

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 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>Queries were raised on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Lack of salt in salt bins; the Parish Council had the matter in hand.ii) A query was raised about the number of houses in Doultlingiii) There was a short discussion about footpath SM 7/44 and the clearance of vegetation.iv) Concern was expressed about the proposed diversion of footpath SM 7/90v) A request was made for part of the footpath from Church Lane to the school to be cleared where soil had run onto the path.vi) A request was made for leaves to be cleared from near the church.vii) It was confirmed that representatives from Prestleigh had attended the recent Speedwatch meeting.
	<p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr van Dyk had sent a report concerning the new Local Plan which was read to the meeting. Cllr Clarke noted dates of 15th and 16th February for members of the public to view the Saxonvale proposals in Frome.</p>
	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>The report for January was not available for the meeting, clerk to include in the minutes for information.</p> <p><i>The Beat the police refer to as AE020 covers a large area including the villages of Ditcheat, Alhampton, Lydford on Fosse, Oakhill, Chilcompton, Ston Easton, Gurney Slade, Binegar, Stoke St. Michael, Stratton on the Fosse and many hamlets in between.</i></p> <p><i>Specific reports for Doultling / Prestley</i></p> <p><i>03/01 – A361 Report of using mobile phone whilst driving. Incorrect vehicle registration given.</i></p> <p><i>07/01 – A361 Report of excessive mud on the road at Farrington cross roads- Highways to attend & clear.</i></p> <p><i>14/01 – Merryfield Lane, Reported loose possibly stray dog in field, with dead Deer. Dog disappeared & dog warden contacted. Rural Crime Team to investigate.</i></p> <p><i>21/01 – 06.21 Long Cross, Thick Fog, Two vehicle RTC minor injury, Police attended & dealt 06.34.</i></p> <p><i>28/01 – 12.34 Stone Quarry four Travelling roll top caravans, with horses camping at entrance.</i></p> <p><i>13.03 – Police attended spoke with Travellers who stated they were staying for two nights.</i></p> <p><i>29/01 – Police attended Stone Quarry, Travellers moving late afternoon.</i></p> <p><i>Sheila Thompson</i> <i>Police Community Support Officer</i> <i>Shepton Mallet, Rural Neighbourhood Team.</i></p>

	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>No planning applications were received at the time of the preparation of this agenda.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p><u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Barry Clarke, John Shepherd and Sarah Goff; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p>
1902/1	<p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Ros Wilkins, Ann Crowcombe and David van Dyk (MDC)</p>
1902/2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.</p>
1902/3	<p><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Meeting held on 8th January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. ii) Extraordinary Meeting held on 29th January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1902/4	<p><u>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Parish Emergency planning. Cllr Fidge advised that three Prestleigh residents were happy to be included. Cllr Goff advised that the Wagon and Horses was happy to be included as a place of assembly. ii) Adoption of Telephone box; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Adoption process completed. This was noted. b) Email from Social Group – it was confirmed that discussions were taking place to obtain a quotation for the installation of the defibrillator. iii) Parish Footpaths consultation. This had been submitted. iv) Provision of hearing loop. Cllr Clarke advised the costs of alternative systems which he would forward to councillors. The possibility of a grant to the installation of the loop to be investigated.
1902/5	<p><u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u></p> <p>No planning applications were received at the time of the preparation of this agenda.</p> <p>The granting of permission for 45 Church Lane, Doultling – 2018/3167/HSE was noted.</p>
1902/6	<p><u>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Insurance review and risk assessment. The clerk circulated the Asset Register for year ended March 2018 which was reviewed by councillors. A number of additions and changes were agreed; clerk to update register and circulate to councillors. The updated asset figures would be passed to the insurance company for inclusion in the renewal due on 1st April 2019.

1902/7	<p><u>Parish Councillors comments and updates relating to the following matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Highways and traffic – Cllr Clarke reported that all matters previously raised were in hand with Highways. Concern was expressed about the continuing problem with surface water on Doulling Hill which had caused icy dangerous patches during recent freezing weather The car which was parking at the junction of Church Lane and the A361 had been reported to the police. ii) Joint Highways advisory committee. Nothing to report. iii) Footpath matters – diversion of paths SM7/90 and 18/21. Approximately 225 metres of SM 7/90 were in Doulling Parish. Concern was expressed about the exact location on the diversion which appeared to run along the Old Wells Road which was noted as a fast section of road. Clerk to contact Somerset Rights of Way to clarify location of the proposed diversion. It was noted that volunteers had cleared the path from Doulling Hill to the Well. iv) Speedwatch - Watches had been held in Prestleigh and Doulling and the effectiveness of the new recording system noted. There was a discussion about the increasing traffic volumes in recent years. v) SID's – Funding. Clerk to ask Cllr van Dyk about this matter. vi) Litter picking event. It was suggested that local quarry companies sometimes organised a litter pick in the area; Cllr Goff to advise if this still takes place.
1902/8	<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 advised that a meeting would be taking place in advance of the AGM in April. The AGM would be an open meeting. She advised that works would be starting at the school which could see the closure of the gate to the footpath due to safeguarding issues. Council to maintain a watching brief on this. The agreement between the school and village hall regarding the use of the premises was being finalised. ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society – concern was expressed about the lack of resources available via the Woodland Trust for essential works to protect the landscape and archaeology of the wood. Clerk to write to the Woodland Trust on the matter.
1902/9	<p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Replacement fencing and budget. Cllr Clarke to look at loose gate post. Following inspection, rotted rails to be replaced had been identified. The committee had been advised to place wire cages around saplings to prevent animal damage. A budget of £200 was agreed for these works. ii) Repairs to sloping lectern sign. The supplier had agreed to supply a replacement base board. iii) Other matters arising from the meeting on 29th January 2019. The quarry had agreed to donate a bag of stone dust to infill animal scrapes in the enclosure.
1902/10	<p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Replacement of Defective Equipment and safety surface – response as to type of replacement equipment. Cllr Wilkins had been investigating funding for the replacement equipment and seeking to establish the type of new equipment to be installed. It was agreed that the old equipment should be removed; Clerk to contact SM Landscapes.

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

1902/11	<p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) Defibrillator for Prestleigh – the Bath and West Society were unable to assist with funding at this time.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Goff suggested that discussions should take place with the Bath and West about traffic directions and flow for the 2019 event.</p>
1902/12	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses. £388.80. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>
1902/13	<p>Accounts to 31st December 2018 and bank reconciliation. These were circulated and the bank reconciliation signed by Cllr Fidge.</p>
1902/14	<p><u>Matters of Report.</u></p> <p>No matters were reported.</p>
1902/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 12th March 2019, 7.30pm at The Prestleigh Inn.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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