

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2018 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH @ 7.30pm	
	<p><u>Public Meeting</u></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><u>Forum:</u></p> <p>The continuing problem of speeding in Chelynych Road was raised as were drainage problems and the lack of hedge cutting on Doultling Hill. A number of issues concerning the village hall were raised and the offer to pass on information obtained to the parish Council made. A problem with a loose drain cover at Waterlip was mentioned.</p> <p>A suggestion that a defibrillator could be placed at The Prestleigh Inn was made and councillors agreed to discuss the matter further.</p>
	<p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr van Dyk had sent a report for Mendip DC reporting on recent comments from the Council leader.</p> <p><u>“Acquisitions</u> <i>The Leader explained that the Council had recently acquired an industrial unit on Commerce Park, Frome, in addition to the purchase of the Saxonvale site. This site had been derelict for over a decade, and due to concerns over piecemeal development not achieving its full potential, the Council had stepped in. Development of the site would entail a mixture of housing and commercial premises. Councillor Philip Ham had been asked to chair an Advisory Panel, and the intention was to deliver a quality development that would enhance the riverbank and meet affordable housing requirements.</i></p> <p><u>Local Government Reorganisation</u> <i>The Leader explained that talks had been undertaken between six Somerset authorities. Agreement had been reached that the aim of any reorganisation should be delivery of sustainable Councils for the future. A number of options were being considered, from no change to the establishment of a unitary authority.”</i></p>
	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>None received before the meeting.</p>
	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>To receive public comments on the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) 2018/2861/FUL - The Three Arches, Bodden Lane, Bodden, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PU; Change of use and alterations to workshop and separate storage barn to dwelling and ancillary office/studio.ii) 2018/Brook House Prestleigh Lane Prestleigh Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4NG; Demolition of existing lean to garden store, construction of a dual pitched roof over garage and erection of a 2m timber boundary fence. <p>There were no public comments on either of the applications.</p>

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

	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.
	<i>Present:</i> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Barry Clarke, Ann Crowcombe and Sarah Goff; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1812/1	<i>Apologies for absence.</i> Cllrs Ros Wilkins, John Shepherd and David van Dyk; also received from Mary Newman (BHWS)
1812/2	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> None.
1812/3	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> i) Meeting held on 13 th November 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1812/4	<i>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> i) Parish Emergency planning. The relevant forms had been circulated to councillors. It was agreed that volunteers would be required to fill certain roles, councillors to seek suitable persons and a request included in the newsletter. It was also agreed to contact local pubs about the use of their premises in an emergency; Cllr Crowcombe to speak to Poachers Pocket, Cllr Goff The Wagon and Horses and Cllr Fidge The prestleigh Inn. ii) Adoption of Telephone box – Clerk to contact BT regarding the progress of the adoption. iii) The provision of a Hearing Loop to be added to the agenda; Cllr Crowcombe to pass details to Cllr Clarke.
1812/5	<i>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</i> i) 2018/2861/FUL - The Three Arches, Bodden Lane, Bodden, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PU; Change of use and alterations to workshop and separate storage barn to dwelling and ancillary office/studio. Councillors agreed to support the application. ii) 2018/Brook House Prestleigh Lane Prestleigh Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4NG; Demolition of existing lean to garden store, construction of a dual pitched roof over garage and erection of a 2m timber boundary fence. Councillors agreed to support the application. iii) To note Grant of Permission for Brottens Lodge extension (2018/2428/HSE). This was noted.
1812/6	<i>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</i> i) Provision of Roadside Grit/Salt Bins for 2018/19 and beyond. (letter circulated). A review of the map showing locations of grit bins had been conducted a at least two bins were not shown. Cllrs Fidge and Clarke to check location and state of bins in Prestleigh and Doulting and advise the clerk. It was noted that some provision will have to be made in the budget for salt which has now to be purchased by the Parish Council. It was also noted that a “snow warden” scheme had been mooted.

1812/7	<p><u>Parish Councillors comments and updates relating to the following matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Highways and traffic – SCC. Cllr Clarke reported that the Highways representative had suggested that most of the works recently advised had been dealt with although he was unsure of this. A problem with a poor reinstatement after a sewage connection was noted and loose covers at Prestleigh and Waterlip to be advised to highways. A damaged sign on Doultling Hill also to be advised. ii) Joint Highways advisory committee. No further information on a proposed meeting. iii) Footpath matters – Blocked footpath SM7/54 – Doultling Hill to Well. This was included on the definitive map held by Somerset R of W. It was also noted that erosion of the bank along the side of the footpath to the school was taking place. iv) Speedwatch - there had been no recent watches in Doultling and no current traffic information was available. There had been watches in Prestleigh although 2 volunteers had moved away from the village. There had been an increasing attendance by the police and the speed camera van in the area. It was agreed to contact SM Landscapes to clear brambles from the 2nd watch position. It was noted that there had been a noticeable increase in traffic volume over recent years. v) SID's – Funding. Cllr Crowcombe had the matter of funding in hand. Cllr Clarke queried if any figures were available from the SID's. Cllr Crowcombe advised that there was still a problem with software to retrieve the figures; Cllr Fidge offered to assist in resolving this matter.
1812/8	<p><u>Reports from Parish Council Representatives to Village Organisations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Village Hall and Social Group – Cllr Goff reported that all the correct procedures were in place for the administration of the village hall including the accounts which were now under the control of a new treasurer. She advised that meetings of the Trustees need not be open to the public and that there was an opportunity for other members of the community to become involved. The hall now had a website and was hoping to advertise the facilities via the website and newsletter. A link could be included on the Parish Council website. There had been an increase in use of the hall over the summer which had improved funds and works and re-decoration carried out. It was reported that there had been positive comments about the works which had been carried out. ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society – nothing to report.
1812/9	<p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Replacement fencing and budget. A unquantified quotation had been received for the works and it was agreed that the exact extent of the works should be agreed at the next working party. ii) Repairs to sloping lectern sign. The original suppliers had offered to supply new materials for the repair; Cllr Crowcombe to contact Cllr Shepherd.
1812/10	<p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Replacement of Defective Equipment and safety surface. Deferred until the next meeting.

1812/11	<p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Cllr Crowcombe reported that drains in Waterlip needed clearing.ii) Cllr Fidge reported that a number of suspicious characters had been seen in the village in recent days and there concern for the security of property.iii) Cllr Fidge noted the early demise of the Christmas Fayre at The Showground but was unaware of the reasons for this.
1812/12	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Clerks salary and expenses. £355.40 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.ii) Doultling Village Hall hire - £50.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.iii) Shepton Mallet Landscapes Invoice - £2328.00 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.iv) In the absence of the second signatory, the clerk was authorised by councillors to countersign the cheques.
1812/13	<p>Draft Budget for 2019/20 – for consideration and setting of Precept at the next meeting. This was circulated and discussed, councillors to comment further at the next meeting.</p>
1812/14	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) The question of a donation to CAB was discussed. The clerk advised that, in recent times, no donations had been made to the organisation.ii) Cllr Crowcombe reported on fund raising for Cranmore VH.iii) Cllr Crowcombe noted the Christmas bingo to take place at Doultling VH.iv) The clerk asked if any councillor would like to attend the SALC AGM – none were able to attend.v) Cllr Clarke queried what was happening with regard to the mendip Forum which, he understood, was being revamped.vi) The question of the Debrillator in Prestleigh to be added to the next agenda.
1812/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 8th January 2019, 7.30pm at Doultling Village Hall.</p>

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18th December 2018
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