

## DOYNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Doynton Parish Council held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Doynton Village Hall

**Present:** John Bartram, William Crew, Anne Fisher, William Roch, Jill Salter, Stephen Reade (Boyd Valley Councillor)

**Clerk:** Elaine Weightman

**Members of the Public:** None

**Apologies:** Ben Stokes (Boyd Valley Councillor)

### **2011/0275 REPRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present

### **2011/0276 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Annual general meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011, were signed & approved by Anne Fisher on the proposal of Jill Salter and seconded by John Bartram, after a minor correction regarding the election of officers.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011, were signed & approved by Anne Fisher on the proposal of John Bartram and seconded by William Crew.

### **2011/0277 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.**

The ROSPA report, dealing with the condition of the equipment on the playing field, is to be handed to the Millenium Project Committee.

With regards to the Parish Council minutes being published it was voted that there would be a trial period where they would be published on the village website and on the parish notice board with a footnote "Draft awaiting approval at the next meeting dated.....". This system is to be kept under review.

### **2011/0278 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

The clerk confirmed she had written to South glos council re the lack of "white railings" by the Old Ford.

There was now a new green waste bin for the village green grass cuttings etc.

Some of the grass in the village has been cut by South Glos. and some by residents.

It was reported that the hedge beside the footpath adjacent to Close Farm has still not been trimmed and it was agreed that Anne Fisher would speak with the householder about it. The council would send a letter if this did not resolve the situation.

### **2011/0279 SUMMERS FIELD**

An email from Mr Lee Whitbread had been received with regard to the ownership of the damaged gate to Summers Field and his concern that travellers might trespass on the land. Anne Fisher had

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been in correspondence with South Glos suggesting that putting up a Bristol Gate would be the best option to allow access by foot but not vehicles but Mr Rostance, the responsible officer at the council is on holiday at the moment so no discussions have been held. There was discussion as to whether South Glos would pay for the erection of a Bristol gate, as there was not meant to be a designated footpath through the field. The solution may have to be a normal field gate as it would be the less expensive option to the council. As a temporary measure Mr Tony Webb has put a large tree trunk across the entrance.

The Orchard Steering group has 6 members. They met recently and their minutes are to be sent to Anne Fisher. The subject of the possible lease was discussed and Mr Reade pointed out that a similar situation in Warmley had resulted in only a peppercorn rent being charged.

### **2011/0280 STREET LIGHTING**

Nothing further to report

### **2011/0281 PLAYING FIELD**

Mr Mark Pitman had given Anne Fisher 3 x £25 invoices for the rent on the playing field for two previous years and also for the current year. It was agreed to pay them all, a cheque for £50 and one for £25 were issued.

The cost of erecting a safety barrier had been quoted in the region of £1,800 & the council was being asked to contribute. The matter was discussed and it was felt that as the council was merely a tenant then it should be the landlord's responsibility and not the council as tenants to pay for the erection of the barrier. It was noted that the Playing Field Trust do not have a lot funds & perhaps the Millennium Project committee might be able to help them fundraise for the barrier. The Playing Field Trust must however realise that once the barrier had been erected that the responsibility for its future upkeep should be theirs and not the Millennium Project committee.

### **2011/0282 REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

*ALCA, PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GROUP:*

Nothing significant to note.

*LANGTONS CHARITY TRUSTEES:* Recently met & some monies have been allocated. They will meet again as another member is required on the trust. A note is to be put in the Parish Magazine to ask if anyone in the parish is going to University and would like to apply for grants from the trust.

*DOYNTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:* Work on the heating will start on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The doors are ordered and the windows soon will be for the refurbishment project and quotes for the PV cells have been received and grants are to be applied for to assist with funding.

*COTSWOLDS AONB:* It was reported that there is a plan in the autumn to invite local councillors to a reception organised by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. This might provide an opportunity for discussion of agricultural planning and how it appears to be abused in rural areas in particular in this parish. Recently Anne Fisher has written to Dawn Russell at South Glos council expressing deep concern at the precedent being set for applications that are passed for development within the Green Belt & Cotswold AONB.

*BOYD VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP:* next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

*BOYD VALLEY SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITY GROUP:* Mr Bartram attended the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May and reported that there are plans to implement a 50mph speed restriction on sections of the A420. There was also a discussion of pedestrian safety on narrow lanes without pavements. A decision on the application for start up funding of Doynton Neighbourhood Watch will be made in July.

The police have charged a man with recent rural robberies, including the one in Mill Lane.

There was also strong support for the refreshment vendor at Toghill picnic area and a request was made for a brown sign. Worries were expressed that South Glos wish to force him off the site. It was agreed by this council that his presence there had reduced the number of unpleasant incidents & he should be supported as providing a service to the community.

The Group were given a presentation on First Responders & Heart Start initiatives and told of various initiatives in Boyd Valley. John Bartram agreed to talk to Dr Mark Norman regarding the suitability of these projects for Doynton as he had previously expressed his interest in these projects.

Next meeting of the Safer Stronger Community Group will be in Doynton Village Hall 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm

*PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP:* Anne Fisher attended the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June it was discussed that they would like Doynton to join as it helps give smaller rural parishes a larger voice.

ALCA (Avon Local Councils Association) details of meetings to be held in July on 14<sup>th</sup> were given. Training dates for new councillors & clerks discussed and Mrs Salter and Mr Bartram agreed to attend on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

#### **2011/0284 CORRESPONDENCE**

Leaflets from the NHS Trust ("Your Hospital") & the Medieval Barn in Winterbourne leaflets were received left at the Post office.

Other Correspondence evolved around recent letters written to South Glos Planning Dept with regard to retrospective planning at land opposite Babwell Farm to which there has been no response.

#### **2011/0285 PLANNING**

PK11/1765/F Oxleaze Toghill Lane. Siting of Temporary agricultural workers dwelling. Objection letter to be sent by the clerk. Mrs Fisher declared an interest as the site is opposite her own property.

PK11/1666/LB Doynton House Repair to South Gable carport "Drive through". Not opposed.

PK11/1842 Purbeck cottage, Church Road, to fell Eucalyptus tree. Not opposed.

#### **2011/0286 FINANCE**

William Roch will be added to the bank signatories and will attend National Westminster Bank in Kingswood to sign the necessary paperwork.

A change of correspondence address form was signed to direct to Elaine Weightman as at the moment all the banks correspondence is going to Nikki Carter.

Cheques were signed and proposed by William Crew & seconded by Anne Fisher.

000616 Playsafety Ltd £90.00, (Rospa report)

000617 Elaine Weightman £133.50, (May clerk salary)

000618 South Glos Council £98.28, (dog bin)

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000619 Doynton Playing Field committee £50  
000620 Doynton Playing Field committee £25 (both latter rent of play area to PC)

The balance of the current account was £15,045.28. Of this the working funds remaining at the bank after these cheques had been signed was £759.28 and the remainder was the S106 funds which are exclusively for the maintenance of the area around the new development and in particular for the wall around the "green"

The clerk would look into savings accounts for the next meeting in order to transfer the S106 funds to a separate interest earning account.

The VAT refund had still not been received from the claim that had been made on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 & the clerk would chase this up.

The clerk produced the receipts and payments account for the Audit for 1 April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. This will go to the internal auditor along with relevant books to audit, and must then be forwarded to Mazars for audit by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**2011/0287 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**2011/0288 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

William Roch confirmed that someone had been out to look at the barrier work that had been undertaken near the church.

The Audit was approved and signed by Mrs Fisher (chair) and Miss Weightman (clerk).

There was no further business to note.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed.....

Date.....