

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

| MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2019 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH @ 7.45pm | |
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| | <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 litter picking event had attracted some 17 volunteers who had collected a substantial amount of litter with the recyclable litter taken to the recycling centre. All were thanked by the chairman for their efforts.</p> <p>It was noted that the village hall social group were organising coffee mornings to coincide with the mobile library visits.</p> <p>It was suggested that the quarry sweeper machine could be asked to sweep through Doultling. It would be necessary to ask residents to leave the road clear for this operation.</p> <p>A request was made asking that all relevant papers were available at the village hall AGM on 24th April.</p> |
| | <p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr van Dyk was in attendance but, due to the forthcoming elections, was unable to give a report.</p> |
| | <p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>The following report had been received:</p> <p>Specific reports for Doultling</p> <p>09/03 – One Injured Sheep, possible dog attack – incident shared on Farm watch scheme for any witnesses.</p> <p>16/03 - Dwelling Burglary Poachers Pocket whilst Inn was open and busy. Police attendance and investigations.</p> <p>28/03 – Reported nuisance Motorcycle, travelling through Doultling. Police attended keepers address and appropriate advice issued.</p> |
| | <p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>i) Application 2019/0684 – Fell Lime tree at Fig Tree Cottage, School Lane, Doultling. It was pointed out that this application had been wrongly registered and that another application was to be made.</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> |

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| | <u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Ros Wilkins, Barry Clarke, John Shepherd, Ann Crowcombe and Sarah Goff; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk) |
| 1904/1 | <u>Apologies for absence.</u> None. |
| 1904/2 | <u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None. |
| 1904/3 | <u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> i) Meeting held on 12 th March 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. The matter of the local litter pick by local quarries was clarified prior to signature. |
| 1904/4 | <u>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> i) Telephone box. Information and details about the installation of the defibrillator were still awaited. ii) Provision of hearing loop. Cllr Clarke advised he was still awaited confirmation of any donations available. |
| 1904/5 | <u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u> i) Application 2019/0684 – Fell Lime tree at Fig Tree Cottage, School Lane, Doultling. It was agreed to leave the matter to the planning officer; clerk to clarify the situation regarding the application. |
| 1904/6 | <u>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</u> i) Updated Asset Register. This had been circulated. It was formally adopted and signed by the chairman. ii) Mendip DC Local Plan part 2. The clerk read out details of proposed changes to the plan in respect of Doultling in which the site DU1 to the east of Chelynch Road had been removed as a development site because of the existing quarry permissions in place. Clerk to write submission to the inspector. iii) Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting. There were none. |
| 1904/7 | <u>Parish Councillors comments and updates relating to the following matters:</u> i) Highways and traffic – SCC. Cllr Clarke advised that all works previously notified were in hand. A pothole was noted in Brottens Lane. There was some concern about the situation with the barrier on the bend of Doultling Hill. This had been discussed by the Parish Council but no action had been taken by Highways to consider the matter. Cllr Shepherd queried the need for a barrier. Cllr Clarke to speak to Highways. ii) Joint Highways advisory committee. iii) Footpath matters – diversion of paths SM7/90 and 18/21. This diversion had been implemented. iv) Speedwatch – Doultling were currently short on volunteers but Prestleigh continued with regular watches. It was noted that speedwatch volunteers would be at the Bath and West Show on the police stand. v) SID's – Funding. Deferred until the next meeting. |

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| | <p>vi) Quarry Liaison meeting 20th March 2019. Cllr Crowcombe reported on the meeting. She noted that Wainwrights were still awaiting completion of the planning permission for their new tips. They were also thanked for the recent litter pick carried out by their personnel along local roads.</p> <p>vii) Litter picking event. As noted above, this had been very successful.</p> |
| 1904/8 | <p><u>Reports from Parish Council Representatives to Village Organisations:</u></p> <p>i) Village Hall and Social Group. Cllr Goff confirmed that all papers would be available for attendees at the forthcoming AGM. There had been meetings with the school over the provision of lunches in the hall and also first aid courses for children. Cllr Wilkins noted that there was concern over “persons” frequenting the village hall during drop off and pick up times.</p> <p>ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society – the AGM was to be held on 10th April at The Science Centre, Stoke St Michael.</p> |
| 1904/9 | <p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <p>i) Replacement fencing – to be discussed again at the next meeting on 30th April.</p> <p>ii) Repairs to sloping lectern sign. The replacement board was still awaited.</p> <p>iii) Other matters. A letter of thanks to be sent to the quarry owner for the provision of the stone to infill the rabbit scrapes. Thanks were also due to all those who had infilled the scrapes.</p> |
| 1904/10 | <p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Replacement of Defective Equipment and safety surface. Cllr Wilkins was seeking quotes for alternative equipment. Cllr Crowcombe noted that an offer had been made to repair the existing equipment. After discussion, it was agreed to proceed with replacement equipment. The defective equipment to be removed as previously agreed.</p> |
| quipment | <p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) Defibrillator for Prestleigh. Fund raising was continuing.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Crowcombe advised that the defibrillator at Quarry Way, Waterlip was to be available for public use.</p> <p>iii) Cllr Fidge outlined a number of complaints from Prestleigh residents about noise and nuisance occurring at the school. Cllr van Dyk was involved and it was noted that, recently, there had been some improvement.</p> |
| 1904/12 | <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses - £355.40. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>ii) HMRC quarter 4 tax - £219.12. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iii) End of year arrangements. The clerk had circulated draft accounts to the end of year and an updated budget. He noted that there had been a lower expenditure during the year. He advised that the annual grant to St Aldhelms Church for church yard maintenance had not been made in the 2018/9 year and that this would be corrected at the May meeting subject to councillor’s confirmation that they still wished to make the grant.</p> |

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| | <p>The accounts showed both an income and expenditure of less than the £25,000 limit and, as a result, the chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption from the Annual Return process. The Annual Governance Statement was confirmed by councillors and signed by the chairman.</p> |
| 1904/13 | <p><u>Matters of Report:</u> None.</p> |
| 1904/14 | <p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2019, 7.30pm at Douling Village Hall.</p> |

Alan Butcher,
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