

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th AUGUST 2017 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm	
	<p><u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Barry Clarke, John Shepherd, Ann Crowcombe; also in attendance Cllr David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p>
1708/1	<p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Sarah Goff, Ros Wilkins, Tony Blaker.</p>
1708/2	<p><u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Three members of the public were present; no matters were raised.</p>
1708/3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>Cllr Shepherd in respect of 1708/7 iv) - Invoice for bus shelter.</p>
1708/4	<p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendments: 1707/2 – clarification of location of low pavement “toward Farm Lane...” 1707/5 iii)a) - the words “a plaque to be added referencing donors.” added. 1707/11 ii) – correction “trial” rather than trail.</p>
1708/5	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>i) Application 2017/1830/VRC – Application to vary conditions at Holcombe Farmhouse, Holcombe Lane, BA4 4RD for Mr and Mrs Harris. It was noted that the original application had not been seen by councillors. It was agreed unanimously to support the application.</p>
1708/6	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>i) Mendip District Council Public Space Protection Orders – consultation (ends 14th August):</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the proposals seemed only to cover public spaces owned by Mendip DC rather than all public spaces such as Padfield Green, etc. Councillors also felt the proposals were unclear about where levels 2 and 3 orders would apply and that they needed to apply to all areas where fly tipping, for instance, was a problem. Councillors were also concerned about the enforcement of the orders as they felt that current enforcement procedures were inadequate. These concerns and comments were passed to Cllr van Dyk who would take them back to Mendip.</p>

1708/7	<p><u>Financial:</u> Invoices received for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Clerks salary and expenses. £355.40. This was agreed and a cheque raised.ii) Playground inspection – Idverde. £66.85. This was agreed and a cheque raised.iii) Information Commissioner subscription £35.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised.iv) Invoice from John Shepherd Feeders re: Bus shelter £756.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised. In the absence of a second signatory for this cheque, councillors authorised the Clerk to countersign the cheque in order to complete payment.v) Invoice from Waterlip Developments for materials supplied for the bus shelter £366.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised.
1708/8	<p><u>Matters of Urgent Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Cllr Clarke asked for updated speedwatch information – clerk to contact Cllr Goff.ii) Cllr Clarke asked for clarification of representation on the Quarry Liaison Committee. Cllr Fidge advised that Cllr Clarke represented Douling and Cllr Crowcombe represented the Waterlip area (which was in two parishes) and also Cranmore Parish Council.iii) Cllr Shepherd advised of a party which had taken place on land adjoining the Glebeland.iv) Cllr Crowcombe advised that Wainwrights had arranged a public consultation event on 31st August 2017 at Stoke St Michael Village Hall concerning the application for three new quarry tips. The clerk advised that consideration of the application would take place at the next meeting on 12th September 2017. He also advised that he had received a request to present information to the meeting. Following a discussion with Cllr Fidge he had advised that public comments on the application would be limited to five minutes per person within the public participation part of the meeting which would be extended to 30 minutes to accommodate those who wanted to speak. Councillors agreed with the extended time of 30 minutes for this meeting only.
1708/9	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 12th September 2017 at Douling Village Hall.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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