

DOYNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Church Rooms, Doynton Parish Church.
15th March 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present:	John Bartram	Chairman.
	William Crew	Vice Chairman
	Peter Hart	Councillor
	William Roch	Councillor.
	Jill Salter	Councillor
	Stephen Reade	District Councillor
	Elaine Weightman	Parish Clerk

Thirteen members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

Action

1. APOLOGIES: *None*

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 18th January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Cllr. Crew seconded by Cllr. Salter

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Doynton Spring Clean on 5th March collected numerous bags of rubbish from our lanes and the Parish Council wish to thank Jane Girling for organising once again.

EW

4. TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS OF ANY ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

None to declare.

5. TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

5.1 Roland de Hauke, owner of Wick Quarry, had been invited to discuss the recently erected security fence around the quarry. He regretted that SGC had failed to inform DPC of the planning application for the security fence and explained the reasons why he was compelled to erect the fence. Responding to concerns about the impact the fence is having on the views from Doynton, he said that the galvanised fence would oxidise in the coming months and that over the next couple of years coppiced hedging and newly planted whips would grow to cover it up, and any gaps would be filled by further planting. The presence of new planting was disputed by Ron Ritchie and Nick Fryer, and Roland offered to take them to the site to show what he has done. Roland explained why in his view the fence needed to utilise Cleeve Bridge and Cllr. William Crew with intimate knowledge of this region of the Boyd, confirmed his reasoning. Roland said he could see no other solution to the fence running within inches of Cleeve Bridge. SGC Cllr Steve Reade suggested that the Parish might wish to engage a consultant engineer to see if there was any viable alternative. It was however clear that Wick Quarry was not in a position to pay for the construction of a new structure to span the river but that if a viable alternative was constructed a few meters downstream, then Roland would be happy to divert the fence away from Cleeve Bridge to use this structure. Roland was thanked for attending the meeting.

5.2 Cerianne Thorneycroft co-owner of Green Bean E-cohaus presented on behalf of eleven people who are looking to create a community living in as eco-friendly way as possible. They have been searching for land and approaching local landowners for sites to build their project and have identified one site in Doynton Parish. DPC thanked the group for coming along to the meeting and advised that they cannot comment in any way about the merits or otherwise of any proposed development until a formal planning application has been lodged with SGC. DPC however pointed out that the consensus view of the community is that new housing development should either be within the settlement line or as conversions of existing buildings elsewhere in the parish.

6. PLANNING

6.1 To Comment on Planning Applications

None currently requiring a response

6.2 To record comments on applications dealt with since the previous meeting.

6.2.1 PK17/0164/F The Stables Rookery Lane Doynton Siting of temporary static caravan and additional stabling to be erected inside existing barn. *Objection lodged with SGC.*

6.3 To Note Planning Decisions.

6.3.1 PK16/6902/CLP Bottoms Farm Cottage Bottoms Farm Lane Doynton. Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a detached building to form leisure facilities. (Resubmission of PK15/4609/CLP). *Approve with Conditions.*

6.3.2 PK16/6313/LB Wayside Cottage High Street, Doynton. Erection of two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation (Resubmission of PK16/3827/LB). *Approve with Conditions.*

6.3.3 PK16/6312/F Wayside Cottage High Street, Doynton. Erection of two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation (Re submission of PK16/3827/F). *Approve with Conditions.*

6.3.4 PK16/6787/F Woodmead Farm Woodmead Lane Doynton. Change of use of agricultural barn to offices (Class B1) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) to include alterations. *Approve with Conditions.*

6.4 Other Planning Matters.

6.4.1 It was agreed the Clerk will set up an electronic alert system on the SGC Planning website to ensure that DPC is aware of all planning applications in the parish and those in neighbouring parishes which impact on our community.

