

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023 AT DOULTING VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30pm.

(One councillor was unavoidably delayed and the meeting started at 7.50pm)

Present: Cllrs Jan Crewe, Simon Baker and John Shepherd; Cllr Crewe was elected to chair the meeting. Also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)

2301/01 - Apologies for absence. Cllr Crowcombe, Cllr Goff.

2301/02 – Co-option of one additional councillor.

Despite increased advertising, no one had yet come forward to fill the vacancy.

2301/03 - Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

2301/04 - 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. Two members of the public were present and two other had sent apologies. A member of the public advised the possibility of a change in the planning status for the Bath and West and Glastonbury Festival sites. This was noted.

2301/05 - Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:

- i) Minutes of Meeting held on 13th December 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

2301/06 - Parish Council Response to Planning Applications

- i) 2022/2402/FUL | Demolition of existing agricultural workers dwelling and replacement agricultural workers dwelling | 2 Clover Farm Bungalows Merryfield Lane Doultling Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4RF. Councillors voted to support the application.

2301/08 - Parish Council Matters.

- i) Highways and traffic - matters of report:
 - a) It was confirmed that some drains were blocked on Doultling Hill and gully clearance was required.
 - b) The wall at Padfield Green had been struck by a vehicle again.
 - c) Some coping stone on the railway bridge at Maesdown Road were reported as loose.
- ii) Parish Paths Liaison Officer report. Cllr Crewe had little to report.
- iii) Speedwatch and SID's. Cllr Crewe would be attending a speedwatch meeting on 18th January. She also noted that one of the SID's at Waterlip had been vandalised.
- iv) New Somerset Council matters. Further details would be available after an executive meeting on 18th January.
- v) Hearing loop for community room. Cllr Baker had purchased the equipment and was awaiting delivery.

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2301/09 - Matters relating to The Glebeland:

- i) Skate Park surveillance – the cameras were with the clerk.
- ii) Skate Park repairs. Yet to be completed.
- iii) Next meeting of Glebeland Committee. A meeting was proposed for February, final date to be confirmed. It was agreed that Cllr Baker would act as chairman in the absence of Cllr Crowcombe.

2301/10 - Matters relating to Padfield Green.

- i) New equipment. Installation was expected from 16th January.
- ii) Removal of old equipment and safety surface. This had been removed.

2301/11 - Matters relating to Prestleigh, Bath and West Showground and Waterlip.

- i) Nothing to report.

2301/12 - Financial:

- i) Payment of Clerks Salary and expenses. £386.33 including CCTV cameras. This was agreed.
- ii) HMRC Tax quarter 3. £148.83. This was agreed.
- iii) Douling Village Hall invoice for room hire - £90.00. This was agreed.
- iv) Hearing Loop. Cllr Baker had ordered and paid for the equipment in the sum of £261.60. This was agreed and a cheque raised.
- v) The clerk circulated an updated set of accounts to 31st December 2022 for information. Cllr Crewe signed the associated Bank Reconciliation.
- vi) 2023/24 Budget and setting of Precept. The clerk had circulated an updated budget which had been revised to include an allowance for works to Parish Council trees with a resulting reduction in the capital amount included for the skate park refurbishment. It was prop Cllr Baker, sec Cllr Shepherd that the updated budget be agreed and the precept set at £14,500.00 being no increase on 2022/23. This was agreed unanimously.

2301/13 - Matters of Report

- i) It was reported that there was a great deal of litter at various locations, it was suggested that Idverde be contacted.
- ii) Clerk to advise dates for Quarry Liaison meetings.

2301/14 - Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Meetings calendar for 2023 – this was agreed,
14th February 2023 at Douling Village Hall.

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