

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2018 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 and Sarah Goff; also in attendance Cllr David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p>
1802/1	<p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllr Ros Wilkins.</p>
1802/2	<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. Ten members of the public were present.</p> <p>Joyce Godden raised the matter of village hall insurance; Cllr Goff to discuss this matter outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Chris Norman noted that the road signs indicating the bends at the top of Doultling Hill were obscured by vegetation. Cllr Clarke to advise highways.</p> <p>Tony Blaker raised a matter concerning a declaration of interest made at the meeting on 12th September 2017. Chairman to discuss with the clerk outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Mary Newman advised that whilst she was previously in favour of retaining the phone box she now felt that it should be used for siting of the defibrillator.</p>
1802/3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>Cllr Fidge declared a personal interest in item 1802/6i)</p>
1802/4	<p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record with a correction to a typo in 1801/8i). Regarding the minutes for item 1801/10ii) the MDC Investment Strategy, some councillors felt that the minute had required more detail. The clerk responded that he had summarised the lengthy discussions to include the salient points rather than include a verbatim record.</p>
1802/5	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) School footpath. Cllr Goff had met with the school and diocese and had advised them that the village hall accepted to responsibility for the footpath.ii) Planning Training. These sessions had been attended by councillors although Cllr Fidge was unable to attend due to illness. There was some concern about the standard of the presentation but it was agreed that the sessions were informative.iii) Car parking in School Lane. In hand with the clerk who would liaise with Cllr Clarke to confirm address details, etc.

1802/6	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Application 2018/0059/HSE – Erection of new fence to existing boundary wall and wooden gates at Batch House, Prestleigh Lane, Prestleigh. No documents had been received or were available on the website, clerk to contact Mendip about the issue of the documents. ii) 2017/3118/HSE and /3122/LBC – The Old Byre, Kings Road, Doultling – applications withdrawn. This was noted.
1802/7	<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 - Report of meeting and Terms of Reference. Cllr Crowcombe reported on the meeting and tabled the terms of Reference as agreed at the meeting. These were adopted by Doultling parish Council unanimously. Cllr Clarke raised the matter of the proposed Doultling by-pass and asked for it to be discussed at future meetings of the advisory committee. Cllr Goff noted the recent traffic survey which had been taken in the village. Cllr Clarke circulated a consultation document regarding the national major road network with a closing date of 19th March. He noted that this could well include a Doultling by-pass proposal. ii) Future use of telephone box. The clerk had received a number of emails in support of the siting of the defibrillator and it was reported that in the recent poll a total of 40 people were in support of the use of the phone box for the defibrillator with 5 against. A proposal that the Parish Council terminate the contract with BT and seek to purchase the kiosk was agreed three in favour with two abstentions. The question of the use of the existing electric supply and training once the machine was installed to be considered at a future meeting.
1802/8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Highway Matters generally. Flooding at Poachers Pocket – completed. Low kerb on A361 – ongoing with highways Barrier on Doultling Hill – subject to inspection and recommendation. Damaged wall on A361 – ongoing with Philip Ham. Accidents at Long Cross – correspondence had been forwarded to the traffic team. White lining at various junctions including the top of Kings Road was noted as requiring urgent attention. ii) Footpath matters. Nothing to report. iii) Speedwatch and SID's. Speedwatch for Prestleigh – Watches had started with six volunteers trained. Continuation of SIDS – Information was still being recorded and developments were awaited.

1802/9	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Somerset County Council – no report. ii) Mendip District Council including information of investment strategy. Cllr van Dyk advised that the cabinet would be attending the parish Forum on 18th April 2018 and that they would answer questions put to them on the investment strategy. Clerk to circulate the email received about this which requested questions to be submitted by 27th March. Cllr van Dyk also advised that meetings of the Phoenix Committee which dealt with the investments were open to the public and questions could be asked at the meetings. Cllr van Dyk agreed with the concerns previously expressed and would email the clerk details of the committee meeting dates. He also felt that some investment could be used to provide specific facilities for older people in self contained flats, etc to ease the burden on Somerset Care. Cllr Shepherd reiterated his concerns about these investments and still wished to know details of expected returns, management fees, etc. Item to be included on the agenda for the next meeting on 19th March to agree the questions to be submitted. iii) Police – no report iv) Village and Parish Organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Village Hall. Cllr Goff confirmed that they had agreed with the school to increase to electric supply to the hall. The hall has now appointed new contract cleaners and were investigating new curtains. They still hoped to apply for Hallmark status. Copies of all minutes to be sent to the clerk when available. b) Social Group were still progressing with a full programme of events. c) Beacon Hill Woods Society. Mary Newman noted that a litter pick had taken place recently collecting 9 bags of rubbish. She noted that the bluebells were beginning to show in the wood.
1802/10	<p><u>The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Repairs budget for skate park. The clerk had received a verbal quotation of around £400 for tarmac repairs; it was suggested that Chris Brown should be asked to quote. The clerk had checked the ramps, etc and could find no obvious deterioration. ii) Report of meeting 30th January 2018. Little to report.
1802/11	<p><u>Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Equipment inspection report and actions. Deferred until next meeting.
1802/12	<p><u>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cllr Crowcombe noted that the wall was still falling into the road but that the wall was on private land. Cllr van Dyk had written in this regard. ii) Cllrs Fidge and van Dyk had attended a meeting regarding the LDO which had been ratified but needed to be amended following the Wild Beer Co approval. It was understood that the WBC works would start after the 2018 B&W Show. iii) Cllr van Dyk was speaking to Jason Kirkwood in Licensing about the forthcoming “Shockout” event. iv) It was agreed to invite Paul Hooper and Rupert Cox to the next meeting in Prestleigh.

1802/13	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Clerks salary and expenses including website costs. £465.63 (two cheques). This was agreed and a cheque raised.ii) SALC annual subscription for 2017/18 - £160.33. This was agreed and a cheque raised.
1802/14	<p>Provisional Budget for 2019/20, and 2020/21. The clerk proposed an extraordinary meeting to discuss the on-going budget and expenditure. The chairman agreed that this meeting be called, clerk to arrange meeting for 27th march if possible.</p>
1802/15	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Cllr Goff raised the matter on Mendip Dementia Awareness and suggested that Doultong Parish Council become the first Dementia Friendly council in the district. It was agreed to explore the idea and the matter to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.ii) The clerk advised that a Library Consultation was in progress ending in April and that the matter would be added to the next agenda.
1802/16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 13th March 2018 at The Prestleigh Inn, Prestleigh.</p>

The meeting closed at 9pm

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