

**DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022  
AT THE PRESTLEIGH INN, PRESTLEIGH COMMENCING AT 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Sarah Goff (Chair), Jan Crewe, Simon Baker and John Shepherd; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)

2211/01 - Apologies for absence. Cllr Crowcombe.

The chair advised the meeting that Cllr Crowcombe was taking a short break from the council due to ill health.

2211/02 – Co-option of one additional councillor. No candidates had come forward.

2211/03 - Declarations of Interest:

No declarations were made.

2211/04 - Public Forum:

The Chairman will adjourn the meeting and allow a maximum of 15 minutes for public participation on matters included on the agenda only. Six members of the public were present.

Matters on the Agenda including planning applications.

Two members of the public spoke in favour of the planning application at Beard Hill Farm.

Concern was raised about the continuing lack of a full number of councillors; the vacancy to be advertised more fully.

The matter of the hearing loop in Doultling Village Hall was raised.

The traffic problems in Well Lane were discussed and a number of possible solutions suggested.

2211/05 - Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:

- i) Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

2211/06 - Parish Council Response to Planning Applications

- i) 2022/2023/FUL | Change of use and conversion to a single storey, one bedroom dwelling of an existing but redundant stone barn located on the edge of the farm complex at Beard Hill Farm | Beard Hill Farm Fosse Way Pylle Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 6SS. No comments had been received and councillors had no comments on the proposals. The chairman proposed that the application be supported and this was agreed unanimously.

2211/08 - Parish Council Matters.

- i) Highways and traffic
  - a) Cllr Crewe reported she was having difficulty eliciting a response from officers at Somerset on both Farm Road and Well Lane problems. She had written to Cllrs Ham and Clarke.
  - b) It was noted that work was taking place to the drains on Doultling Hill.
- ii) Parish Paths Liaison Officer report. Cllr Crewe expressed concern about the footpath near the edge tool works. It was agreed to write to the landowner asking him to clarify his proposals; Cllr Crewe and Clerk to liaise.
- iii) Speedwatch and SID's. Speedwatch was in abeyance awaiting additional volunteers.
- iv) New Somerset Council matters. The clerk had responded as agreed at the last meeting and further developments were awaited.
- v) Hearing loop for community room. Cllr Baker had spoken to a person recommended by Cllr Crowcombe and would be meeting with them to discuss the installation of the loop; final costs would be advised after this meeting.
- vi) Neighbourhood planning training. Clerk to advise when future events are advertised.

2211/09 - Matters relating to The Glebeland:

- i) Skate Park surveillance. The clerk advised the cost of purchase of suitable cameras. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase.
- ii) Skate Park repairs. Clerk to advise when tarmac repair is completed.
- iii) New litter bin. Cllr Shepherd agreed to fix the new bin which the clerk had brought to the meeting.
- iv) There was a general discussion about the refurbishment of the skate park, it was agreed to seek advice on possible improvements or changes and to budget over coming years for those improvements.
- v) The clerk advised that he had spoken to the hedge layer about the hedge laying and she had advised that the work would be done sometime after December.

2211/10 - Matters relating to Padfield Green.

- i) New equipment. The clerk circulated a proposed plan of the new equipment provided by Caloo. The proposed layout was agreed.
- ii) Removal of old equipment and safety surface. The clerk was seeking quotes for this work.

2211/11 - Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.

- i) A new representative for Prestleigh. No one had come forward.
- ii) There was no other business raised.

**2211/12 - Financial:**

- i) Payment of Clerks Salary and expenses. £373.03 – this was agreed.
- ii) Payment of Shepton Mallet Landscapes invoice. £2119.90 – This was agreed.
- iii) Payment of Glasdon invoice for litter bin. £193.18 – This was agreed.
- iv) Request for donation for churchyard upkeep from St Aldhelms Church. An allowance of £850 had been included in the budget. Councillors agreed to raise a cheque for this amount.
- v) Adoption of updated Financial Regulations. These were adopted and signed by the chairman.
- vi) 2023/24 Budget and setting of Precept. The clerk circulated copies of the budget for 2022/23 noting that the allowance of £5000 for election expenses had not been incurred. An updated budget would be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

**2211/13 - Matters of Report**

- i) Cllr Goff advised of problems with the village hall roof and also with the school roof which had resulted in water ingress to the main hall. Emergency repairs were being carried out to the hall roof.
- ii) She also advised that volunteers were required to fill places on the committee in 2023 and these would be advertised.
- iii) Cllr Baker advised he would be taking photographs of the Glebeland from a drone.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm

**2211/14 - Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Doultling Village Hall

**Alan Butcher,  
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