

**DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm</b>	
	<p><b><u>Public Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>This part of the meeting is intended to allow public participation on a number of matters prior to the commencement of the Parish Council meeting proper.</b></p>
	<p><u>Forum:</u></p> <p>The Chairman will allow a maximum of 15 minutes for public participation on matters included on the agenda and any other matters of information or concern. Six members of the public and Cllr van Dyk were present.</p> <p>Mary Newman had written to the council advising that the overgrow path would be cleared by volunteers; clerk to write letter of thanks. She also noted the item for adoption of new Standing Orders and Code of Conduct and asked how these would be available; the clerk advised they will be included on the website. She advised that Barry Newman had spotted the rotten beech tree over the A361 on Doultling Hill which was currently being felled by Somerset CC.</p> <p>Tony Blaker raised a number of points including the matting in Padfield Green. He queried the need for the Parish Council to be involved with the defibrillator and also what is happening with the SID's which he felt were a waste of time. Finally he raised the matter of speedwatch in Chelynch Road.</p> <p>Eleanor North raised the matter of the obscured signs on Doultling Hill which had been partially cleared.</p>
	<p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr van Dyk reported that Mendip DC had purchased the Saxonvale site in Frome and were planning a mixed development. He felt that there needed to be provision for older people included in the development. It was noted that there had been planning issues on the site in the past.</p> <p>There was no report from Somerset CC.</p>
	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>No report received.</p>
	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>There are no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Closure of public participation and Commencement of the Parish Council Meeting. Members of the public may not speak during the meeting unless requested to do so by the Chairman.</b></p>

1808/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllr John Shepherd.
1808/2	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
1808/3	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u>  i) Meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1808/4	<u>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u>  i) Kill your speed signs. These had been received and four passed onto Cranmore. The clerk advised the cost of £126.00 for which he would sent an invoice to Cranmore. The three signs for Doultling PC would be erected in Prestleigh on the A371 x 1 (DVD and DC to erect) and in Doultling on the A361 x 2 (BC to erect) ii) Footpath overgrowth. This had been cleared.
1808/5	<u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u>  There are no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.
1808/6	<u>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</u>  i) Adoption of updated Code of Conduct and Standing Orders (circulated). Both the Code and Standing Orders were adopted unanimously. The clerk thanked Cllr Clarke for pointing out a grammatical error on page 7 which had been corrected. ii) Telephone box and defibrillator – proposals regarding Parish Council involvement. Cllr Fidge noted a number of recent emails and advised that the Parish Council needed to ensure that all parties responsibilities were clearly defined both now and in the future. It was agreed that the council would draft a proposal for discussion with the DSG at a meeting to be arranged. Cllr Goff outlined the basis for the provision of the machine via the Community Heartbeat Trust. The continuing provision of the machine after the initial four year period was discussed and needed to be included as part of any proposal. A query about the re-painting of the phone box was raised and it was agreed that it should remain as red.
1808/7	<u>Parish Councillors comments and updates relating to the following matters:</u>  i) Highways and traffic – Doultling Hill had been tidied up, other matters were still in hand. The landowner contact details for the hedges on Doultling Hill to be forwarded to Highways. ii) Joint Highways advisory committee. The next meeting was due in September. iii) Footpath matters. Cllr Fidge raised an issue with poor visibility at the bottom of Prestleigh Hill due to the verge not being cut.

	<p>iv) Speedwatch and SID's. Cllr Goff reported that she was currently unable to organise watches and had hoped that other members would take this on. Also the planned meeting to discuss a new location in Chelynch Road clear of the 20mph limit was yet to take place. It was noted that there were continuing problems with large tractors in Kings Road. There had, however, been a positive response from the B&amp;W regarding the problems of vehicles using Farm Road during the last show.</p> <p>Cllr Fidge reported successful watches in Prestleigh and noted the centralisation of the system had meant that persistent offenders could be targeted.</p> <p>Clr van Dyk noted that although the SID equipment was secondhand and that the staff originally involved had left the equipment was still effective in slowing traffic.</p>
1808/8	<p><u>Reports from Parish Council Representatives to Village Organisations:</u></p> <p>i) Village Hall and Social Group. Cllr Goff reported a productive meeting with the diocese and school and that a meeting with the diocese and new head teacher was planned for October. The proposed open meeting chaired by the CCS had yet to take place. The Social Group had organised a tea and cake event for older people in Doultling and another was planned.</p> <p>ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society – the society would be present at the forthcoming Mid Somerset Show.</p>
1808/9	<p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <p>i) Report on meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Cllr Crowcombe noted there was little to report from the meeting.</p>
1808/10	<p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Defective Equipment currently fenced off. The clerk advised that the timber parts of the structure had suffered from water ingress and couldn't be guaranteed as safe. Cllr Wilkins noted that it was likely that older children had used the equipment hastening the damage. There also continued to be problems with ball games being played in the area.</p> <p>It was agreed to replace the equipment, Cllr Wilkins to research replacement equipment and costs and also sources of funding.</p> <p>ii) Safety surface. The clerk advised that he would continue to investigate a solution and report at the next meeting.</p>
1808/11	<p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) Cllr van Dyk advised that the NASS event had taken place with fewer problems; there had been a complaint about base noise and people urinating in Prestleigh Lane. The event appeared to be more organised than previously. Cllr Fidge noted that Truckfest was returning to the showground and that New Wine was making its last visit to the site.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Fidge advised that the current incumbents of the Prestleigh Inn would be leaving but that new tenants would be taking over.</p>

1808/12	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Clerks salary and expenses. £699.10 (two months). This was agreed and a cheque raised.</li><li>ii) HMRC quarter 1 tax. £219.12. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</li><li>iii) Idverde Ltd – invoice from April 2018 - £66.85. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</li><li>iv) Data protection Fee (ICO) - £40.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised</li></ul>
1808/13	<p>Quarterly Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. These were circulated. The quarterly reconciliation was signed by Cllr Goff.</p>
1808/14	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Many people had commented on the excellent flowers around the village. A note to be put on the website asking for additional volunteers to assist.</li><li>ii) It was agreed to raise a cheque for £27.50 in favour of Cranmore PC to cover 50% of a training course attended by Cllr Crowcombe.</li></ul>
1808/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 7.30pm at The Prestleigh Inn. Cllr Fidge to confirm venue.</p>

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

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