

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2017 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm	
	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Ros Wilkins (Chair), Ann Crowcombe, Barry Clarke, John Shepherd and Sarah Goff; also in attendance Cllrs Philip Ham and David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1711/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllr Paula Fidge.
1711/2	<u>Public Forum for matters included on the agenda:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Ten members of the public were present. Tony Blaker raised a number of matters including overgrowth on local pavements, speeding in Chelynch Road, the Parish Council lack of action on the car park barrier, Speed watch data availability, the proposed joint traffic group, the lack of progress on voluntary assistants, the location of “Kill your speed” signs and the continuing problem with the Padfield Green matting.
1711/3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
1711/4	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 10 th October 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1711/5	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) School footpath. No further progress or contact with the diocese. ii) Provision of litter bin next to bus shelter. The clerk had fixed this bin. iii) New litter bin to skate park. This had just been received and would be fixed shortly. iv) Location and size of bus shelter sign. It was agreed to fit an A4 sign to the wall behind the shelter. Clerk to check that all donors were included on the sign. v) Cllr Clarke questioned the availability of the “raw” speedwatch data as this had been requested over several meetings, indeed it had been specifically requested at the last meeting by Cllr Fidge. Cllr Goff responded that the information from the SID’s was more specific and a chart had been displayed at the meeting. Further discussion took place under item 1711/8iv).
1711/6	<u>Planning:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Application 2017/2659/LBC – Removal of existing fireplace, etc to expose existing opening at 77 Chelynch Road, Doultling for Mr A Days. This was approved although concern was expressed about the removal of the existing surround.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) Application 2017/2735/HSE – Erection of detached garage at Shadaroba, Chelynch Road, Douling for Mr and Mrs Rutt. The owners of the adjoining property had written to the Parish Council and the Chairman adjourned the meeting briefly to allow their concerns to be raised. These included proximity of the proposed garage to the boundary and their drainage installation and the size of the proposed garage which was out of scale with the other buildings on the site. The meeting re-convened and councillors commented about the siting and size of the garage and were concerned whether it was only for “residential” use. Councillors agreed that they had difficulty in supporting the application and agreed to leave the matter for the planning officers decision. iii) Application 2017/2774/FUL – Extension to existing restaurant and other works at The Restaurant, The Royal Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet BA4 6QN. Councillors noted previous concerns about the effect of this type of development at the showground on local businesses. Cllr Clarke felt that they should support such proposals to improve the showground. Councillors agreed to support the proposal. iv) Application 2017/1513/FUL – Wild Beer Co brewery, etc. Grant of permission with conditions. This was noted v) Planning Training Sessions – confirmation of attendees. The clerk to book Cllr Crowcombe on 10th January session and Cllrs Fidge and Clarke on 6th February session. No other councillors wished to attend.
1711/7	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Proposed joint highways advisory committee with Cranmore. Cllr Fidge had asked for this item to be deferred until the next meeting. ii) Future use of telephone box. The clerk had received no response to enquiries about options for the phone box. It was noted that there had been no emergency calls in the last 5 years. It was also noted that mobile phone coverage in the area was very poor. Jan Crew to pass on contact details she had used to the clerk. iii) Cllr Clarke again sought clarification on the representatives at quarry liaison meetings. It had been previously agreed that Cllr Clarke would cover Douling and Cllr Crowcombe Waterlip and Cranmore (part of Waterlip being in Douling). The matter to be referred to Cllr Fidge for comments.
1711/8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Highway Matters generally. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding at Poachers Pocket -in hand with Highways. Low kerb on A361 -in hand with Highways. Barrier on Douling Hill -in hand with Highways. Damaged wall on A361 – there was confusion about ownership of this wall; Cllrs van Dyk and Ham to investigate with the relevant authorities. Other matters reported. Concern was expressed about the poor road surface edges on Douling Hill – to be reported to Highways. Cllr Crowcombe reported blocked drains at Waterlip which were clogged with leaves and required clearance. Cllr Crowcombe reported that Andy Stott had emailed about a vehicle blocking access in School Lane. Clerk to write in the first instance to ask for the vehicle to be parked to allow access. ii) Footpath matters. Nothing to report.

