

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2018
VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm**

	<p><i>Present:</i> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, Barry Clarke, John Shepherd, Sarah Goff and Ann Crowcombe; also in attendance Cllr David van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p>
<p>1804/1</p>	<p><i>Apologies for absence.</i> None.</p>
<p>1804/2</p>	<p><i>Public Forum for matters included on the agenda:</i> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation.</p> <p>Rupert Cox, Sarah Thompson and Paul Hooper attended the meeting and gave an update on forthcoming events and other matters at The Bath and West Showground. Rupert noted that the new agri-centre had opened in January and had hosted a number of events. A grant had been received to allow the installation of a development kitchen for use by small businesses and for small food related projects. An application for the refurbishment of the current restaurant facilities was in hand with works planned to start in late summer and be complete for the B&W show in 2019. The trustees had agreed to spend £1m on this work. He had no further information about the Wild Beer Company development. In all, the showground had a rolling programme of refurbishment of between £350 and £400k per year.</p> <p>Staff were working on forthcoming events, the first being an event funded by the society for around 1200 school children who came to the showground to learn about agriculture in all its forms. In May (10th) the tri-annual Grassland UK was to be held at the showground. Preparations for the B&W show (30th May – 2nd June) were well under way with 11,000 entries already received. Following a couple of years of changes to the show, this year would be one of consolidation. He was hoping for good weather. In October the showground would host the Diary Show which was now the largest in the UK. There was a full programme of events during the year and they were hoping to provide a better variety of events going forward.</p> <p>In response to a question, he advised that it was sometimes necessary to close the gate on the path between the showground and Prestleigh Inn for security reasons. The situation with the LDO was raised and the need by Mendip to revisit the matter. He felt that Mendip DC had taken too long to decide on the LDO and, as a result, other developments had come along and meant that changes had to be made. He was not in favour of the LDO proposals.</p> <p>The question of traffic management for the forthcoming show was raised. Paul confirmed that a meeting had been held with highways and a route and signage agreed via Waterlip onto the A361. Signs advising that satnavs should be turned off would also be placed. He advised that the signs were checked each morning and suggested that the signpost at The Waggon and Horses be covered to discourage vehicle access through Doultling.</p> <p>The chairman thanked Rupert, Paul and Sarah for their attendance and looked forward to a further update later in the year.</p>

	Other matters raised included the continuing problem with hedges obscuring signs on Doultling Hill, the wall on the A361 which appeared to be deteriorating, the use of the phone box for a defibrillator, the updated Code of Conduct, the cleaning of footpaths, Speedwatch, the Traffic Advisory Group and the recent correspondence with the local MP, the raised matting in Padfield Green and support for the Moons Hill Quarry application.
1804/3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None. Cllr Goff asked whether she should declare an interest in item 1804/6ii. The clerk advised that as this was connected with Parish Council representation at the Regulation Board and not the application itself no declaration was necessary.
1804/4	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> i) Minutes of the meeting held on 13 th March 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1804/5	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> i) Car parking in School Lane. The clerk that to avoid confusion he would speak to the police on the matter. ii) Joint highways advisory committee with Cranmore. To be discussed under Highways. iii) Telephone box and defibrillator proposals. Jan Crewe had been in touch with the Community Heartbeat Trust who would provide the defibrillator for a four year period. The community would purchase the phone box for a nominal sum. It was suggested that the Village Hall could be involved. Clerk to contact BT about retention of the phone box. iv) Representation at Parish Forum on 19 th April at 6pm. Cllrs Wilkins, Crowcombe and Clarke to attend.
1804/6	<u>Planning:</u> i) Application 2018/00324/LBC – Proposed removal of internal wall at 77 Chelynych Road, Doultling for Mr Anthony Days. Councillors had no comments on the application and agreed unanimously to support it. ii) Representation at SCC Regulation Committee on 12 th April 2018 in respect of application 2016/0665/CNT – Three tips at Moons Hill Quarry. No members of the council were able to attend. Clerk to contact Philip Ham. iii) The clerk advised that the Mendip Planning Board would meet on 18 th April to discuss the proposed changes to the Bath and West LDO. This had been received after the agenda had been prepared. Cllr Fidge to attend.
1804/7	<u>New and On-going Parish Council Matters:</u> i) Updated Code of Conduct. The clerk advised that NALC were about to publish new Model Standing Orders and proposed that the update of the Code be deferred until these were available. This was agreed. ii) Playground and Skate Park inspections. Clerk to contact SPFA regarding training for inspections. The problem with the matting under the swings was discussed. Cllr Shepherd to inspect and decide on any action to resolve the problem.

