

**DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 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>A request was made for details of the proposed emergency planning to be included in the newsletter.</p> <p>Comments were made about dog fouling and dogs being kept on leads in The Glebeland.</p> <p>Another request was made about hedge cutting, drainage and footpath clearance on Doultling Hill.</p> <p>Points were raised about the phone box, SID's, damaged equipment on Padfield Green and a number of points about the village and also the footpath.</p>
	<p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr van Dyk gave a report on proposals for the Saxonvale development in Frome and confirmed that Mendip DC has invested £40m of the investment fund on various acquisitions. He commented on the District Council budget which should be balanced at the year end and mentioned the "Big Community Switch" where residents could sign up as a collective to receive energy discounts. A suggestion had been made that monies should be received by Doultling and Cranmore from the Hinckley Point project to compensate for the impact of increased lorry movements to the site from local quarries. A request was made for the "small sweeper" to be used to clear paths, etc around Doultling.</p>
	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>No report received.</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) 2018/2856/FUL – Extension to car park area at Scania Workshops, Waterlip Business Park, Waterlip. Members of the public expressed concern about the removal of established trees and hedges around the site.</li><li>ii) 2018/2952/FUL – Change of use of redundant agricultural buildings into a dwelling at Hill View Farm, Prestleigh BA4 4NL. An adjoining resident outlined a number of concerns regarding this application.</li></ol>
	<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>

	<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chairman), Barry Clarke, John Shepherd, Sarah Goff, Ann Crowcombe; also in attendance Cllr van Dyk and Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1901/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllr Ros Wilkins.
1901/2	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Cllr Crowcombe declared a personal interest in planning application 2018/2856/FUL as she lived near the site.
1901/3	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u>  i) Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1901/4	<u>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u>  i) Parish Emergency planning. A request for volunteers to be included in the newsletter, matter to be held over until the next meeting. ii) Adoption of Telephone box – the end of the consultation period was 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019. iii) Provision of Roadside Grit/Salt Bins for 2018/19 and beyond. Cllr Clarke had forwarded details to highways about the bins to be added to the list and had been advised that they would be filled in due course.  iv) The matter of the hearing loop to be added to the next meetings agenda.
1901/5	<u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u>  i) 2018/2856/FUL – Extension to car park area at Scania Workshops, Waterlip Business Park, Waterlip. Councillors were extremely concerned about the recent removal of hedging and woodland areas which previously screened the site and which were, apparently, part of the conditions of the original permission granted on the site. The site operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week and local residents will now be subjected to noise nuisance and light pollution previously screened by the hedge and trees. Several local residents have expressed concern to the Parish Council on this matter. After discussion, councillors agreed to support the application but asked that conditions should be included to ensure restoration of all necessary screening to protect residents on the basis of the original permission granted for the site. For the record, Cllr Crowcombe did not take part in the voting procedure.  ii) 2018/2952/FUL – Change of use of redundant agricultural buildings into a dwelling at Hill View Farm, Prestleigh BA4 4NL. Councillors were aware of certain legal matters which had been raised in respect of the application by the adjoining owner. The application was, however, considered on the basis of the papers submitted as part of the application. Councillors were concerned about the "barn" adjoining the property known as Second Barn as this appeared to be merely a lean to roof. It was also understood that the barn referred to as "redundant" was, in fact, still in use. After consideration, councillors agreed to leave the decision with the planning officer.

1901/6	<u>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</u> No matters.
1901/7	<p><u>Parish Councillors comments and updates relating to the following matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Highways and traffic – Cllr Clarke gave a report on various highway matters discussed with Somerset Highways. The matter of Doultling Hill drainage could become part of a scheme for Doultling Hill scheduled for 2019.</li> <li>ii) Joint Highways advisory committee. Meeting still awaited.</li> <li>iii) Footpath matters. The parish paths consultation was to end on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Clerk to circulate details. It was noted that various way markers were in need of repair.</li> <li>iv) Speedwatch – there had been no watches in Doultling but Prestleigh continued and had been in operation for one year. Cllr Fidge noted that there appeared to have been a decrease in traffic speed since the watches were started.</li> <li>v) SID’s – Funding; Cllr van Dyk to advise on funding.</li> </ul>
1901/8	<p><u>Reports from Parish Council Representatives to Village Organisations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Village Hall and Social Group – Cllr Goff responded to a number of public questions regarding the footpath; this had been offered to the village hall but rejected, the barrier; there was no evidence to show that this was currently necessary. The matter of the accounts would be discussed at a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January along with other matters and the village hall welcomes feedback from residents who may have concerns. Cllr Fidge advised that current concerns had been aired at a number of recent Parish Council meetings and that she felt that a line should now be drawn under the matter.</li> <li>ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society – There would be a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</li> </ul>
1901/9	<p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Replacement fencing and budget. This would be discussed again at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>ii) Repairs to sloping lectern sign. This was in hand.</li> <li>iii) The next meeting would discuss the “Dogs on Leads” signs and obtain a quote for mesh tree protectors.</li> </ul>
1901/10	<p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Replacement of Defective Equipment and safety surface. It was agreed the views should be sought on what type of equipment should replace the damaged beam equipment.</li> </ul>
1901/11	<p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) There were no matters from Waterlip.</li> <li>ii) Defibrillator for Prestleigh. Fund raising continued; clerk to write to the Bath and West seeking a donation.</li> <li>iii) NASS Licensing application. This had been received just before the meeting and Cllr van Dyk advised on the proposed increase in numbers attending. He had been advised by the organisers that the increase to 29,999 would not be achieved immediately.</li> </ul>

1901/12	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses. £355.40 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. ii) HMRC quarter three tax. £219.12 – this was agreed and a cheque raised. iii) Request for donation from Mendip Community Transport. It was agreed not to make a donation.</p>
1901/13	<p>iv) A previous discussion about a donation to CAB was noted but as Mendip had made a donation it was agreed that the question of a donation should be deferred.</p> <p>Confirmation of Budget for 2019/20 and setting of Precept for 2019/20. Councillors reviewed and agreed the budget for 2019/20 and agreed to set the precept for 2019/20 at £13,300.00</p>
1901/14	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <p>i) The question of the NASS Licensing application was discussed; Cllr Fidge to comment on the application. ii) Cllr Goff referred to forthcoming events at the village hall iii) A conservation and planning forum was noted for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</p>
1901/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7.30pm at Doultling Village Hall.</p>

**The meeting closed at 9pm.**

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