	<p>iii) Dog fouling. There had been an increase of fouling on local pavements. Clerk to source further Poo Fairy posters if still available.</p> <p>iv) Speedwatch and SID's. Provision of speedwatch data. A chart was displayed given speed data for the various areas. Cllr Clarke was disappointed that the data he requested several months ago had not materialised. Cllr Goff advised that the data which had been recently provided from the SID's was more relevant to vehicle speeds and volumes. It was noted that the SID's were quite old and difficult to maintain and required some effort to download the information. Cllr Clarke requested that the speedwatch information be made available as soon as possible. Cllr Goff reported that an item in the Parish magazine had led to 12 responses with suggestions about ways to reduce speeding in the area. She also reported that a presentation was being prepared in conjunction with Cllr van Dyk to show speeding data to the local MP and Somerset Highways. Following the last meeting one "Kill your Speed" sign had been placed in Prestleigh and one in Chelynch Road. It was agreed to place another in Prestleigh and to decide the location of the fourth sign at the next meeting.</p>
<p>1711/9</p>	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <p>i) Somerset County Council. Cllr Ham gave information about retaining SCC Farms rather than selling thus allowing younger people into agriculture. He had attended a number of quarry liaison meetings and also advised that the decision of the Wainwrights Quarry application had been delayed. He noted that there was an increase in large lorries hauling stone to Hinckley Point due the delay in completion of the jetty which would allow stone to go via rail and ship to the site. He advised that discussions had taken place about the Doultling by-pass although this could result in many additional homes in the area. Cllr Clarke asked about a suggestion that up to 40% more homes would be required by the updated Local Plan. Cllr Crowcombe noted that the by-pass was first discussed over thirty years ago. Cllr Ham advised that SCC had agreed to end the waste contract with Kier with immediate effect and that plans were afoot for more re-cycling and an end to landfill. This could happen by 2020.</p> <p>ii) Mendip District Council. Cllr van Dyk advised about the recent scrutiny review and that a Partnership Group had been formed to liaise with Parish Councils to improve co-operation. Councillors expressed scepticism as to the benefits and this process.</p> <p>iii) Police. No report received.</p> <p>iv) Village and Parish Organisations:</p> <p>a) Village Hall – Cllr Goff reported that the new key system for the hall was working well and that a new localised heating system for the small room had been installed. CCTV monitoring had continued with no problems reported.</p> <p>b) Social Group. A recent party where old photo's had been on display had given an idea for a future event. Another film night was to be held on 25th November and a quiz night on 27th November. A Christmas Social was planned for 8th December.</p> <p>c) Beacon Hill Woods Society. Nothing to report.</p>

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1711/10	<p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <p>i) Report on meeting held on 31st October. Cllr Crowcombe gave a brief report. ii) Repairs budget for skate park. Repairs were required to areas of tarmac surfacing which had sunk and also a more detailed inspection of the ramps for corrosion was required. Clerk to seek quote for tarmac.</p>
1711/11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Equipment inspection report and actions. These to be checked back for recent comments. ii) Other matters. The question of the matting was under review.</p>
1711/12	<p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
1711/13	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>iii) Clerks salary and expenses - £377.90. This was agreed and a cheque raised. i) Playground inspection – Idverde. £66.85. This was agreed and a cheque raised. ii) Audit fees – Grant Thornton - £240.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised. iii) SPFA subscription - £15.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised. iv) SPFA Annual Inspection fee - £150.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised. iv) G Buzzard – winter planting - £17.90. This was agreed and a cheque raised. v) O Mann – Fencing materials. The clerk could not trace receipt of the invoices for this work. Mary Newman to chase up and advise. vi) Quarterly accounts and reconciliation. Circulated, bank/accounts reconciliation to be signed. This was signed by Cllr Clarke.</p>
1711/14	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <p>Cllr Clarke thanked Cllr Ham for his attendance and the information he had provided.</p>
1711/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is on 12th December 2017 at The Prestleigh Inn.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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