

**DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm</b>	
	<p><b><u>Public Meeting</u></b></p>
	<p><u>Forum:</u> Ten members of the public were present. The following items were raised:</p> <p>A query about the closure of the Prestleigh Inn was made.</p> <p>A number of items previously raised but not apparently resolved were noted:</p> <p>Leaves in Church Lane and churchyard trees; accidents on Doultling Hill; responsibilities undertaken by councillors and the alleged failure of councillors to consider public opinion; the possibility of adding an additional councillor; support for the proposals for the Old Frome and Wells Roads; the continuing problem with hedges encroaching over footpaths; surface water on Doultling Hill and the likely high cost of any works to fingerpost signs and continuing concern over the administration of the village hall.</p> <p>Further information was given about the churchyard trees and comments made about the removal of leaves from Church Lane.</p>
	<p><u>Reports and Comments from County and District Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Hayden (in attendance) confirmed he had spoken to Cllr Ham about the proposals for Old Frome Road who hoped that some of the proposals would be carried out. He spoke about a meeting following the recent NASS event which had not gone well and outlined proposals for future festivals including improved traffic management, staggered arrivals, improved bus links with Castle Carey station, additional and off-site security.</p>
	<p><u>Police Report:</u> The clerk read out the following report:</p> <p>02/09 – Lodge Hill, Damage to crops. Vehicle has driven into field causing damage to crops. No registration given, no description of offender. No CCTV or witnesses. 09/09 – High value theft from vehicle. Power tools taken from van parked at Carey Close. No CCTV or witnesses. Damage also caused to van door. No scope for CSI. 11/09 – Chelynch Road. Report of suspicious male, with torch light. Area patrol of A361, no one sighted. 11/09 – Old Frome Road, Minor Injury RTC, road blocked, Police in attendance, vehicles recovered. 12/09 – Old Frome Road, Reported mud on road at Wagon &amp; Horses, Highways notified. 14/09 – Attempted non dwelling burglary at Long Cross. Metal shed having damage to locks, nothing taken. 29/09 – Doultling Hill, Reported branch in road, Police attended nothing found.</p>

	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u> Public comments on the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Application 2019/2227/HSE – Proposed single storey front extension and detached single storey workshop, etc at Bramble Ditch Cottage, Farm Road, Doultling BA4 4RE. No comments were made.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Closure of public participation and Commencement of the Parish Council Meeting.</b></p>
	<p><u>Present:</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chairman), Ros Wilkins, Ann Crowcombe, Sarah Goff; also in attendance: Cllr Francis Hayden (MDC) and Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p>
1910/1	<p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs John Shepherd and Jan Crewe.</p>
1910/2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.</p>
1910/3	<p><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.</li> </ul>
1910/4	<p><u>Matters from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Churchyard trees and leaves. A working party had been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> October to clear leaves.</li> <li>ii) Hearing loop. A email had been received for a commercial company giving information about various options. It was also suggested that the equipment could be purchased and installed by experienced volunteers. Cllr Crowcombe advised the a quarry liaison meeting was imminent and she would raised the matter of funding for the loop.</li> <li>iii) Emergency Planning. Deferred.</li> <li>iv) Report on Parish Forum - 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Cllr Crowcombe gave a brief report on the forum and noted the planning information given and circulated to attendees.</li> </ul>
1910/5	<p><u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Application 2019/2227/HSE – Proposed single storey front extension and detached single storey workshop, etc at Bramble Ditch Cottage, Farm Road, Doultling BA4 4RE. Councillors agreed to support the application.</li> </ul>
1910/6	<p><u>Parish Council Matters requiring a decision:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Safety Notice in Church Lane. Awaiting a forthcoming meeting of the church; Cllr Crewe had requested details of a sign supplier. Clerk to speak to Cllr Crewe about the wording and obtain quote from Arien Signs.</li> <li>ii) Fingerpost signs – Councillors welcomed input from the Mens Shed but wanted to assess the scope of the proposals and prepare a budget for the works. To that end it was agreed that the existing posts should be photographed and a schedule of condition prepared and those posts which had been removed included in the schedule where the location was</li> </ul>

