representation at these meetings as both he and Cllr Crowcombe attend with the latter representing both Doulting and Cranmore. He felt that Doulting should have one representative as he felt it was important that others at the meeting should know who spoke on whose behalf. Cllr Crowcombe disagreed and felt it was reasonable that Doulting had adequate representation. It was agreed that the current arrangement should continue although Cllr Clarke reiterated his concern about the situation. b) Highways matters – Cllr Crowcombe proposed that Doulting should work in conjunction with Cranmore to resolve mutually important issues with traffic in both parishes. It was suggested that a joint advisory committee be set up with Cranmore to deal with strategy, liaison, speeding and other matters related to resolving continuing traffic issues. Cllr Crowcombe to bring the matter to Cranmore PC. |

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| | <p>c) Other proposed assistants: Mary Newman to continue as the representative for Beacon Hill Woods; clerk to forward Terms of Reference.</p> |
| <p>1706/8</p> | <p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <p>i) Highway Matters generally. Prestleigh footpath damage. It was noted that the path had been swept. “Kill your Speed” signs. – still awaited. Bath and West Traffic problems – there had been traffic problems on the Thursday and Saturday of the show although these had not been to the extent of previous years congestion. Other matters reported – it was noted that Doulting Hill was to be cleaned up. The flooding problem near the Poachers Pocket had not been resolved. The drain at Waterlip had been repaired. There was a collapsed gully on the A371 at Prestleigh.</p> <p>ii) Footpath matters. Access problems with the footpath at Bodden Cross Lane were reported. Matter to be raised with Somerset Rights of Way.</p> <p>iii) Speedwatch and SID’s. Cllr Goff reported that was continuing and that data collected was being collated as requested by the local MP. The SID was currently in Doulting and it was agreed to contribute £42 toward an additional set of batteries.</p> |
| <p>1706/9</p> | <p><u>Reports:</u></p> <p>i) Somerset County Council – no report. ii) Mendip District Council – Cllr van Dyk reported on the council lottery and proposals to invest monies in various projects to enhance income. He also noted that the council had a new chairman.</p> <p>Police - <i>A report was given for the last month up to 11/06.2017:</i></p> <p><i>16/05 suspicious vehicle sighted in Doulting</i> <i>15/05 Prestleigh, Parking complaint</i> <i>01/06 Dangerous driving on Doulting hill</i> <i>02/06 2 vehicle collision in the vicinity of the Beacon</i> <i>10/06 report of a loose horse on the road between Doulting and Cranmore</i></p> <p>iii) Village and Parish Organisations:</p> <p>a) Village Hall – Cllr Goff reported that a new committee had been appointed and it was hoped that agenda and minutes would be posted to advise the community about meetings, etc. The next meeting was provisionally on 17th July.</p> <p>b) Social Group – the next meeting was on 20th June and a film night and bingo were planned.</p> <p>c) Defibrillator – fund raising continued and discussions about the type and location of the machine were continuing.</p> <p>d) Beacon Hill Woods Society. Mary New reported a successful art event and that the school would be visiting the woods on their annual visit.</p> |

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| 1706/10 | <p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Fence repairs – these had been completed ii) Parish Council to write concerning blocking of access. The clerk had contacted Knightstone on this matter. iii) The next meeting was agreed for 4th July 2017. iv) Thanks were extended for those who helped at the last working party. |
| 1706/11 | <p><u>Padfield Green.</u> (Cllr Wilkins gave this report after 1706/7 as she had to leave the meeting at this point)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Equipment inspection report and actions – Cllr Wilkins had spoken to the inspector from SPFA who advised that all the equipment did not comply with European legislation (this was understood to be advisory). This was agreed that the insurance should be checked and advice sought from other parties including SALC. ii) Proposed weather shelter. Deferred until next meeting. |
| 1706/12 | <p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Correspondence from The Wild Beer Co. A presentation had taken place before the meeting. (see separate notes.) ii) Matters concerning “Mendip School” Concern continued to be expressed about the designation of the café which appeared to operate on a commercial basis rather than as a school facility. iii) NASS Festival meeting – this had been proposed for 3rd July, just before the event. Cllr Fidge to seek amended date. |
| 1706/13 | <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerks salary and expenses. £355.40 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. ii) John Lees and Geoff Buzzard village planting. £62.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. iii) Shepton Mallet Landscapes invoices. £3060.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. iv) HMRC Tax. £153.73 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. v) Idverde – Play inspections. £133.70 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. |
| 1706/14 | <p><u>Matters of Report;</u> No matters were reported.</p> |
| 1706/15 | <p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is on 11th July 2017 at The Prestleigh Inn.</p> |

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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