

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2017 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm	
	<p><u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, John Shepherd, Barry Clarke, Sarah Goff and Ann Crowcombe; also in attendance Cllr David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p>
1709/1	<p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> None</p>
1709/2	<p><u>Public Forum for matters excluding planning:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. 16 members of the public were present.</p> <p>The following matters were raised: The hedges at the entrance to Padfield Green still needed cutting back. Information about the condition and use of the phone box was given; this matter to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. A request that the hedges on the path between school and church be cut back was made. Concerns about the safety of the matting in Padfield Green were raised but there had been no comment on these on the recent site inspection. Concern was expressed about a number of matters regarding the recent village hall meeting and in particular the matter of the barrier which had been discounted by the meeting. The meeting was reminded about the 96 signature petition concerning the use of the car park and also speeding in Chelynych Road. There were a number of comments on the matter of both the petition and barrier giving opposing views on both. It was noted that the monitoring of the car park CCTV had shown no illegal activities taking place. The chairman advised that the Parish Council had taken note of the petition when it was originally presented. Cllr Goff expressed annoyance with a late night phone call which she had received concerning activity in the entrance to the quarry.</p>
1709/3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>All Councillors were granted a dispensation in respect of planning application 1709/7ii) to enable council business to proceed.</p> <p>Cllr Goff declared a personal interest in agenda item 1709/7ii) (family connection)</p>
1709/4	<p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>
1709/5	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i) School footpath. Cllr Goff reported that she was meeting with the Headteacher in the coming days to discuss the matter and that the matter was also to be discussed by the diocese later in September.ii) Parish Council Computer back-up equipment. This had been purchased.

	<p>iii) Provision of litter bin next to bus shelter. The clerk circulated a number of alternatives and it was agreed to purchase a free standing “Community” litter bin priced at £230 + VAT. It was noted that the bin in the skate park was rusted and could need replacement. Cllr Shepherd to check on condition of bin and advise clerk.</p>
<p>1709/6</p>	<p><u>Public Forum for Planning matters:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 30 minutes to allow public participation on matters concerned with planning applications included on the agenda.</p> <p>The clerk read out a number of emails received in regard to the application. These were received from Rose Barker and Nick Haskins, Ian and Lorraine Wright, Donald Higgins, Andrew Melrose and david and wendy Beech outlining concerns about the effect on the landscape, the size, scope and timescale of the proposed operations, wildlife, stability and hydrology, ecology, rights of way, restoration and the noise generated during construction of the tips.</p> <p>Toward the end of the public participation period, representatives from Wainwrights asked to speak and were allowed the remaining time by the chairman. They tried to allay fears about noise and other matters and responded to a question about now the overburden would be transported.</p> <p>Regarding the amended application 2017/1513/FUL (item 1709/7iii), the chairman allowed a short period before discussion of the application for public comments and comments made previously regarding the effect of the proposed development on Prestleigh were reiterated.</p>
<p>1709/7</p>	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>i) Application 2017/1977/HSE – Replacement of uPVC windows to ground and first floor front elevation with steel framed casements in existing stone mullioned surrounds at 44 Beech Close, Doultling BA4 4QE for Mr Terence Bryan. It was unanimously agreed to support this application.</p> <p>ii) Application 2016/0665/CNT – Construction of three replacement tips at Moons Hill Quarry complex, Stoke St Michael. Cllr Clarke noted that Wainwrights were a reputable local business that brought economic benefit to the area and that they had endeavoured to address concerns raised previously. The design of the tips had been carried out by an expert in the field and that efforts had been made to reduce the noise issue. Cllr Wilkins agreed with Cllr Clarkes comments. Cllr Crowcombe expressed concern about the findings of the report commissioned by Somerset CC in respect of hydrology and the stability of the proposed tips. She felt that this matter needed to resolved before a decision could be made; Cllr Goff concurred on this point. The question of the noise generated by the construction of the “bunds” between the tips and adjoining properties was discussed and some felt that there had been a significant reduction in the noise levels.</p> <p>The chairman asked if councillors wished to defer a decision until the matters of the SCC report had been resolved but a majority felt that the matter should be determined by this meeting.</p>

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	<p>A vote was taken with three in favour of the application and two abstentions; Cllr Goff did not vote.</p> <p>iii) 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 – amended plans and details received on 22/8/17 and other dates. The changes to the application had been detailed in the covering letter and it was generally agreed that most were connected with “cost cutting” although the change in silo colour was welcomed. It was generally agreed that despite the minor changes, the application was still unacceptable and that the comments made by the Parish Council in connection with the original application still applied. Councillors voted unanimously to object to the amended application and to reiterate their previous comments.</p>
1709/8	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>i) Appointment of PC voluntary assistants: ii) Proposed joint highways advisory committee representatives. Both these items were deferred until the next meeting.</p>
1709/9	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <p>i) Highway Matters generally. “Kill your Speed” signs. Flooding at Poachers Pocket Other matters reported. ii) Footpath matters. Both these items were deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>iii) Speedwatch and SID’s. Cllr Clarke advised that he was still awaiting speedwatch data which he had asked for in June. Cllr Goff advised that only the “raw” data was available. The chairman asked Cllr Goff to pass this data to the clerk for circulation to other councillors. The matter to be further discussed at the next meeting.</p>
1709/10	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <p>i) Somerset County Council – no report. ii) Mendip District Council – Cllr van Dyk outlined proposed to provide starter workspace for small businesses which would likely be located in Frome. MDC were to invest £300k into the scheme and expect a significant return. Concern was expressed about car parking and Cllr Shepherd was concerned that this investment would have an adverse effect of Frome’s economy in the same way that allowing a large Tesco store in Shepton Mallet had adversely effected the High Street. iii) Police – no report. iv) Village and Parish Organisations: a) Village Hall. Cllr Goff spoke about the recent village hall meeting and expressed concern about the negative response received from some in the village. She noted that there had been a presentation to John and Joy Lees where a large sum of money had been raised for John and Joy.</p>

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	<p>The question of the barrier had been discussed and the meeting felt that it was not necessary. The village hall was to write to the PC on the matter. This item to be included on the next PC agenda. Cllr Goff reiterated that there had been no illegal activity picked up by the CCTV during the recent monitoring period and it had been agreed to monitor the CCTV when an incident had taken place. Cllr Crowcombe felt that there needed to be a change in attitude in the village toward people who volunteered for the various committees and organisations and that the various matters should be discussed in a more positive way.</p>
1709/11	<p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <p>Matters deferred until the next meeting.</p>
1709/12	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>Matters deferred until the next meeting.</p>
1709/13	<p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>Matters deferred until the next meeting.</p>
1709/14	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Clerks salary and expenses. £465.25, this was agreed and a cheque raised.ii) Playground inspection – Idverde. £66.85, this was agreed and a cheque raised.iii) Confirmation of VAT reclaim – a refund on £7802.34 had been received.
1709/15	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <p>The chairman noted that Rupert Cox had been invited to the next meeting and the clerk advised that John Lapwood, Village agent had also been invited.</p>
1709/16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is on 10th October 2017 at Doultling Village Hall.</p>

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