	<p>iii) Library Consultation – extended until 13th June 2018. This was noted.</p> <p>iv) Data protection – new regulations. The clerk advised that NALC was in consultation with the government about certain aspects of the regulations relating to local councils. He had the NALC Toolkit on the regulations and would advise in more detail at the next meeting. The regulations were to come into effect on 25th May.</p> <p>v) Quarry Liaison Meeting – 28th March 2018. Cllr Clarke had attended and noted little to report.</p>
1804/8	<p><u>Highways and Traffic:</u></p> <p>i) Highway Matters generally. Low kerb on A361 – listed to be done. Barrier on Doultling Hill – with the traffic team, awaiting report. Damaged wall on A361 – still awaiting confirmation of ownership. Salt bins. Highways to be asked to clear out and refill. Pavement cleaning. Resurfacing works on Doultling Hill were programmed for 2019/20, the footpath would also be cleaned shortly. Cleaning of other footpaths was not confirmed. Cllr Crowcombe raised the matter of potholes in Ball Lane and the white lining at The Waggon and Horses junction. The traffic team was looking at the signs and markings at Longcross. Joint highways advisory committee with Cranmore. A meeting had taken place and various matters discussed. Philip Ham and Wainwrights were involved and a further meeting was to be arranged. Cllr Fidge requested a written report on the meeting.</p> <p>ii) Footpath matters. SM Landscapes to be asked to cut back the hedges on the Prestleigh footpath,</p> <p>iii) Speedwatch and SID's. Speedwatch. Cllr Goff had circulated a report on recent watches in Doultling. She advised that the next watches would be on the A361. Cllr Crowcombe advised that a recent watch in Waterlip had shown 33 cars over the speed limit. Watches had taken place in Prestleigh where there were now 9 volunteers and 15 watches had been conducted with 13,000 vehicles counted with up to 4% being over the limit. The police had also attended with the speed camera unit. Cllr Fidge had also received correspondence about refresher courses and dates for these were to be advised. SIDS. This had been in Prestleigh, reports were awaited. Cllr Goff to collate information. Cllr Fidge handed the clerk information about the source of “Kill your speed” signs. Clerk to contact about price and availability.</p>
1804/9	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <p>i) Somerset County Council – no report.</p> <p>ii) Mendip District Council. Cllr van Dyk gave information about an event in Frome on 16th April which would focus on services available to elderly people in the district. He noted the LDO planning board on 18th April, he would liaise with Cllr Fidge on the matter.</p> <p>iii) Police – no report.</p>

	<p><i>iv) Village and Parish Organisations:</i></p> <p>a) Village Hall – the AGM was on 24th April. Work had continued on the Trustees Guidelines and also policies and procedures. There was a problem with the use of the new heaters which was being discussed with the school.</p> <p>b) Social Group – the film Sleeping Beauty was planned for 14th April and also a “Dragon Drive”.</p> <p>c) Beacon Hill Woods Society. Mary Newman reported on recent events including a Health and History walk. A Bluebell walk was planned for May. The BHWS AGM was to take place on 18th April, 7.30pm at The Science Centre.</p>
1804/10	<p><u><i>The Glebeland</i></u></p> <p>i) Next meeting 24th April 2018. Clerk will be unable to attend, Cllr Crowcombe will take the minutes. The clerk asked for agenda items before 18th April.</p> <p>ii) There had been a problem with people using small motor cycles in the area and the fence had been cut. A notice to be provided.</p>
1804/11	<p><u><i>Padfield Green.</i></u></p> <p>i) Reported incident. Contact about the incident had been made with Cllr Fidge despite there being contact details on signs within the area. No further corroboration or details about the incident were known. Clerk to write to Cllr Fidge about the Parish Council response. Cllr Wilkins had had no contact with those involved.</p>
1804/12	<p><u><i>Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</i></u></p> <p>No further matters were raised.</p>
1804/13	<p><u><i>Financial:</i></u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses. £355.40. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>ii) Idverde Inspections. £66.85. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iii) Came and Company – Insurance renewal. This had not reached the clerk until today. It was agreed to continue with the previous company and to enter into a three year agreement (until 2020). The premium was £451.02. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>
1804/14	<p>Draft accounts for 2017/18. The clerk had yet to receive the bank statement and would circulate the draft accounts by email prior to audit.</p>
1804/15	<p><u><i>Matters of Report</i></u></p> <p>i) Cllr Goff to send Dementia Awareness information to councillors.</p> <p>ii) It was agreed to ask Geoff Buzzard to plant the village planters as before.</p>
1804/16	<p><u><i>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</i></u></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on 8th May 2018 at Doultling Village Hall preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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18th April 2018

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