

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2011
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
	William Roch William Crew, Jill Salter,	Councillors
	Elaine Weightman	Clerk
	Ben Stokes	South Gloucestershire Councillor
Members of the Public:	4	
Apologies:		
	John Bartram,	Councillor
	Stephen Reade	South Gloucestershire Councillor
Welcome:	Mrs Anne Fisher opened the meeting and introductions were made.	
Agenda Item	Notes	Actions
Minutes of Previous meeting held on 17th August 2011	The minutes of the DPC meeting of 17th August 2011, were approved and then signed by Mrs Anne Fisher on the proposal of Mrs Jill Salter and seconded by Mr William Crew	
Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.	Golden Valley Paddock (GVP) feedback: members of PC keen to take up offer to visit the Woolley site. Mark Shaw of GVP agreed to level the gravel on Toghill Lane. Green Bag collection: it was agreed Mr & Mrs Fisher would take bags to around 25 homes outside the village. Jubilee Flyer: this will be sent out with the Parish Magazine. DP Councillors expressed the hope that enough people would respond to ensure that a sub committee for celebrations could be formed.	AF

To record declarations of interest	None	
To adjourn to allow public participation	At this point Mrs Fisher advised that there would be a change to the Agenda to allow Mr Robert Wootten the vendor at the Toghill Picnic site to speak on this item at this point earlier as he had to leave.	
To receive a report on Planned improvements to Toghill Picnic Site.	Copies of the proposed plans to improve the site by SGC were showed to Mr Wootten and will be circulated to PC members. Mrs Fisher advised that she had applied for a grant of £2,000 for picnic benches and clearance work. SGC have agreed that signs should be erected to let the public know he is trading and that the toilets should be made lighter and brighter. Mr Wootten thanked the PC for their support and help and left the meeting.	AF EW
To discuss the report from PPIG presented by Prof. Ron Ritchie outlining the relative merits of a Village Design Statement and a Conservation Area Appraisal and to decide whether it should be carried forward	Prof. Ritchie presented the report and, after some discussion, it was agreed that he would investigate with SGC and the University of the West of England the best way to produce a CAA, which, if possible, would represent the characteristics of the wider parish. He would investigate the resources needed and the involvement of others, such as university postgraduate students. The importance of it remaining a village appraisal was noted and it was agreed that the views of the parish would be taken into account if DPC decided that a CAA was appropriate. It was thought that re drawing the village settlement boundaries should be explored. Prof. Ritchie agreed to report to PPIG at their next meeting and then to report back to DPC when he had formed a project plan and had investigated the possibilities for funding the project. Prof. Ritchie was thanked and left the meeting.	
To receive a report from Jill Salter on behalf of the Friends of Doynton Orchard and Wildflower Meadow.	Mrs Salter reported that Mr. Sandy Higgins had taken over from Major Lee Whitbread as chair. The group had taken a decision to become a Charitable Company with legal responsibilities and protection. This will enable them to lease the land directly from SGC. DPC welcomed this as it ensured the PC would not be responsible for the orchard.	

	The provision of a Gate to the Orchard will be agreed with SGC and once the lease was signed.	
To receive report from PPIG, outcome to be decided in October after their next meeting Jill Salter and Anne Fisher.	<p>A Flyer has been circulated regarding the outstanding ideas raised in the Parish Plan and projects needing village support.</p> <p>John Bartram will report any feedback after the PPIG meeting at the end of September.</p> <p>A letter had been received from a parishioner, who was worried about the way the Parish Plan was evolving and how it should be managed in the future. Mrs Fisher agreed to respond to this.</p>	AF JB
To discuss report from Playing field:	It was agreed that the Playing field Committee should be asked to send out a flyer to assess interest of villagers in a barrier to protect children's play area from cricket balls. The clerk would send a letter to Mark Pitman.	EW
To receive any other reports meetings attended	None to report	

<p>To receive the Parish Clerk's report</p>	<p>Correspondence : Circulated to councillors Plans for Toghill Picnic Site New Bus Timetables</p> <p>Recent expenditure and Budget update: Presented for payment Cheque numbers: 000625 £333.33 N Carter 2010/11 clerk duties 000626 £140.38 to clerk E Weightman for August duties & postage 000627 £50.00 ALCA new clerks course 000628 £14,800.00 To Doynton PC savings a/c for Village green (S106 funds) Signed by WR &AF.</p> <p>A working balance remained in the current account of £233.76. The amount of VAT due to the Millennium project is £469.35 and Mrs Fisher would discuss with the project committee when this would be paid.</p>	<p>All councillors.</p> <p>AF</p>
<p>To receive report from District Councillors</p>	<p>Councillor Ben Stokes reported that retrospective planning had been approved at Abson for a house, concealed in a barn, which had remained undetected. This serves as further warning to rural communities.</p> <p>He outlined how effective the Neighbourhood watch schemes had been in apprehending criminals locally.</p> <p>He mentioned the political boundary changes with Yate and there would be the need for a new MP.</p> <p>Stephen Reade was attending the King s Forest meeting and had asked if the hedge on Church road had been cut back; this was confirmed. Other issues he raised had been dealt with earlier in the agenda.</p>	
<p>To decide if further verge maintenance should be done</p>	<p>Bury Lane verge needs to be cut and Mrs Fisher agreed to ask Mr Kidner if he would cut it when he was hedging.</p> <p>Wildflower bulbs, donated by the Golden Valley Nature Reserve, are being planted by a number of parishioners around the village.</p>	<p>AF</p>

