

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JULY 2017	
VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH @ 7.30pm	
	<p><u>Present:</u> Cllr Ros Wilkins (Chair), Barry Clarke, Ann Crowcombe, John Shepherd; also in attendance Cllr David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p>
1707/1	<p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge, Sarah Goff; Nicola Housley (A&S) and Tony Blaker.</p>
1707/2	<p><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.</p> <p>There were a number of comments about the application from the Wild Beer Co for a new brewery and visitor centre at the Bath and West Showground. These included a query about the status of the site which was considered to be a “green field” site outside the limits of the LDO. The granting of the application would mean more developments and possibly the end of the Bath and West show itself. Concern was expressed about the continuing viability of The Prestleigh Inn should the development go ahead and it was noted that the pub was the centre of activities in Prestleigh fulfilling several functions for the community.</p> <p>The safety of Doultling Hill for pedestrians and vehicles was questioned given the obscuring of road signs by overgrowth of hedge rows and the encroachment of vegetation and hedgerow onto the footpath.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the pavement on the south side of the A361 opposite Chelynch Road where there was no height to the kerb and the designation between the path and the carriageway lost This was a dangerous section of path to use.</p> <p>It was noted that the field behind Ganesfield had been planted over the footpath.</p>
1707/3	<p><u>Declarations of interest:</u> None.</p>
1707/4	<p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record with amendments to 1706/2 – Village Hall Barrier – which was amended to read “There were a number of conflicting views from those previously expressed....” And correction to 1706/9iii) “Mary Newman...”</p>
1707/5	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) School footpath – awaiting further response from the school. ii) Parish Council Computer back-up equipment. In hand with the clerk. iii) Shelter for school children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Crowcombe proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned with the erection of the shelter which was agreed unanimously. It was agreed to reimburse John Shepherd toward the cost for the use of his staff in assembling the shelter; an invoice to be submitted to the clerk.

	<p>b) Provision of litter bin. Various options to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
<p>1707/6</p>	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>i) Application 2017/1513/FUL – Demolition of toilet block and erection of new brewery, etc on land at The Royal Bath and West Showground for The Wild Beer Co. Cllr Clarke noted that the information promised by the WBC at the previous PC meeting had not been forthcoming. Cllr van Dyk had talked to the planners and economic development and also noted that the WBC intended to meet with residents to discuss concerns but he would also refer residents concerns to the WBC. He was aware that the WBC had a time agenda but was unsure of the timescale for planning. He felt there was a real need to change the B&W and he also hoped that the matter would be considered by the planning board. Cllr Crowcombe commented on the “monstrous eyesore” which was being proposed and which should be considered unacceptable in a location like Prestleigh. She felt there was a great need to represent the community against this proposal which endangers the well-being of the village. Cllr Wilkins noted that Prestleigh would be greatly affected by this huge eyesore and that the pub, “the hub of the village” put at risk by this development on a greenfield site which could have been sited at a more appropriate location on the B&W site. It was also noted that the proposal included the removal of an ancient hedgerow which re-siting the proposed building to another location could have avoided. It was proposed that the Parish Council object to the application which was agreed unanimously. The clerk to write suitable comments in line with the discussions to accompany the Parish Council objection.</p> <p>ii) Application 2017/1546/FUL – Retention of static caravan for a period of three years at Brottens Farm, Brottens Road, Chesterblade for Mr Green. There were no objections to this application.</p>
<p>1707/7</p>	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>i) Security of and Access to the village hall car park – deferred.</p> <p>ii) Appointment of PC voluntary assistants:</p> <p>a) Quarry Liaison meeting representative – the clerk noted correspondence about representation for Doultling. He also noted that the planning application for the Three Quarry Tips had been re-submitted by Wainwrights. Concern was expressed as it was understood that some form of presentation to the local community was to take place before the application was submitted. Clerk to confirm timetable with planners.</p> <p>iii) Proposed joint highways advisory committee. Cllr Crowcombe reported that Cranmore were in agreement with the setting up of the committee and that they had appointed two representatives. The question of Doultling representatives was deferred to the next meeting.</p>

