

**DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH @ 7.30pm</b>	
	<b><u>Public Meeting</u></b>
	<p><u>Forum:</u></p> <p>The following matters were raised by members of the public:</p> <p>The question of a barrier on Doultling Hill was raised, a recent incident with a cyclist was noted; Cars parked across the bus stop opposite Abbey Barn were affecting people waiting for the bus; concern was raised about village hall meetings being held in private; information was requested about a recent meeting involving the school, hall and diocese; concerns were raised about the phone box and defibrillator; a pothole near Charlton House was noted; the question of overgrown hedges was raised and a trip hazard in the village hall car park noted.</p>
	<p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr van Dyk sent the following report <i>Apologies for my absence but I am on holiday. Since the last Parish council meeting I have visited the Saxonvale site. Without question it is a prime location and of some significant size. The purchase came about due to the fact that Notts Limited pension fund was in financial crisis and their part of the site had to be sold urgently and it was the last tangible asset of the pension funds. Mendip was able purchase the other side of the site. Mendip is now conducting studies and discussing a development plan with possible partners. They continue to laise and consult with Frome Town council. On a personal note I am very concerned with the confirmation that Somerset County Council are now planning over a hundred redundancies and a reduction in some services. One of these services is highways. I feel this will be noticeable going forward and will put an end to aspirations such as a bypass for Doultling. My view is that this is a clear indication that a unitary council for Somerset has a good chance of becoming a reality at the expense of Mendip and other district councils. We wait and see.</i></p>
	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>No report received. Cllr Fidge reported a burglary in Prestleigh and noted it took the police two days to respond.</p>
	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>To receive public comments on the following applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Application 2018/1774/FUL – Rebuilding of North and East wings and conversion of north wing to self-contained annex at Whitstone Hill Farm, Whitstone Hill, Shepton Mallet. The applicants, in attendance, answered questions about the proposals.</li><li>ii) Application 2018/1938/HSE and /1939/LBC – Single storey extension to a property in the curtilage of a grade 2 listed building at Hurlingpot Farm, The Old Stables, Kings Road, Doultling. No public comments.</li><li>iii) Application 2018/2024/LBC – Internal alterations at Higher Bodden Farm, Bodden Lane, Bodden. No public comments.</li></ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv) Application 2018/2155/OHL – Overhead Line diversion at The Wagon and Horses, Old Frome Road, Doultong. No public comments.</li> <li>v) Application 2018/2160/CLP – Stationing a 15.3 x 6.7metre caravan including hard standing at Lynfield, Frome Road, Doultong. No public comments.</li> </ul>
	<b>Closure of public participation and Commencement of the Parish Council Meeting.</b>
1809/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Wilkins and Shepherd.
1809/2	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
1809/3	<p><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.</li> </ul>
1809/4	<p><u>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Kill your speed signs. The signs had been placed, the chairman thanked all for their efforts in fixing the signs.</li> <li>ii) Parish emergency planning. Clerk to prepare schedule of information such as contact details, etc for review at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
1809/5	<p><u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Application 2018/1774/FUL – Rebuilding of North and East wings and conversion of north wing to self contained annex at Whitstone Hill Farm, Whitstone Hill, Shepton Mallet. Councillors agreed to support the application.</li> <li>ii) Application 2018/1938/HSE and /1939/LBC – Single storey extension to a property in the curtilage of a grade 2 listed building at Hurlingpot Farm, The Old Stables, Kings Road, Doultong. Councillors agreed to support the application.</li> <li>iii) Application 2018/2024/LBC – Internal alterations at Higher Bodden Farm, Bodden Lane, Bodden. Councillors agreed to leave the determination of the application to the planning officer.</li> <li>iv) Application 2018/2155/OHL – Overhead Line diversion at The Wagon and Horses, Old Frome Road, Doultong. Councillors agreed to support the application.</li> <li>v) Application 2018/2160/CLP – Stationing a 15.3 x 6.7metre caravan including hard standing at Lynfield, Frome Road, Doultong. Councillors were concerned about this proposal and voted to Object to the application. The following comments were agreed: They were concerned about the additional car parking which could be generated on the site; They queried the need for the caravan; They queried the positioning of such a large building and were concerned about the possibility of it becoming a separate dwelling in the future.</li> </ul>

