

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE ZOOM PLATFORM ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm	
	Present: Cllrs Ann Crowcombe (Chair), Jan Crewe, Sarah Goff, Ros Wilkins; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)
2006/1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge, John Shepherd, Mary Newman (BHWS)
2006/2	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
2006/3	<u>Public Forum:</u> No members of the public were present. i) No Reports were received from District or County Councillors. ii) No report was received from the Police.
2006/4	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> i) Meeting held on 14 th July 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. The chairman signed a hard copy of the minutes.
2006/5	<u>Parish Council Response to Planning Applications</u> i) No planning applications were received for inclusion on this agenda. ii) The following applications have been decided: Application 2020/0908/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land and engineering works to provide access and hardstanding for parking on land adjacent to Willmotts Business Park, Waterlip, Shepton Mallet BA4 4RN (revised submission) – granted with conditions. This was noted. It was understood that an application for re-routing of the footpath had been made. iii) Applications decided by email discussions: Application 2020/1455/CLE – Certificate of lawful existing development at Beard Hill Farm, Pylle – supported. Application 2020/1473/HSE – Proposed alterations to garden room at Green Quarry, Farrington Lane, Doultling – supported. iv) NALC papers on planning changes and planning the future White paper. The clerk advised that St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council had circulated a draft response suggesting that Mendip parishes combine to send a consistent response to the planning changes being proposed. Councillors agreed to participate in this combined response, clerk to circulate draft for comment prior to the submission deadline of 17 th September.

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Parish Council Matters.

- i) Highways and traffic – SCC
 - a) Cllr Crowcombe had circulated information about proposals for improvements to the Old Wells/Frome Road and Beacon Hill Crossroads. Despite lobbying by councillors, the scheme was a “housekeeping” exercise involving road signs and markings and councillors were critical that the proposals ignored suggestions put forward by councillors at an open event to discuss the matter. All agreed that they had wasted their time in attending the event and offering constructive suggestions. Clerk to write to parties involved to express councillor’s concerns on the seeming failure to pay heed to the Parish Councils suggestions and comments.
 - b) It was noted that the proposed works to Doultling Hill had been delayed.
 - c) Cllr Crowcombe advised on problems with a culvert at Waterlip and was seeking to contact highways to discuss the matter. Cllr Crewe to advise Cllr Crowcombe of highways contact details.
- ii) Footpath matters
 - a) Parish Paths Liaison Officer report. Cllr Crewe had been surveying and clearing a number of paths.
 - b) Multi use paths. Cllr Crewe would be attending a meeting on this matter shortly.
- iii) Speedwatch – Five watches had been carried out in Doultling with further watches planned. Cllr Crewe noted that roadworks at Dean had reduced traffic volume.
- iv) Report and quotation on ash trees near The Well and in The Glebeland. Cllr Crowcombe had circulated three quotes for the removal of the ash trees in the Glebeland and it was agreed to accept the quotation from Tibbs Trees in the sum of £960 incl VAT. The residual wood to be left on site. Clerk to issue order for the works advising the contractor to liaise with Mary Newman. Cllr Crewe to contact the tree officer at Mendip DC to seek advice about the tree near The Well.
- v) “One Somerset” – Proposed Local Government reorganisation. It was understood that a consultation was imminent; clerk to advise when details are known.
- vi) Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund 2020-21. Clerk to circulate request from Somerset Wildlife Trust for support to access this fund for councillor’s comments before 23rd September. Cllr Wilkins was also investigating whether Doultling could access the fund.
- vii) Public Transport Survey – deadline 1st October 2020. The clerk had circulated this some time ago. It was agreed to re-circulate and for councillors to send in individual responses.

	viii) Recycling webinar. Details of proposed changes to be displayed on the notice board and website, councillors to seek to join the webinar on 17 th or 24 th September.
2006/7	<u>Matters relating to The Glebeland</u> No matters were raised.
2006/8	<u>Matters relating to Padfield Green.</u> i) Repairs to safety surface – clerk to speak to the contract about a date for the works to be completed.
2006/9	<u>Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.</u> i) Licence application to vary current end date for Westfest licence. This was noted.
2006/10	<u>Financial:</u> i) Clerks Salary and expenses. £345.40. This was agreed. A cheque had been circulated to signatories. ii) Gift token for provider of village flowers in recognition of service to the village. It was agreed to give a token from Dobies Garden Centre to the value of £30. Clerk to organise.
2006/11	<u>Matters of Report</u> i) Cllr Crewe had received the “brown bin”. ii) Mary Newman to organise a “Spring Clean” event to coincide with a national initiative.
2006/12	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting will be a virtual meeting on 13 th October 2020

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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13th September 2020**

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