



Doddiscombsleigh Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 7.30 pm at Woodah Farm

Present: Cllr J Sawyer (Chairman), Cllr M Moorhouse, Cllr K Salter, Cllr R Crocker and 1 member of the public
Clerk: A Miller

The councillors present unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Sawyer as Chairman of the meeting.

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hole and District Cllr Purser sent their apologies.

Open Forum

No items were raised.

2 Declarations of Interest / Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Moorhouse declared a non-registerable interest in agenda item 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.

3 County and District Councillors' Report

Cllr Purser's report had been forwarded to the Council before the meeting.

4 Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved The Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 6 February 2024 was unanimously accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

5 Planning Matters

5.1 To Note Planning Decisions

5.1.1 23/02287/FUL Spanish Lake Cross

Erection of replacement dwelling and associated works – permission granted

5.1.2 23/01749/HOU Teign View Barn, Great Leigh Farm

First floor and single storey side extensions and single storey rear extension - permission granted

5.2 To Discuss Planning Applications

5.2.1 24/00232/HOU Batts Brook

Two storey extension to form link between dwelling and garage and conversion of garage to additional accommodation

Cllr Moorhouse left the room and the Council discussed the proposal.

Resolved The Parish Council decided to support the proposal but asked the Planning Authority to protect the character of the listed building and ensure that the extended building will be in keeping with the character of the rural area.

5.2.2 24/00228/LBC Batts Brook

Internal alterations including the removal of stud wall and replacement of kitchen with bathroom; two-storey partially subterranean side extension to link house to garage; removal of lean-to porch; cladding and extension to existing two-storey extension

Resolved The Parish Council decided to support the proposal but asked the Planning Authority to protect the character of the listed building and ensure that the extended building will be in keeping with the character of the rural area.

Cllr Moorhouse returned to the meeting.

5.2.3 24/00329/FUL The Lodge Little Park Farm

Retention of timber cabin for agricultural use

Resolved The Parish Council decided to object the proposal for the following reasons.

- The building was a temporary accommodation with a limited lifespan, and it was installed more than 10 years ago. The Parish Council was of the opinion that the condition of the cabin, after such a long time, does not make it suitable for dried flower business.
- The building is visible from the village and presents light pollution.
- The building should have been removed from the site years ago in line with condition 4 of the permission for a permanent accommodation (16/02462/FUL). Allowing the temporary building to be retained would undermine trust in the planning system and would create a negative precedent.

The Parish Council was of the opinion that barn 1, having cavity walls, could be made suitable for storing dried flowers.

5.3 To Discuss Other Planning Related Issues

The Parish Council received updates about planning enquires in progress.

6 Finance

6.1 To Receive a Finance Report

The bank balance on 29 February 2024 was £14,038.89. After deducting the amount of earmarked funds and grants, the general reserve was £3,697.62.

6.2 Approval of Expenditure

Venue hire 12 March 2024 £10.00

Card monthly fee February 2024 £3.00

Drain clearing £700.00

Resolved The Council unanimously approved the expenditures.

7 To Receive Reports and Updates

7.1 To Receive a Highways Update

7.1.1 Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund (HMCEF) Grant

Resolved The Council agreed to order a further 12 hours drain clearing in March in order to use up the remaining HMCEF grant.

Locations around the village have been agreed.

7.1.2 Lengthsman tender

There is interest in the lengthsman tender, further information is necessary for a decision. The Council deferred the decision until the next meeting.

7.1.3 Potholes

Cllr Salter has started the survey of potholes.

7.1.4 Drain Opposite Burnt Meadow

South West Water is aware of the leak.

7.2 To Receive an Update about the Triangle and to Discuss the Condition of the Notice Board

Tree planting is expected to take place next week, weather permitting.

The Millenium Bench will be taken away for repair.

The Council agreed that the notice board needs to be repaired and is looking for a local contractor to carry out the work.

Resolved Sawmills Devon's new quote for the revised type of benches was accepted.

7.3 To Receive a Parish Path Partnership (P3) and Footpath Update

The annual report and bid for grant funding will be submitted this week.

7.4 To Receive an Update about the Bus Shelter and to Consider Quotes for Floor Repair

Resolved The Parish Council accepted Robson Plant's quote for the replacement of the broken bus shelter floor.

8 To Discuss a Possible Response to the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority Consultation

No consultation response was agreed.

9 Clerk's Correspondence

Community Litter Pick has been organized for Saturday, 23 March at 10.30am starting from the Triangle. Refreshments for volunteers will be arranged at the pub.

10 Date of Next Meeting

16 April 2024

11 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman thanked everybody for their participation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.43 pm.

Signed.....

Chair

Date