

**DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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><b>Six monthly briefing</b> on recent and future activities at The Bath and West Showground.</p> <p>The Chief Executive gave a short briefing on recent and forthcoming activities at the showground. He outlined recent changes to the organisation and the introduction of new events to consolidate income. He advised that the restaurant was to be refurbished to provide a modern venue for visitors and also an improvement to the function area.</p> <p>He responded to a number of questions including comments about the improvement in the traffic situation around Doultong for the 2018 show.</p>
	<p><u>Forum:</u></p> <p>Matters raised included continuing concerns about village hall meetings and a request that the Parish Council should seek to resolve the issue. The lack of public meetings or the failure to publish agenda or minutes was raised.</p> <p>Highway matters concerning hedge cutting and a barrier on Doultong Hill were raised and comments made about the phone box and the suggestion that there was an increase in HGV traffic queried.</p>
	<p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>i) Cllr van Dyk gave a brief report outlining the current situation with the proposed unitary authority and the future of local government in the district. He advised that it was likely to be two years before any concrete proposals emerged. He noted current difficulties with the recruitment of staff in the planning department and the situation regarding the proposed development of the Saxonvale site in Frome.</p>
	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>No report received. It was noted that there had been incidents of intruders in back gardens around Doultong.</p>
	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>To receive public comments on the following applications:</p> <p>i) Application 2018/2303/FUL – Conversion of barn to dwelling to include PV panels, biomass heating flue and erection of biomass fuel store – Land and barn at Ingsdon Farm, Bodden Lane, Bodden BA4 4PU.</p> <p>ii) Application 2018/2363/CLP – Installation of solar panels at 44 Beech Close, Doultong BA4 4QE.</p> <p>There were no public comments to either on the applications.</p>

	<b>Closure of public participation and Commencement of the Parish Council Meeting.</b>
1809/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge, Barry Clarke and Sarah Goff.
1809/2	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
1809/3	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u>  i) Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1809/4	<u>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u>  i) Parish emergency planning and Community Resilience Day on 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018. The clerk had obtained various information from Somerset County Council. It was agreed to hold this matter over until the November meeting. Cllr Wilkins agreed to attend the Community Resilience Event on 25 <sup>th</sup> October.
1809/5	<u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u>  i) Application 2018/2303/FUL – Conversion of barn to dwelling to include PV panels, biomass heating flue and erection of biomass fuel store – Land and barn at Ingsdon Farm, Bodden Lane, Bodden BA4 4PU. Councillors agreed unanimously to support the application. ii) Application 2018/2363/CLP – Installation of solar panels at 44 Beech Close, Doulting BA4 4QE. Councillors agreed unanimously to support the application.
1809/6	<u>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</u>  i) Adoption of Telephone box. The clerk advised he had made the application to adopt the phone box.
1809/7	<u>Parish Councillors comments and updates relating to the following matters:</u>  i) Highways and traffic a) SCC and hedges. Cllr Clarke had previously discussed these matters with Somerset Highways. ii) Joint Highways advisory committee. Still to be organised. iii) Footpath matters. None. iv) Speedwatch and SID's. Nothing reported.
1809/8	<u>Reports from Parish Council Representatives to Village Organisations:</u>  i) Village Hall and Social Group – Councillors expressed concern about the situation. It was agreed to ask Cllr Goff for a written report on village hall matters for the November meeting. ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society. Nothing to report.

1809/9	<p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <p>i) Trial of paint to obscure graffiti. This had been a success. ii) Cllr Crowcombe noted that the hedges had been trimmed and that the problem with the fence was still in hand.</p>
1809/10	<p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Replacement of Defective Equipment. Cllr Wilkins advised that she would be putting together an application to Awards for All for the replacement of the defective equipment and also the existing raised safety surface.</p>
1809/11	<p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>
1809/12	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses. £355.40. This was agreed and a cheque raised. ii) HMRC quarter two tax. £219.12. This was agreed and a cheque raised. iii) D Crowcombe – spray paint. £7.96. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>
1809/13	<p>Quarterly accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. These were circulated and noted.</p>
1809/14	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <p>i) A suggestion that a hearing loop should be available at meetings was raised; Cllrs Crowcombe and van Dyk to investigate. Types and funding. ii) Cllr Wilkins commented on poor parking by church goers who often blocked driveways rather than use the car park at Padfield Green.</p>
1809/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7.30pm at Doultling Village Hall.</p>

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

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