

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2012
AT Doynton Parish Hall**

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, Stephen Reade	Councillors
	Elaine Weightman	Clerk
1. Apologies:		
	Ben Stokes	South Gloucestershire Councillor
Welcome:	Mrs Anne Fisher opened the meeting.	

Notes	Actions
<p>2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF 19 OCTOBER 2011. The minutes of the DPC meeting of 14th December 2011, were approved and signed by Mrs Anne Fisher on the proposal of Mrs Jill Salter and seconded by Mr John Bartram and the minutes of the meeting of 19th October 2011 were signed by, Mrs Anne Fisher.</p>	
<p>3. MATTERS ARISING:</p> <p>3.1. Approach to Langton's Charity about Children's Playlink Scheme. An application had not been made by the resident's family to the charity, no further action to be taken.</p> <p>3.2. Dog bin emptying. The clerk had written to SGC to ask if the bin could be emptied less frequently. She would chase again.</p> <p>3.3. Jubilee Hedge. Mrs Anne Fisher had spoken to Mr Sandy Higgins and Mr Michael Williams re planting a Jubilee hedge between the allotments and Summers field. They agree with the proposal. Mr Stephen Reade suggested DPC should, out of courtesy, write to SGC. Mrs Fisher agreed to do this.</p> <p>3.4 Parking at bus stop. This had grown worse; it was agreed to distribute small notices, "Please do not park on or near the bus stop."</p>	<p>EW</p> <p>AF</p> <p>AF</p>

<p>8.2 None.</p> <p>8.3 None.</p> <p>8.4. None.</p>		<p>All councillors</p>
	<p>9. Special Matters For Attention:</p> <p>9.1. Award of £2,000 SSCIF grant to improve Toghill Picnic Site. A meeting will take place on 24th January at Doynton Village Hall to discuss how this grant was to be used. Mr Stephen Reade suggested that it might be possible to reduce costs by using Probation workers from Warmley to tidy up the site. This suggestion would be discussed on 24th. The grant will be paid to DPC.</p> <p>9.2 To discuss the Parish Bulletin : It was felt that, to reduce costs, the bulletin should be produced by Doynton Parish Councillors. Mr Stephen Reade offered to get it printed free of charge. The clerk would forward any reports received from parishioners and the disc files to everyone so that they could see the format in previous years</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>All councillors SR EW</p>
	<p>10. Reports of meetings attended</p> <p>10.1 PCWG meeting: Mrs Anne Fisher attended on 10 January and considered that the group might prove useful. It is predominately attended by parish clerks. ALCA plans to supply training for councillors at local halls to reduce costs and will consider doing multi parish training if asked. A pilot scheme for Paperless Planning is being undertaken. When complete this will be extended to all parishes. The Localism Bill was discussed and the plans to create Neighbourhoods. These have yet to be defined. It was noted that a Parish may have two or three Neighbourhoods or two or more Parishes could unite to form a Neighbourhood. Storage of documents: It was stated that some filing cabinets might be available to Parish Councils and Ms Michelle Dixon offered to follow this up. "Historical" documents can be stored with Gloucester Archive department.</p>	

	<p>10.2 ALCA S.Glos area meeting on 26.1.12: Miss Elaine Weightman will attend. Note also that there is a meeting on 27. 2. 12 at Chipping Sodbury for Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning.</p>	
	<p>11. Matters of interest raised by members:</p> <p>11.1 To receive report from District Councillors : Mr. Steven Reade wanted to draw attention to the fact that SGC were undertaking a Planning policy guidance audit on S106 agreements and he was made aware that DPC had such an agreement in place.</p> <p>11.2 Update on CAA: Mr John Bartram advised that two applications for funding had been made for £2,400. Prof. Ron Ritchie and John Bartram had met with the conservation officer and SGC confirmed that they would take the CAA forward providing funding is available. A questionnaire of four or five questions will be circulated to all Parishioners. Tristan Dewhurst, a post graduate student from UWE has been asked to prepare a first draft and is to visit Doynton on Saturday 21st January.</p> <p>11.3 Update on Orchard: Mrs Jill Salter confirmed that there will be a meeting on 25th January at the village hall. There are currently around thirty members paying an annual membership of £10. Start-up costs are around £1000 and yearly charges for rent and insurance will be in the region of £800.</p> <p>11.4 Update on trees on Village ‘Green’ Mr William Crew confirmed that he would cut down the two trees planted over the sewer as agreed with the Village ‘Green’ committee.</p> <p>11.5 Proposal to adopt Parish Charter: This was adopted and signed by Mrs Fisher and would be returned by the clerk.</p> <p>11.6 Mrs Fisher said that a letter should be written by the clerk to thank Mr Matthew Kidner for cutting the Bury Lane verge.</p> <p>11.7 It was also decided that when the Summers field lease had been signed Mrs Anne Fisher would write to SGC about replacing the gate.</p> <p>11.8 Mr John Bartram reported that he had attended a SGC meeting. High speed internet connections are promised to all rural communities giving everyone at least 2Mb.</p> <p>11.9 Parish plan showed a desire to improve the health of the community. Mr John Bartram reported that next week</p>	<p>WC</p> <p>EW</p> <p>EW/AF</p> <p>AF</p> <p>AF</p>

	<p>there is a 'heart start' meeting in Pucklechurch. If possible, Mr Martin Jones will attend with a view to providing a defibrillator for Doynton.</p> <p>11.10 It was requested that at the next meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Group the congestion of traffic on the A420 is raised. There is a back-up of traffic that occurs at the rush hour, resulting in stationary traffic at the lights at the bottom of Naishcombe Hill.</p>	
	<p>12. Items raised by Members to be included in future agendas Village Maintenance Parish Bulletin</p>	AF
	<p>13. Date of next meeting 15th February 2012</p> <p>The meeting closed at 10pm</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>	AF