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DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2022 AT DOULTING VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30pm.

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

2212/01 - Apologies for absence. Cllr Crowcombe and Mary Newman (BHWS)

2212/02 – Co-option of one additional councillor.

No one have come forward for co-option despite additional advertising of the vacancy.

2212/03 - Declarations of Interest:

No declarations were made.

2212/04 - 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. Three members of the public were present.

- i) A query was raised about disabled facilities in the playground. The chairman confirmed that this had been considered but that there was no suitable equipment available within the councils budget.
- ii) Concern was expressed about the continuing vacancy on the council.
- iii) The matter of the village hall car park drain was discussed.

2212/05 - Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:

- i) Minutes of Meeting held on 10th November 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

2212/06 - Parish Council Response to Planning Applications

- i) 2022/2251/HSE | Retrospective permission for erection of single-storey garage for general use following demolition of existing single-storey garage. | Farncombe Farm Maesdown Road Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4RB. Councillors voted unanimously to support the application.
- ii) 2022/2267/TCA | .A- Crab Apple - crown thin by 20%; crown reduce to 4.8m height, 4m spread. B- Hazel - crown reduce to 5m height, 4.5m spread. (D- Conifers), (D1)-Leylandii - Fell. (D2) reduce height to 3m. (D3) reduce height to 3m: | The Old Bakehouse Beech Close Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4QE. Councillors voted unanimously to support the application.

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- iii) 2022/2337/AGB | Application for prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed building. Agricultural Fertiliser Store. | Land South Of Bodden Lane Bodden Lane To Chelynych Road Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset. Councillors voted unanimously to support the application.
- iv) 2022/2340/AGB | Application for prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed building. Agricultural Fertiliser Store. | Land East Of Farm Road Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset. Councillors voted unanimously to support the application.

2212/08 - Parish Council Matters.

- i) Highways and traffic
 - a) Cllr Crewe noted that not all the grit bins had been topped up and that, with the current cold weather, bins were being emptied. Cllr Crewe and the clerk to contact highways.
 - b) Cllr Crewe gave details of a number of forthcoming road closures.
 - c) The matter of flooding on Doultling Hill was raised and it was noted that drains had been blocked and were in need of clearing out.
 - d) A closure on Prestleigh Hill due to a burst water main was noted.
- ii) Parish Paths Liaison Officer report. Cllr Crewe continued to carry out footpath surveys.
- iii) Speedwatch and SID's. Cllr Crewe reported two watches recently. Speeding traffic on Chelynych Road remained a problem.
- iv) New Somerset Council matters. Further information was awaited.
- v) Hearing loop for community room. Cllr Baker had been in discussion with an installer and it had been agreed to run the loop above the community room ceiling. Two microphones were required with a control box. He was hoping to install the loop at the same time as the room ceiling was repaired, Cllr Goff to advise when this would be done. The approximate cost of the equipment, etc was £500 which was agreed as a budget for the works.

2212/09 - Matters relating to The Glebeland:

- i) Skate Park surveillance. The clerk would be receiving the cameras in the next day or so.
- ii) Skate Park repairs. It was suggested that a local group could provide funding and advice about repairs. The tarmac repair would be done in the new year.

2212/10 - Matters relating to Padfield Green.

- i) New equipment. Cllr Goff had received an email from Caloo suggesting an increase in cost by 6%. This to be forwarded to the clerk.
- ii) Removal of old equipment and safety surface. This was in hand with SM Landscape.

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2212/11 - Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.

- i) Cllr Shepherd noted that The Wild Beer Company who had previously proposed to build a facility at the showground had gone into administration.

2212/12 - Financial:

- i) Payment of Clerks Salary and expenses. £373.03. This was agreed and a cheque signed.
- ii) Somerset Playing Field subscription - £15. This was agreed and a cheque signed.
- iii) 2023/24 Budget and setting of Precept. The clerk circulated updated accounts and budget for 2022/23 with proposals for budgets for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26. He noted that he had included capital expenditure for the skate park over the three year period. Cllr Goff noted that there could still be a need for expenditure on trees on parish council land and this would need to be factored in.
The clerk noted that the budget and precept would be set at the next meeting in January 2023 and that councillors should put forward any changes and additional items for the budget at the meeting.

2212/13 - Matters of Report

- i) Cllr Baker noted that several people had come forward with comments about the proposals at the Edge Tool Works.

2212/14 - Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 9th January 2023, 7.30pm at Doultling Village Hall.

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