1809/6	<p><u>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</u></p> <p>i) Telephone box and defibrillator – proposal regarding Parish Council involvement That Doultong Parish Council will, on behalf of the community, adopt and insure the telephone box on Chelynch Road together with the defibrillator installed therein for a period of four years from (date to be agreed). After this period the arrangement will be reviewed.</p> <p>Doultong Social Group had pointed out that the defibrillator would be insured by the Coomunity Heartbeat Trust and therefore Parish Council insurance was un-necessary.</p> <p>The was much discussion about this proposal. Cllr Clarke was unhappy with the stated period of four years and whether the Parish Council would have any liability at the end of the CHT period for the defibrillator.</p> <p>The following amended proposal was put forward:          “That Doultong Parish Council will, on behalf of the community, adopt and insure the phone box on Chelynch Road. Doultong Parish Council has no responsibility for any equipment which may be installed in the phone box by others. Doultong Social Group will, on behalf of the community, clean and maintain the telephone box. This arrangement will be reviewed annually.” This was agreed 3 in favour, one against.</p>
1809/7	<p><u>Parish Councillors comments and updates relating to the following matters:</u></p> <p>i) Highways and traffic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) SCC and hedges. The landowners address for Doultong Hill had been sent to highways.</li> <li>b) The question of the barrier on Doultong Hill was still with Highways.</li> <li>c) The clerk reported a forthcoming closure of Farm Road.</li> </ol> <p>ii) Joint Highways advisory committee. The meeting had yet to be organised.</p> <p>iii) Footpath matters. The footpath between Doultong Hill and The Well was noted as overgrown and impassible.</p> <p>iv) Speedwatch and SID’s.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Speedwatch had re-started in Doultong, Cllr Goff noted a big increase in HGV traffic.</li> <li>b) Cllr Fidge noted that the watches in Prestleigh seemed to have an effect on traffic speed.</li> <li>c) Cllr Crowcombe noted that a recent watch in Waterlip had shown 48 speeding vehicles in an hour.</li> <li>d) SID’s – it was suggested that a source of the new SID’s was required.</li> </ol>
1809/8	<p><u>Reports from Parish Council Representatives to Village Organisations:</u></p> <p>i) Village Hall and Social Group – Cllr Goff noted she had reported on the meeting with the school at a previous meeting and that it was a preliminary meeting with little to report. She noted that village hall minutes and accounts, etc were being kept but the hall committee were awaiting a response from the CCS before an “open meeting” could be arranged. It was suggested that Cllr van Dyk could chair such a meeting.</p>

	<p>Cllr Crowcombe advised that she had spoken to the new headteacher and the history of the hall and that dates for a suggested social function were to be agreed. Cllr Fidge urged that village hall meetings needed to be in public to allay the current public concerns. Cllr Goff reiterated that all matters were uo together but that there was still concern by the committee about whether an effective open meeting could be held in current circumstances.</p> <p>ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society – no report.</p>
1809/9	<p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <p>i) Cllr Crowcombe advised that the paint to obscure the graffiti had been purchased and a trial would be conducted to assess its effectiveness.</p>
1809/10	<p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Replacement of Defective Equipment – Cllr Wilkins had advised that she was pursuing funding.</p> <p>ii) Safety surface. The clerk had a possible solution to the problem which he hoped to try out shortly.</p>
1809/11	<p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) Waterlip – nothing to report.</p> <p>ii) Prestleigh – nothing to report.</p> <p>iii) It was agreed to invite representatives from the Bath and West Showground to the next meeting.</p>
1809/12	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses. £355.40</p> <p>ii) Invoice from SPFA for safety inspections £150.00</p> <p>Both invoices were agreed and cheques raised. In the absence of two councillor signatories the cheques were signed by Cllr Fidge and the clerk.</p>
1809/13	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <p>i) Cllr Fidge advised that emails should be sent to her “Hotmail” account rather than any other address.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Clarke advised his apologies for the next meeting.</p>
1809/14	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 7.30pm at Doultling Village Hall.</p>

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**

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