



Doddiscombsleigh Parish Council
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 5 December 2023
at 7 pm at Woodah Farm

Present: Cllr W Hole (Chairman), Cllr M Moorhouse, Cllr J Sawyer, Cllr R Crocker, Cllr K Salter (from item 3.1) and one member of the public
Clerk: A Miller

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed everybody.

2 Declarations of Interest / Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Crocker declared a financial interest in item 3.2.

Councillors discussed that although they are aware that the existence of the pub influences property values in the village, including theirs, and they all know the applicant, they believe that their interest is similar to everybody else's in the village, and it is not necessary for them to declare specific interest in item 3.1.

Open Forum

The member of the public acknowledged that the latest Nobody Inn planning application shows a more modest extension than the previous versions.

3 To Discuss Planning Applications

3.1 23/02023/FUL The Nobody Inn

Two storey extension

Cllr Salter arrived during the discussion of item 3.1.

The Council discussed that the village needs a pub, and it is important to make the pub a viable business.

Resolved The Parish Council agreed to support the application and the extension of the pub in order to allow the pub to become a viable business.

3.2 23/02052/NPA Little Leigh Farm

Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) and (b) paragraph W of the GDPO change of use of an agricultural building to 3 dwelling houses

Cllr Crocker left the room.

Resolved The Council agreed to make a comment and express their reservations regarding the number of vehicles using the small lane. For larger vehicles Ashton Lane can be accessed only from Doddiscombsleigh and it is not a through road.

Cllr Crocker returned to the meeting.

4 To Discuss a Possible Response to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Consultation

No comment was made.

5 To Discuss the Condition of the Roads in the Village

The Parish Council discussed the condition of the roads in the Parish, the correspondence received from members of the public about this issue, and the delay involved when Devon Highways looks into reported problems.

Resolved The Parish Council agreed to write an email to Devon County Council, including the MP for the area and the Department for Transport, about the critical condition of the roads in and around the village and the inadequate system of road maintenance.

A grant of £250 from the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund has been credited to the bank account. The Council agreed to order drain clearing works from the lengthsman, in line with the Annual Maintenance Plan.

Cllr Moorhouse, snow warden of the Parish, reported that because of the inefficient gullies, water runs down on the roads, and it will be practically impossible to grit the roads properly in icy weather.

6 To Receive Reports and Updates

6.1 To Receive an Update about the Triangle

Devon Highways has approved the tree planting application. The stump of the beech tree has been grinded out.

The Chairman and Cllr Moorhouse to contact the contractor for missing information for the bench siting application.

6.2 To Receive an Update about the Bus Shelter

Cllr Moorhouse to clarify a quote for bus shelter floor repair.

7 Approval of Expenditure

Venue hire 5 December 2023 £10.00

Tree stump grinding £180.00

Drain clearing £250.00

Subscription for Magazine for Clerk £6.00

Resolved The Council unanimously approved the expenditures.

8 Clerk’s Correspondence

The Clerk asked about councillors’ email addresses for the new website. The Council agreed to have a gov.uk email address for all the councillors.

9 Date of Next Meeting

9 January 2024

10 Chairman’s Remarks

The Chairman thanked everybody who helped with festive decorations around the village. He also thanked everybody for their support for the year.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Signed.....

Chair

Date