

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2023 AT DOULTING VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30pm.

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

2306/1 - Apologies for absence. Cllr Jan Crewe.

2306/2 – Co-option of councillor onto the Parish Council following the uncontested election.

2306/3 - Co-option of councillor onto the Parish Council to fill a casual vacancy.

It was understood that a candidate would be coming forward shortly.

2306/4 – Confirmation of Councillors individual responsibilities.

- i) Cllr Baker – School and Village Hall
- ii) Cllr Crewe – Highways and Footpaths
- iii) Cllr Shepherd – quarry liaison.

2306/5 - Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Shepherd declared an interest in agenda item 2306/8i

2306/6 - 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.

Cllr Goff explained that the council would be unable to consider planning application 2023/0964/FUL because Cllr Shepherd is required to leave the meeting whilst the application is discussed and that would leave the meeting inquorate. An extraordinary meeting would be called to consider the application when all councillors could be present.

- i) Matters on the Agenda including planning applications:
 - a) The matter of the gated footpath at the edge tool works was raised; it was understood Cllr Crewe was dealing with the matter.
 - b) The applicant for 2023/0964/FUL gave a brief resume of the proposals and answered questions.
 - c) There was a discussion about the proposed shading shelter for Padfield Green and a number of suggestions made. The location of the shelter was discussed as well as the cost and funding.
- ii) Somerset Councillors report. The clerk had written to Cllr Ham giving him details of meeting dates.

2306/7 - Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:

- i) Minutes of Meetings held on 9th May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

2306/8 - Parish Council Response to Planning Applications:

- i) 2023/0964/FUL | The construction of an agricultural building to be used as a stable building, hard standing areas, all weather outdoor menage and landscape planting | Kings Farm Kings Road Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4PY. An extraordinary meeting was provisionally set for 27th June 2023 to consider the application.

2306/9 - Parish Council Matters.

- i) Highways and traffic –
 - a) Padfield Green wall – there had been no further repairs.
 - b) Road Signs – awaiting highways
 - c) Doultling Hill drainage – the clerk had written to Cllr Mike Rigby (Council Lead for Transportation) outlining the continuing problems and pointing out the possible consequences to the road surfacing if the matters was left unresolved. He had received an acknowledgement.
- ii) Parish Paths Liaison Officer report. A complaint had been received from a local resident about path SM42 which had been reported ref: 72394.
- iii) Speedwatch and SID's. Cllr Crewe had attended a recent speedwatch meeting.
- iv) Hearing loop for community room. The roof had been repaired but sections of the ceiling was still to be replaced; once done the loop could be made operational.
- v) Tree Planting, Bodden. There was little further to report.
- vi) Somerset Council matters
 - a) Appointment of Parish Council LCN representative. To be agreed at the July meeting.
 - b) Comments on LCN Launch documents. To be discussed at the next meeting
 - c) Licensing Application for B&W Showground – August 2023. Cllr Goff noted that similar events at the showground had sometimes resulted in problems for Prestleigh residents. Clerk to ask the former chairman for her comments.

2306/10 - Matters relating to The Glebeland:

- i) Report from meeting 13th June 2023. The committee had discussed the possibility of replacing the fencing to the corral. Further inspection and quotations for the work was being considered over the next two years.
- ii) Date of next meeting – 3rd October 2023.

2306/11 - Matters relating to Padfield Green.

- i) Tree planting, additional seating and sun shading.
- ii) a) Sun shading. A simple structure with steel frame and timber roof and cladding had been considered and there were other suggestions put forward. All would incorporate some form of seating. Some concern was expressed about the siting of the shelter and a location with the front of the shelter facing north to be considered. There was a suggestion that a vertical plant barrier be installed along the A361 side and that the shelter could be combined with that. Cllr Shepherd to advise an approximate cost for the steel structure, the clerk to obtain prices for the timber cladding and information sought about plant barrier walls.

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2306/12 - Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.

- i) The road closures for the NASS event had been published. Comments to be made about the use of the back road through Evercreech which always caused traffic congestion in the narrow lanes.

2306/13 - Financial:

- i) Payment of Clerks Salary and expenses. £366.73 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.
- ii) Payment of HMRC Tax. £72.20 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.
- iii) Fulfilment of Electors Rights requirements. The date of announcement was 13th June 2023 with the inspection period ending on 28th July 2023.

2306/14 - Matters of Report

- i) Confirmation of the new PCSO had been received.
- ii) Cllr Goff would be attending a Bus Partnership meeting at the end of June.
- iii) Cllr Goff advised that the £2 bus fare would end in October but a new £2.50 fare introduced for a further twelve months.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

2306/15 - Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Provisional extra meeting 27th June 2023 and next full meeting 11th July 2023

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