

**DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH @ 7.30pm</b>	
	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Barry Clarke, John Shepherd, Sarah Goff; also in attendance Cllr David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1712/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Ann Crowcombe and Ros Wilkins, Cllr Philip Ham and Mary Newman.
1712/2	<p><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. Six members of the public were present.</p> <p>Jan Crewe passed on information about the phone box and advised that she was intending to organise a village “poll” about the use of the phone box for the defibrillator rather than the current public phone. Cllr Fidge queried why there were only two options being given rather than an additional option for the location of the defibrillator in another location and the retention of the public phone.</p> <p>Tony Blaker raised the issue of speedwatch data and was advised that this had now been received. He also queried whether the Parish Council was going to take the matter of the car park barrier any further and whether the suggested Parish Council volunteer representatives would ever materialise.</p>
1712/3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None. - All Councillors present were granted a dispensation in respect of planning application 1712/6i) to enable council business to proceed.</p>
1712/4	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1712/5	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) School footpath. Cllr Goff advised that she was meeting with the head teacher in January 2018.</li> <li>ii) New litter bin to skate park – In hand with the clerk</li> <li>iii) Bus shelter sign – In hand with the clerk</li> <li>iv) Planning Training – Confirmation of bookings for Cllrs Fidge, Clarke and Crowcombe was advised.</li> <li>v) Dog Fouling posters. It was agreed to allocate a £20 budget for posters to be sourced by the clerk.</li> <li>vi) Car parking in School Lane. The clerk had yet to contact the car owner.</li> </ul>
1712/6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Application 2017/2952/FUL – Replacement of a barn previously approved for residential conversion with a new dwelling at Honeysuckle Cottage, Bodden Lane, Bodden for Mr and Mrs A Stott. The chairman adjourned the meeting briefly to allow Lee Wright of Point Cloud to give a s of the proposal.</li> </ul>

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	<p>In response to a question Lee stated that the proposed dwelling would be built to a very high sustainable standard. Councillors were happy with the proposal and agreed to support the application unanimously.</p> <p>ii) Application 2017/3111/VRC – Application to vary approved plans on 2017/1830/VRC at Holcombe Farmhouse, Holcombe Lane, Evercreech for Mr and Mrs Harris. Also associated with this application approval of conditions as per 2017/1830/VRC. Councillors agreed to support the application unanimously.</p> <p>iii) Application 2017/3118/HSE and 2017/3122/LBC – Proposed single storey extension to create a new bedroom, reception room and garage at The Old Byre, Kings Road, Doultling for Mr and Mrs Berkeley. It was noted that this was a big extension which councillors felt should remain as part of the current dwelling and not become a separate unit in the future. They agreed to support the application.</p>
1712/7	<p><u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>i) Proposed joint highways advisory committee with Cranmore – deferred until next meeting.</p> <p>ii) Future use of telephone box. It was noted that 90 days notice is required to terminate the phone in the phone box. Jan Crewe agreed that an additional question should be added to the proposed poll about another location for the defibrillator. It was suggested that another supplier could be contacted to provide a public phone in the phone box alongside the defibrillator. Additional costs of £1000 were suggested for the defibrillator to be located outside the phone box and it was advised that SW Ambulance had advised that the most suitable location for the machine in the phone box.</p>
1712/8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <p>i) Highway Matters generally.          Flooding at Poachers Pocket – in hand with highways.          Low kerb on A361 - in hand with highways.          Barrier on Doultling Hill - in hand with highways.          Damaged wall on A361 – it was understood that the wall was built by Mendip DC on SCC land. Cllr Ham was dealing with the matter.          Kill your speed – location of one sign. After discussion it was agreed to site this sign near the Notice Board in Chelynch Road facing the A361 junction.          Other matters reported. Cllr Shepherd expressed concern about the continuing problems with the Long Cross junction and highlighted a recent accident where a vehicle had been overturned by the ditch dug to prevent unlawful access. He felt that the signs were too high and needed fixing at a height suitable for cars and that rubbl strips could also be introduced. The matter to be raised with highways.</p> <p>ii) Footpath matters. Nothing to report.</p> <p>iii) Speedwatch and SID's.          Provision of speedwatch data. This had now been provided, clerk to circulate.          Email from D Grabham re: SIDS. This email indicated that SCC were withdrawing from the SID's scheme from the end of March 2018. Cllr van Dyk had spoken to Mr Grabham to ask if there was surplus equipment available. It was suggested that some form of local scheme could be set up to continue the use of the SID's and that a budget should be considered to purchase new equipment Cllr van Dyk would report back at the next meeting.</p>

1712/9	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Somerset County Council – Cllr Fidge had received an email from Cllr Ham but there was nothing to report.</li> <li>ii) Mendip District Council – Cllr van Dyk noted that there was free parking in Mendip car parks between 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December and also 1<sup>st</sup> January. He advised that the council was working on new facilities available to adults requiring special care in local towns. He also advised that work was continuing to improve situation for young people in reporting sexual exploitation in the area. Cllr Clarke asked about the proposal containers to be located at the Cheese and Grain in Frome which were yet to appear. Cllr van Dyk that the matter was on going and they would be located shortly. Concern was expressed about the re-location of the library from the centre of Shepton Mallet to the Shape location, the lack of car parking at that location and the continuation of the mobile library. Most felt that this was another loss for the centre of the town and asked if there was plans for re-generation. Cllr Clarke also asked about the £40m borrowed by Mendip for investments. Cllr van Dyk advised that the proposals were progressing but he was unable to give further details.</li> <li>iii) Police – no report.</li> <li>iv) Village and Parish Organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Village Hall – Cllr Goff advised that further works were required to the new heating system and that the new key system was working well despite a recent minor “glitch”.</li> <li>b) Social Group – Jan Crewe advised that a programme of events was in preparation for 2018.</li> <li>c) Beacon Hill Woods Society – nothing to report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1712/10	<p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Repairs budget for skate park – clerk to prepare a budget for the repairs to be included in the 2018 budget.</li> <li>ii)</li> </ul>
1712/11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Equipment inspection report and actions. The matter of the mats was ongoing.</li> </ul>
1712/12	<p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The blocked drainage ditch had been cleared.</li> <li>ii) Cllr Fidge noted recent roadworks on the A371 which had caused traffic congestion but there was nothing else to report.</li> </ul>
1712/13	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Clerks salary and expenses (£355.40) – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</li> <li>ii) HMRC Tax payment (£438.24) – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</li> <li>iii) O Mann – Fencing materials (£257.54) – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</li> <li>iv) Arien Signs – Bus shelter sign (£163.20) – this was agreed and a cheque raised.</li> </ul>
1712/14	<p>Budget for 2018/9 for consideration of precept (to be set at next meeting). This was circulated by the clerk; among the additional items to be considered were the SID’s and an allowance for the defibrillator.</p>
1712/15	<p>Provisional Budget for 2019/20. To be discussed at the next meeting.</p>

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

1712/16	<u>Matters of Report</u> None.
1712/17	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Doultling Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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