EW

7. FINANCE

7.1 To approve invoices for payment:

- £318.96 E Weightman, Parish Clerk, (work undertaken Feb & March 2017)
- £ 80.23 E Weightman, Parish Clerk, (quarterly expenses Jan, Feb & March 2017)
- £ 54.98 Annual subscription ALCA.
- £295.00 Hire of Doynton Village Hall October 2016 to January 2017
- £ 50.00 Donation to "Four Towns Vale Link Community Transport".
- £ 24.00 Hire of Church rooms March DPC meeting.

7.2.1 After presentation of the cheques noted above, the balance at HSBC Bank for the month to 31st March will be £5,624.40. The balance on the S106 savings account currently stands at £14,498.48.

8. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

8.1 Update on problems already reported.

All outstanding issues have been resolved.

8.2 New Maintenance Issues raised by Councillors.

8.2.1 A large pothole on Toghill Lane by Rectory Farmhouse to be reported to SGC.

EW

9. SPECIAL MATTERS FOR ATTENTION

9.1 It was agreed the 2017 Parish Bulletin would become a smaller two sided bulletin and this will be printed and published in the Parish Magazine issued in late April.

JB

9.2 The amendment to the Standing Orders which govern Doynton Parish Council passed in January 2017 was approved and signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

9.3 It was agreed to suggest a "Friends of Doynton Phone Box" group be formed in order to implement suggestions made by parishioners for the future use of the recently adopted phone box on the High Street. Cllr. Bartram will add a request for volunteers in the Parish Magazine and the Clerk will write to those who have already expressed an interest in helping change the use of the phone box.

JB/EW

9.4 It was agreed the Clerk will request Matt Crawford to undertake work on the bus shelter, the commemorative benches and the slide in the playing field as soon as possible. The work on the adopted phone box might be requested at a later date once the "Friends of Doynton Phone Box" group commences its work. The Clerk will also cost the price of a new litter bin as a possible substitute for the renovation of the existing one.

EW

- 9.5 A request will be made to Play Safety for the annual ROSPA inspection of the playground. **EW**
- 9.6 It was agreed to adjourn a discussion on updating the Parish Plan to the next meeting and also to ask a representative from SGC to present at the Annual Parish Meeting on the merits of carrying out a Neighbourhood Plans. **EW**
- 9.7 DPC agreed to join with other Boyd Valley Parish Councils to lobby for Boyd Valley to be placed within a predominantly rural constituency area in the forthcoming boundary review. The Clerk will respond to the consultation accordingly. **EW**
- 9.8 Councillors will switch to dedicated email accounts for their parish council business. Cllr. Bartram will ask Derek Girling to set these up using the “doyntonvillage” domain name. **JB**
- 9.9 It was agreed Cllr. Salter will advise the Pensions Regulator that the Clerk had been offered the opportunity to join a pension scheme that DPC would provide, although she was below the income threshold for DPC to contribute to she could contribute personally. The Clerk has declined the offer due to possessing other suitable existing pension schemes. **JS**
- 9.10 The members were reminded that Cllr. Bartram wished to step down from the role of Chairman at the forthcoming AGM and other councillors were encouraged to consider proposing a new Chairman to undertake the role from May 2017. **ALL**
- 9.11 It was reported that recent abandoned vehicles and other parking issues along Toghill Lane had been resolved with the help of Sovereign Housing Commission and Avon & Somerset Police and they had been thanked by the Clerk.
- 9.12 Avon & Somerset Police have reiterated that all reports on anti-social behaviour and trespass in the Parish should be reported on 101 to ensure they are investigated and logged.
- 10 TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED.**
None to report.
- 11 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.**
Covered earlier in the meeting.
- 12 MATTERS OF INTEREST RAISED BY MEMBERS.**
None to report.
- 13 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS TO BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE AGENDAS**
Covered earlier under Standing Orders.
- 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The **Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of the Parish Council** will take place again in The Church Rooms, Doynton on **Tuesday 16th May 2017** at 7.30 pm this will be followed by a normal council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed.....

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