



Doddiscombsleigh Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September
2024 at 7.30 pm at Woodah Farm

Present: Cllr W Hole (Chairman), Cllr J Sawyer, Cllr R Crocker, Cllr K Salter, County Cllr J Brook (at item 3), and 4 members of the public
Clerk: A Miller

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

District Cllr Swain sent his apologies.

Item 5.3 was discussed first, followed by item 7.3.

Open Forum

Potholes were discussed.

2 Declarations of Interest / Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Salter declared an interest in item 5.2, but as there was only an update about the item and no decision was made, she was allowed to stay in the room.

3 County and District Councillors' Report

County Cllr Brook arrived during the discussion about item 5.2. Answering questions, he talked about biodiversity net gain compensations related to developments and he gave his report about Devon County Council's services and financial pressures. County Cllr Brook left the meeting after giving his report.

4 Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved The Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 9 July 2024 were unanimously accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

5 Planning Matters

5.1 To Note Planning Decisions

The Council noted the following decisions:

- 24/00838/CLDE Duckspool Cottage - Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land for domestic purposes in association with the residential use of the dwelling
- 24/01145/HOU Little Park Farm - Single storey extension – permission granted

5.2 To Receive an Update about the Teignbridge Local Plan Review

The Inspector is holding hearing sessions regarding the Local Plan Review during the autumn. The hearing for the Doddiscombsleigh site will be in early November. The Parish Council sent a written representation for the hearing in August, highlighting the main problems with the proposal. Some residents also raised issues independently from the Parish Council.

5.3 To Discuss a Planning Application

24/01413/CLDE Middle Hills

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use as storage and haulage

Resolved The Parish Council decided to support the proposal.

5.4 To Discuss a Possible Consultation Response to the Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and Other Changes to the Planning System

No comments.

6 Finance

6.1 To Receive a Finance Report

The total bank balance on 31 August 2024 was £15,914.01. After deducting the amount of earmarked funds and grants, the general reserve was £3,860.68.

Grants of £1,000 for bus shelter floor repair has been credited to the bank account.

6.2 Approval of Expenditure

Venue hire 10 September 2024 £10.00

Card monthly fee July – August 2024 £6.00

Bus shelter floor repair £1,320.00

Office mobile top up £5.00

Resolved The Council unanimously approved the expenditures.

7 To Receive Reports and Updates

7.1 To Receive a Highways Update

Flooding at Penhill and water at the junction with the road to Hereford Cottage were discussed.

7.2 To Receive an Update about the Bus Shelter

The bus shelter floor has been repaired by the contractor.

A notice has been put up asking the public not to deposit their unwanted items in the building.

7.3 To Receive an Update about the Triangle

- A member of the public offered help with levelling the Triangle and planting a rowan tree. Clerk to send the plan of the Triangle to the member of the public.
- The Parish Council received permission from Devon Highways to install two benches made from the trunk of the fir tree. The benches can be ordered from Sawmills Devon as soon as the Triangle is levelled.

- The Chairman informed the Council that it is possible to buy a hardwood bench to replace the millennium bench on the Triangle for £290 and to place the millennium bench into the bus shelter. The millennium bench needs to dry out first and then it needs to be repaired.
Resolved The Parish Council agreed to buy a bench for £290 from CIL money to replace the millennium bench on the Triangle. The millennium bench will be moved to the bus shelter.

7.4 To Receive a Parish Path Partnership and Footpath Update

Cllr Crocker reported that footpath 6 towards Ashton was in good order.

7.5 To Receive a Report about Southwest Water Drainage Issues

- Leakage at the treatment plant is a regular problem as the rotator does not work properly.
- Leaking drain at Burnt Meadow – Southwest Water commissioned an independent report. Chairman to ask for a copy of the report.
- Drainage work at Rose Cottage is expected to take place soon.

8 To Discuss a Possible Response to the One Teignbridge Strategy Consultation

No comment.

9 Councillor Co-Option

No applications received.

10 Clerk's Correspondence

- There is a biodiversity net gain seminar on 12 September.
- Devon Association of Local Councils holds an annual general meeting on 2 October.
- A member of the public asked for a metal cycle rail to be installed at the Triangle to allow children to leave their bikes there before they get on a school bus. The Council was concerned about the planned location within the conservation area and the proximity to the listed war memorial. The Council agreed to discuss the item at the next meeting.
- Defibrillator – battery needs to be replaced this year. Cllr Salter offered to learn to check the equipment.

11 Date of Next Meeting

8 October 2024

12 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman thanked everybody for their participation and closed the meeting at 9.23 pm.

Signed.....
Chair

Date