	<p>known. Cllr Wilkins to speak to Cllr Crewe about the proposed sign refurbishment; clerk to circulate details he had available from another council and Cllr Shepherd to be asked to advise on proposals.</p>
1910/7	<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 – SCC. Cllr Crewe had raised the items discussed at the last meeting with SCC but, as yet, had had no reply although they had acknowledged that they were dealing with the matters. She noted that works were taking place at the bottom of Doultling Hill to deal with subsidence.</li> <li>ii) Footpath matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) School footpath. Cllr Crewe had spoken to the landowner who had agreed that the proposed works could be undertaken.</li> <li>b) Parish Paths Liaison Officer – the clerk confirmed he had advised Rights of Way about Cllr Crewe’s appointment.</li> <li>c) Other footpath matters. Cllr Fidge to speak to the householder about the hedge and footpath in Beech Close.</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii) Speedwatch - a small number of watches had been held although none in Prestleigh due to a reduced number of volunteers. A meeting with the police had been arranged.</li> <li>iv) SID’s – letter from SCC. The clerk had circulated the agreement sent out by SCC; it was agreed that the volunteers should consider the agreement which would be brought forward at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
1910/8	<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 advised that a meeting had taken place back in June and that an offer had been made to villagers to fill the post of vice chairman and also a trustee but this had not been taken up. A meeting had been held with the school to discuss the Produce Show problems. There had also been a discussion about the problem with locking the door between the hall and school areas. It was hoped to offer a meal to villagers in late November. There would be a meeting of the Social Group on 16<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Fidge proposed that an additional Parish Council village hall representative be appointed to assist Cllr Goff. To be added to the agenda for the next meeting.</li> <li>ii) Beacon Hill Woods Society – Mary Newman advised that a geology, archaeology and ornithological walk had been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ul>
1910/9	<p><u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Report on the recent meeting of the Glebeland Committee. Dates for working parties were advised as 15<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November starting at 9.30am</li> </ul>
1910/10	<p><u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Replacement of Defective Equipment and safety surface. Cllr Wilkins confirmed receipt of £1150 donation from NASS. She was currently working on grant applications.</li> <li>ii) Dog fouling – this was still occurring and fouling had been noted in the play area.</li> </ul>

	<p>iii) Playground Safety Training Course – Cllr Wilkins summarised the training course she had attended and noted that a number of actions were required to gates and signage to bring the park up to standard. She advised that the use of steel/metal equipment was now advised rather than the use of wood.</p>
1910/11	<p><u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u></p> <p>i) There were no matters relating to Waterlip.</p> <p>ii) Truckfest – Cllr Hayden advised that he was aware of a number of emails complaining about noise, vibration and damage to property and was following up the matter.</p> <p>iii) Six monthly invite to representatives of the Bath and West. This will take place at the November meeting.</p> <p>iv) Venue for Prestleigh meetings. Disappointment was expressed about the recent sudden closure of the Prestleigh Inn where local residents had supported the pub for many years and felt let down by recent events. It was suggested that the showground should be approached to see if a meeting venue was available; clerk to contact showground.</p>
1910/12	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses - £350.71. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>ii) Quarter 2 tax - £146.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iii) Invoice for purchase of preservative. £36.95. This was agreed and a cheque raised for Mary Newman.</p> <p>iv) Quarterly Accounts and bank reconciliation. These were circulated and the reconciliation signed.</p>
1910/13	<p>Adoption of Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment – both documents were adopted and signed by the chairman.</p>
1910/14	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u></p> <p>The Westfest event was noted at the end of the month and that application for a TTRO had been made.</p>
1910/15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7.30pm at Doultling Village Hall</p>

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