

DOYNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Doynton Parish Council held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 20th July 2011, Doynton Church Room.

Notes: DPC = Doynton Parish Council; SGC = South Gloucestershire Council; ALCA = Avon Local Councils Association; SSCG = Safer & Stronger Community Group; AONB = Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; PPIG = Parish Plan Implementation Group

Present: Anne Fisher (Chairman), John Bartram, William Crew, William Roch, Jill Salter,

Clerk: Elaine Weightman

Members of the Public: Four

Apologies: Stephen Reade & Ben Stokes (South Gloucestershire Councillors)

2011/0289 REPRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None made

2011/0290 Presentation to Mrs Margaret Marsh, retiring Chairman, Doynton Parish Council.

On behalf of the whole parish, the new Chairman, Mrs. Anne Fisher, thanked Mrs. Marsh for her many years of service to the Parish Council. Mrs. Marsh thanked everyone in the parish for the unexpected gifts and thanks.

2011/0291 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the DPC meeting of 15th June 2011, were signed and approved by Anne Fisher on the proposal of Mr William Crew and seconded by Mrs. Jill Salter after a minor correction regarding an item under the playing field committee and a query about the voting numbers being omitted from the vote on whether the minutes should be published in draft form before approval at the next meeting.

2011/0292 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA: Toghill Picnic site.

A SGC meeting held at the Toghill Picnic Site on 7th July resolved to encourage more people to use the site. Initiatives included (i) clearance of the undergrowth to restore the view, (ii) establishing of a circular footpath to the site from the village, (iii) support for Mr Robert Wooten, the refreshment vendor at the site, and (iv) erecting picnic tables at the site. DPC to write to SGC to express support for Mr Wooten emphasising that his presence has made the picnic area a much safer and more pleasant place and that he must be saving SGC considerable sums in clearing up mess and dumped litter (AF). DPC to endorse requests for funding for picnic tables should be requested at the next meeting of the SSCG. (JB)

2011/0293 FINANCE

It was agreed that the S106 fund of £14,800 should be transferred to a reserve account. This fund is to be used exclusively for the maintenance of the area around the Church Site development and in particular for the wall around the "green". A mandate was presented for signatories and this

was to be circulated to the relevant councillors. Mrs Fisher agreed to submit it to the National Westminster Bank in Kingswood.

The VAT refund of £1075.85 had still not been received from HMRC for the claim that had been made on 8th December 2010 & the clerk is chasing this up.

Three cheques were signed; proposed by Mr Crew & seconded by Mrs Fisher.

000621 ALCA £130 (New Councillors training)

000622 Elaine Weightman £133.50, (June, clerk salary)

000623 SGC £175.00, (Uncontested election)

The balance of the working funds remaining at the bank after these cheques had been signed was £320.78. An up to date payments and receipts spreadsheet was provided and the clerk welcomed suggestions from the members for future spreadsheets showing projections against the budget.

The Audit for 2010 to 2011 was submitted on time this year (deadline 4th July) and the findings will be discussed at a future meeting when they are received from the auditors Mazars. Along with suggestions made by the internal auditor, Mrs. Wendy Cashmore

2011/0294 PLANNING

PK11/1765/F Oxleaze, Toghill Lane, siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling for the period of three years. Mrs Fisher declared an interest as the site is opposite her own property and did not participate in the discussion. DPC have already written two objections to the proposed development at the site and it was noted that a number of residents had also recorded their opposition.

PK11/1761/F Oxleaze, Toghill Lane, installation of concrete yard, retaining walls and 2 feed hoppers (Retrospective). Mrs Fisher declared an interest as the site is opposite her own property and did not participate in the discussion. The text of a letter from the DPC objecting to the application was agreed.

PK11/2220/F The Copse, Freezing Hill Lane, Erection of single storey side and rear extension and detached double garage. Not opposed.

In view of the strong local feelings surrounding the intensive agricultural development at Oxleaze it was agreed that a letter be written by the clerk to Wills & Co (agent of Golden Valley Paddocks) to invite them to a DPC meeting so that they can explain their plans for the site.

It was felt appropriate that the clerk should also write to Mr Glasson the head of planning at South Gloucestershire Council to ask for clarification regarding certain planning decisions.

2011/0295 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Stephen Reade forwarded a copy of an email asking if the parish had been aware of SatNavs sending Lorries up inappropriate roads and it was felt that this should be added to the parish website so that any parishioners may comment if such had been observed

2011/0296 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

The clerk confirmed she had received a request for more detail from SGC as to the exact location of the repair required by the Old Ford to replace the “old railings”, she would continue to follow this up.

It was reported that the hedge beside the footpath adjacent to Close Farm has now been trimmed.

Verges around the playing field by the wall and under the wall round “the green” have grown up as no one has been tending them. It is hoped that SGC will cut them when the team next comes through.

It was pointed out that during the last deluge that flooding occurred across the road by The Cross and the state of the drain would need to be monitored.

2011/0297 SUMMERS FIELD

It was reported that Councillor Stephen Reade had been in contact with the executive member responsible for estates and with Major Lee Whitbread of the Orchard steering group. Major Whitbread has apparently received correspondence from SGC on issues relating to the lease and he will be asked to provide information to the DPC for discussion at the September meeting.

Mrs Fisher had corresponded with Mr. David Rostance of SGC regarding replacement of the gate to Summers field. He is investigating how it will be funded.

The grass in the field needs to be mowed and Mr Crew agreed to do it.

2011/0298 PLAYING FIELD

There was further discussion about the erection of protective fence between the cricketers and the play area. Mr. Mark Pitman has informed the DPC that both the Playing Field committee and the cricketers are enthusiastic to have children using the field. Mrs Fisher said that the consensus is that it should not be a permanent barrier and that those who want it should be responsible with raising the necessary funds. It was suggested that a discussion be held at the Millennium Project committee’s next meeting on 4th August with regard to jointly raising funds along with the cricket club and playing field committee. It was agreed that DPC should not provide any funds but give other support as necessary. It was suggested that perhaps an additional sight screen at the field could work just as well as a fence.

2011/0299 THE QUEENS JUBILEE 2012

Arrangements to mark the Queen’s Jubilee were discussed. It was agreed that a working group be formed to get a consensus of what the parish would like to do to mark the occasion. Mrs Fisher will arrange for a flyer to be put in the Parish Magazine to seek volunteers and suggestions.

2011/300 REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

ALCA, COTSWOLDS AONB, DOYNTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE: Nothing significant to note.

QUARRY LIAISON: As this is no longer working it will be deleted on future agendas.

LANGTONS CHARITY TRUSTEES: An advertisement has been placed in the Parish Magazine to ask if anyone in the parish is going to University and would like to apply for a grant.

BOYD VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP: Jill Salter reported that litter picking had been very effective around the area.

BOYD VALLEY SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITY GROUP: Next meeting in Doynton Village Hall 18th August at 7pm.

PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GROUP: It was reported that Mrs Fisher had stood down and that Prof. Ron Ritchie had become a new member. Mrs Salter and Mr Bartram will remain on the committee for the time being. There was a discussion on the Parish Plan action item relating to the preparation of a Village Design Statement and it was agreed that the DPC be kept advised of developments on this issue. Mrs Fisher will hand control of the Parish Plan bank account and other documents relating to the parish clerk. It was agreed that any monies left in the account should be ring fenced for the implementation of the Parish Plan action plan.

2011/0301 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21st September 2011

2011/0302 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to note.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

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