1707/8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Highway Matters generally. “Kill your Speed” signs. Still awaited. Bath and West and Glastonbury traffic problems – it was noted that there had been less problems this year and, in particular, there had been less traffic than normal during the Glastonbury Festival period. It was agreed to write to the relevant parties to thank them for their input in improving the traffic situation for these events. Flooding at Poachers Pocket – this remained unresolved. ii) Footpath matters. The clerk had reported the matters raised at the last meeting. iii) Speedwatch and SID’s. Cllr Crowcombe advised that the SID’s extra batteries were being sourced “free of charge”.
1707/9	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Somerset County Council – no report. ii) Mendip District Council – Cllr van Dyk advised about improvements to the councils “scrutiny” process and that work was being carried out to improve economic strategy over the coming years with inward investment for relocating companies and opportunities for better links between employers and education. He also noted that more police resources were being transferred to the “hub” site. iii) Police – Nicola Housley had sent the following report: 10/06 3 calls relating to a horse on the main road nr Merryfield Lane 19/06 Broken down vehicle on Prestleigh hill 09/07 A vehicle that left the road , ending up in the field of Manor Farm Prestleigh 10/07 A car taken from a drive on Farrington lane iv) Village and Parish Organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Village Hall – Cllr Clarke queried the posting of meeting agenda and minutes on Noticeboards. b) Social Group – thanks were expressed for the recent film night. The forthcoming bingo night raising funds for the defibrillator was also noted. c) Defibrillator – fund raising continued. d) Beacon Hill Woods Society – Mary Newman reported that the society was awaiting the 5 year plan from the woodland trust and that new fencing had been erected.
1707/10	<p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Report on meeting 4th July 2017. Cllr Crowcombe gave a brief report on the meeting. ii) The report of the annual inspection of the skate board park was reviewed and any points raised to be considered at a future meeting. iii) The next committee meeting to be on 17th October.
1707/11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Equipment inspection report and actions – The clerk passed the inspection report to Cllr Wilkins for review. The issues raised about the childrens gym equipment to be considered in greater detail. ii) Proposed weather shelter. Cllr Wilkins had spoken to local people about the proposal and a trail “sail type” shelter to be erected to gauge opinion.

	<p>iii) The clerk to contact Chris Brown about cutting back the bushes at the entrance to Padfield Green which were obscuring vision.</p>
1707/12	<p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) Matters concerning “Mendip School” – Cllr van Dyk to speak to school and planners about the café and any planning conditions which could apply. It was noted that the café operates beyond school hours and could be considered a “commercial” venture.</p> <p>ii) NASS Festival – the plans promoted by the Parish Council and put in place by NASS had been effective and the security guard at the Prestleigh Inn had been effective in restricting anti-social behaviour. Cllr van Dyk felt that there had been a good plan in place for the festival and it agreed to write to various parties to express thanks for their co-operation this year, It was noted that the music was still loud and had carried on into the night but less so than previous years. All agreed that there was still a need for better communication.</p>
1707/13	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses. £366.65 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>ii) Playground inspection – Idverde. £66.85 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iii) Came and Company- increased insurance premium for updated playground equipment £76.88 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>
1707/14	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u></p> <p>Parish Councillors and members of the public present sent their best wishes to Tony Blaker for a speedy recovery from his recent illness. Clerk to write to Tony expressing these best wishes.</p>
1707/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is on 8th August 2017 at Doultling Village Hall. This meeting will have a shortened agenda with the main item being the Wainwrights quarry tips application where an extension to the consultation period has been granted to the Parish Council. Anyone wishing to speak or present information during the public forum in respect of the quarry tips application should advise the clerk not later than 2nd August 2017.</p>

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