



## **MINUTES OF DODDISCOMBSLEIGH'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** **Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.30pm in Doddiscombsleigh School**

### **Present:**

Cllr B Hornby (Chairman), Cllr E Davis, Cllr H Hanson, Cllr L Turney and 7 members of the public  
Clerk: A Miller

### **1 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest – None**

### **2 Ratification of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Electors held on 3rd May 2018 (circulated)**

Signed and accepted as a true record.

**Proposed** Cllr Turney **Seconded** Cllr Davis All agreed

### **3 Chairman's Report for the year 2018/19**

Mrs B Plummer, former Chairman of the Parish Council, was invited to report on her areas of responsibility. Her report appears at Appendix A of these Minutes.

### **4 Reports for 2018/19**

Mrs S Hewitt, former Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, was invited to report on her areas of responsibility. Her report appears at Appendix B of these Minutes.

Planning, Affordable Housing, Defibrillator, School Playing Field - Cllr Turney reported on his areas of responsibility. The Council deal with every planning application on a case by case basis. There is no change this year in affordable housing. The replacement pads for the defibrillator arrived and the adult pads were fitted. The children's pads will be fitted soon. Until then the adult pads can be used if it is necessary, one on the front and one on the back of the child. He recommended to put on a notice about the use of the pads next to the defibrillator. There were four CPR awareness sessions, run by a volunteer. If there is additional need for training, contact the pre-school. There was a survey about the public use of the school playing field, which showed positive response. There will be a Village Fete on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019, details will follow.

### **5 Open Discussion for Parishioners**

The following points were raised.

- It was recommended to put on signs in the village to direct people to the defibrillator. Possible locations are at the pub, at the side of the notice board, opposite Half Acre.
- There was litter at Tick Lane, an organized Litter Pick was recommended.
- There is a consultation about the implementation of clearway in Haldon. The clearway is expected to be introduced soon.

**6 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation. She thanked Mrs Plummer and Mrs Hewitt, the former Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, for their work for the community.

**7 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm.**

Signed.....

Chairman

Date

**APPENDIX A - CHAIR REPORT**

Good Evening,

Neighbourhood Watch: Doddiscombsleigh does not have a formal neighbourhood watch scheme so any reports are sent directly to the Police either 101 or 999. It is possible to sign up for Devon Alert to receive information about crimes and incidents happening in the area. The link is on the website. In the last twelve months the crime levels have increased in the Teign Valley. These crimes have included break ins and thefts at rural locations and livestock and farm machinery has been stolen. I would urge anyone who has been a victim of crime to report the incident to the Police no matter how trivial as it could be considered important.

I would like to say I have enjoyed being the Chair of the Parish Council and I think we have sorted out all these problems from not the last Clerk but the one before who gave us carrier bags of dishevelled documents. Many documents were still missing and in particular those pertaining to the Bus Shelter. I am glad to say though all records now are in order and hope this will remain this way.

Many thanks to everyone.  
Beryl Plummer.

**APPENDIX B - Annual Report – Deputy Vice Chair**

I have been invited here tonight by the Parish Council to talk about the projects and events that took place over the last twelve months.

As many of you will know, I was the Deputy Chair of the Parish Council and help set up various projects and events during this time.

One of my responsibilities was P3, which is the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme. Roz Davies the P3 Officer explained to us the purpose of the DCC grant scheme to encourage local communities to organise the repair and maintain their Foot Paths and Bridleways. The first step was to select and assess the condition of a Foot path. Footpath 5 was the ideal path to select for our first project, and we organised the first village walk in 2017. Roz Davies and Jonathan Rowlands the Public Rights officer both attended the walk, and helped us identify the improvements needed which were primarily changing old stiles for new pedestrian gates.

These works were completed in November 2018 by Elliot Fairs the approved contractor and luckily just in time for our second Village Walk. More than twenty

people attended this Public walk including families with children and some new residents to assess the footpath improvements made. This was a great opportunity to walk and talk with fellow residents in the community within such lovely and scenic countryside. Footpath 1 from the Church down towards Spynish Lake and Rectory Lane was also restored around the same time, again with new gates, and also with additional steps in two locations further improving accessibility.

The Parish Council made the decision about improving Footpath 2 shortly after the last village walk. Again, DCC grant application for the proposed works was approved this year and I understand that these works will start in the next two weeks.

This has been a positive project for the Parish Council and the Community and a pleasure for myself personally to meet and engage with so many people. I also want to acknowledge and thank the Sheldon Centre who provided refreshments, and the finest hospitality for everyone taking part in the two walks.

Info from DALC is that there is a new secretary for DALC and the Office is moving from Exeter to Cheriton Bishop.

Public information - There is another new notice board in the Bus shelter. So there are now two Community notice boards for everyone to use.

Website - The Parish Council website was set up in October 2017. The Parish Council agreed to an email notification service for news updates after requests from the Public at the May meeting last year. Welcome letters continue to be delivered to new residents and one took up the Council's offer for a free magazine. Church services are now also listed on the Parish Council website.

Church - The Church continues with its own fundraising efforts to pay for the secondary glazing that is going 'in front' of the medieval stained glass. Two have been done and hopefully two more will follow soon.

The main fundraising event was the Village fête last year and there is another planned this year on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Undertaken jointly with the school, it raised over £6,000.

The other main church news is the appointment of Ruth Frampton as our new Priest in Charge and she has moved into the rectory in Christow with her husband Giles.

Remembrance Service: The Parish Council agreed to purchase a Poppy Wreath for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War 1 last November and to also make a donation to the Royal British Legion. Mrs Plummer and myself acting as Chair and deputy Chair of the Parish Council attended the service and the Chair laid the wreath at the War Memorial. Councillor Turney was also in attendance at the service.

My last item is the Coffee Morning that took place last September which also included a Neighbourhood Plan Presentation. The Parish Council organised this event to invite everyone in the community for refreshments and cakes etc. It was an opportunity to meet and greet people and a chance to talk about the village and find out what they liked and disliked and what they would like to see or improve in the village in the future.

To end this report, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed working with the Parish Council and getting to know the Parish Councillors and members of the Parish Community. Look forward to seeing Footpath 2 completed and maybe another village walk and maybe also another coffee morning.