

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2019 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL @ 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>Ten members of the public were present.</p> <p>Comments were made as follows: The need for a TPO for the trees in the churchyard and whether the church held insurance should the trees fall and damage surrounding property. The footpath behind the school, concern about costs to the Parish Council. The traffic arrangements and lights at the top of Doultling Hill. A dead beech tree adjoining the highway had been reported to MDC. The question of overgrown hedges in a number of locations was raised; it was noted that it is householders responsibility to cut back to line of boundary. A request for information about a meeting between the school and village hall was made. A vote of thanks was proposed to members of the community who had cleared weeds along the Padfield Green fencing.</p>
	<p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Hayden (in attendance) gave a summary of the composition of Mendip District Council following the election including committees. He advised that he was on both the planning and licensing committees.</p>
	<p><u>Police Report:</u></p> <p>The police were in attendance and reported on four incidents during May. The chairman thanked the officer for her attendance at the meeting.</p>
	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Application 2019/1050/FUL – Change of use and demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of new residence, etc on plot west of The Old Stables, Hurlingpot Farm, Kings Road, Doultling. No public commentsii) Application 2019/1080/FUL – Erection of new farm building at Merryfield Farm, Merryfield Lane, Doultling. No public commentsiii) Application 2019/1158/TPO – Proposed works to a tree with a TPO at School House, Doultling Hill to Farrington Lane, Doultling. No public comments.
	<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 (Chairman), Ros Wilkins, Ann Crowcombe, John Shepherd, Jan Crewe and Sarah Goff (arrived at 8.10pm); also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p>

1906/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> None.
1906/2	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
1906/3	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> i) Meeting held on 14 th May 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.
1906/4	<u>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> i) Provision of hearing loop. The clerk had not received details but had been advised that the matter of funding would be advised direct when available.
1906/5	<u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u> i) Application 2019/1050/FUL – Change of use and demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of new residence, etc on plot west of The Old Stables, Hurlingpot Farm, Kings Road, Doultong. An email from the applicant was read out; Councillors agreed to support the application. ii) Application 2019/1080/FUL – Erection of new farm building at Merryfield Farm, Merryfield Lane, Doultong. Councillors agreed to support the application. iii) Application 2019/1158/TPO – Proposed works to a tree with a TPO at School House, Doultong Hill to Farrington Lane. Councillors agreed to support the application.
1906/6	<u>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</u> i) Parish Councillors roles and responsibilities for 2019/20. a) Padfield Green – Cllr Wilkins. b) Highways – Cllr Crewe assisted by Cllr Crowcombe. c) Quarries – Cllrs Crowcombe and Fidge. d) Waterlip – Cllr Crowcombe. e) Prestleigh – Cllr Fidge. f) Footpaths – Cllr Crewe. ii) Proposals for voluntary assistants. It was agreed not to appoint assistants at present. iii) Invitation to new Village Agent. It was agreed to invite the new village agent to the next meeting.
1906/7	<u>Parish Councillors comments and updates relating to the following matters:</u> i) Highways and traffic – SCC. Clerk to advise Cllr Crewe of the outstanding list. It was also agreed to ask SM Landscapes to clear the leaves from Church Lane. Cllr Wilkins to follow up damaged wall in Padfield Green. The matter of roadside hedges to be added to the highways list. ii) Footpath matters a) School footpath. Cllr Crewe reported on a meeting held with the Rights of Way officer about the school footpath. She had noted that the damaged fencing was the responsibility of the diocese and that Mendip DC would only cut back a limited amount of vegetation. She had also advised that widening of the path or change of surface required formal approval. It was noted that the Parish Council had been maintaining the path as SCC had no money available. Cllr Wilkins suggested that quotes are needed for the cutting back of the vegetation and the the school should be advised of their responsibility for the fences and trees. Cllr Fidge has details of fencing, etc.

	<p>iii) Speedwatch – Cllr Goff advised of 14 watches in Doultling in recent weeks. Doultling had come 5th in the speedwatch list. It was noted that the police had been contacting persistent speeders and had agreed to undertake an early morning enforcement patrol.</p> <p>iv) SID’s – Cllr Goff advised that a consultation was taking place over the use of the “Autospeedwatch” camera device. Cllr Crowcombe advised that she had spoken to the provider of the auto camera devices.</p>
1906/8	<p><u>Reports from Parish Council Representatives to Village Organisations:</u></p> <p>i) Village Hall and Social Group – Cllr Goff advised that a meeting had been held with the school who had issued a statement giving reasons why they did not want to install a barrier to the car park. She advised that the year 5 and 6 pupils would be receiving first aid training and that, with the installation of the defibrillator, training in the use of the machine was in place. She also advised about community meals which could be available from September.</p> <p>ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society – Mary Newman reported on fly tipping at the wood and also a visit by Doultling school children.</p>
1906/9	<p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <p>i) Replacement fencing rails. In hand with the clerk.</p> <p>ii) Repairs to sloping lectern sign. The replacement board to be installed shortly.</p>
1906/10	<p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <p>i) Replacement of Defective Equipment and safety surface</p> <p>a) The defective equipment had been taken down but required removal from the play area.</p> <p>b) Cllr Wilkins advised on three quotes she had obtained for the replacement equipment. She advised that she was seeking funding of around £20,000 for the equipment and replacement of the defective surface. She suggested that a trampoline could be installed but councillors raised safety concerns. Further details to be provided.</p>
1906/11	<p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) Feedback on recent Bath and West show. There had been problems with the operation of the lights at the top of Doultling Hill although manual operation had reduced the lengthy queues experienced on the first day of the show. A meeting was to be arranged to give feedback. There was concern about traffic directions out of the showground which had caused additional problems.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Fidge noted the next event at the showground was the NASS event. She hoped that a meeting was to be held with the organisers and Prestleigh before the show as in previous years. Cllr Fidge to forward information to Cllr Hayden.</p> <p>iii) Waterlip – nothing to report.</p>

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

1906/12	<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) Information Commissioner fee £40.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised.iii) G Buzzard – Village planting £31.93. This was agreed and a cheque raised.iv) St Margarets Hospice Care information – this was circulated to councillors.
1906/13	Completion of Annual Return, Certificate of Exemption, Accounting Statements. These documents had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the chairman and clerk. Bank Signatories. It was confirmed that there were now four signatories plus the clerk as administrator. Two older signatures needed to be removed; clerk to arrange forms for the next meeting.
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1906/15	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Cllr Crowcombe advised about the Parish Forum and Spark Funding workshop.ii) Cllr Wilkins was concerned about non-local banners being fixed to the Padfield Green railings. It was agreed that a policy for the posting of banners was required, clerk to add item to next agenda. In the meantime, permission was given for banners for the fete and produce show.iii) The clerk advised about a consultation on polling stations; to be included on the next agenda, information to be sent to Cllr Fidge.iv) In response to a query, the clerk advised that councillors contact information had been posted on notice boards at Prestleigh and Doultling.
1906/16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting will be on 9th July 2019, 7.30pm at The Prestleigh Inn..</p>

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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