



**Doddiscombsleigh Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at**  
**7.30 pm at Woodah Farm**

**Present:** Cllr M Moorhouse (Chairman), Cllr J Sawyer, Cllr R Crocker, Cllr K Salter, County Cllr J Brook (at item 3)  
Clerk: A Miller

As Cllr Hole, Chairman of the Parish Council was not present, the councillors unanimously elected Cllr Moorhouse as Chairman of the meeting.

**1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Hole, District Cllrs Swain and Purser

**2 Declarations of Interest / Requests for Dispensations**

None.

**Open Forum**

There was no public present at the meeting.

**3 County and District Councillors' Report**

County Cllr Jerry Brook arrived during the discussion about item 7 and gave his report afterwards. Devon County Council needs to cut costs and more than 500 roles are considered surplus within the organization.

Cllr Brook will support projects which benefit as many people as possible from his Locality Budget.

About the 20's Plenty for Us campaign he reported that there was not enough support for the proposal in Devon County Council, because the pilot scheme in Newton Abbot did not get the support of the residents. This pilot scheme was to determine the County Council's position on the issue.

**4 Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Resolved** The Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 11 July 2023 were unanimously accepted as a true record.

**5 Councillor Vacancy and Co-option**

There were no applications received.

**6 Planning Matters**

**6.1 To Note Planning Decisions and to Receive Planning Updates**

There were no planning decisions made since the last meeting.

The 23/00100/FUL and 23/00381/LBC Shute Cottage applications have been withdrawn.

6.2 To Discuss a Consultation Response to the Rural Affordable Homes Survey from the District Council

**Resolved** The Parish Council discussed and agreed on the consultation response to the Rural Affordable Homes Survey.

Clerk to fill in the survey form.

6.3 To Discuss a Possible Response to the Consultation on additional flexibilities to support housing delivery, the agricultural sector, businesses, high streets and open prisons; and a call for evidence on nature-based solutions, farm efficiency projects and diversification

The Parish Council discussed the proposals related to the planned changes in the agricultural sector and the possible effects that the extension of permitted development rights might have on the area. The Parish Council was of the opinion that the proposed changes would have a detrimental effect on the countryside and on communities. The planned changes would open the door for uncontrolled developments, speeding up the decline of the countryside.

**Resolved** The Parish Council did not agree with the proposed changes.

Clerk to send a consultation response.

## 7 To Discuss the Improvement of the Triangle

Cllr Moorhouse reported about the discussion with the Sawmill regarding the possible use of the timber of the fir tree. The Council also discussed other suggestions for the Triangle.

**Resolved** The Parish Council agreed to install two benches on the Triangle, made from the wood of the cedar tree, and if it is possible to repair the existing bench. The trunk of the cedar tree will be kept in place and covered with a board, creating a possible table. The Council also supported the planting of a smaller tree close to the planned seating area, and the removal of the trunk of the beech tree.

Clerk to contact Devon Highways to obtain their permission for the works.

## 8 To Receive Reports and Updates

### 8.1 To Receive a Highways Update

#### 8.1.1 To Discuss the Condition of the Roads in the Village

The condition of the roads and drains was discussed.

#### 8.1.2 To Receive an Update about the 20's Plenty for Us Campaign

The topic was included in County Cllr Brook's report at item 3.

#### 8.1.3 To Discuss the Need for Hedge Cutting

Clerk to write a reminder about hedge cutting in the Magazine.

#### 8.1.4 To Receive an Update on Road Safety and an Incident at the Centre of the Village

A visitor contacted the Council about her incident in the village when her car broke down, but the Council could not identify the exact location based on the description received. It was agreed that extra care is needed to drive on the narrow roads of the village.

#### 8.1.5 To Discuss Possible Improvements on Down Lane

Cllr Sawyer agreed to discuss the issue with the lengthsman.

#### 8.1.6 To Discuss Other Highways Issues

Clerk to ask for an update about the double yellow lines at the School.

### 8.2 To Receive a Parish Path Partnership and Footpath Update

The lengthsman carried out the agreed repair works on the footpath network and the Council was happy with the standard of the work.

**8.3 To Receive an Update about the Bus Shelter**

The walls of the bus shelter were vandalized for a second time within a year. Items from the food bank were used again to smear the walls. The Council would like to thank members of the public who washed the walls and made the bus shelter respectable once again.

Clerk to ask the organizer of the food bank about the filing cabinets and the missing bench in the bus shelter.

**9 Finance****9.1 To Receive a Finance Report**

The bank balance on 6 September 2023 was £12,910. After deducting the amount of earmarked funds and grants, the general reserve was £1,675.79.

Since the July meeting £400 for a new website from Teignbridge District Council has been credited to the bank account.

**9.2 To Receive an Update about the Parish Council's Banking Arrangements**

The new MultiPay bank card arrived, and an online payment has been made with it.

The existing online banking system will be replaced by a new system in late September.

Cllr Salter reported that she had registered for online banking.

**9.3 Approval of Expenditure**

Venue hire 12 September 2023 £10.00

Unity Trust Bank fee Jun-Aug 2023 £18.00

Election costs paid to Teignbridge District Council £278.70

Domain name Doddiscombsleigh.org £32.40

Parish Path Partnership works £310.00

Bank card set up fee £50.00

Card monthly fee August 2023 £3.00.

**Resolved** The Council unanimously approved the expenditures.

**10 To Discuss Sending a Representative to DALC AGM and to the DALC event with Teignbridge District Council**

There was no decision made about representation.

**11 To Discuss Dog Fouling in the Village**

It was discussed that dog fouling had got worse in the village.

Clerk to write about the issue in the Magazine.

**12 Clerk's Correspondence****12.1 New Planning Application**

A new planning application arrived after the agenda has been published (23/01563/FUL), which cannot be discussed at this meeting. If the consultation period cannot be extended, the Clerk will send a consultation response before the deadline, following the rules of the delegated power that was agreed at the previous meeting.

**12.2 Revised Timetable for the Teignbridge Local Plan**

Teignbridge District Council decided to postpone the submission of the updated Local Plan to the planning inspectorate after receiving a huge number of comments from the public.

The District Council will make some changes on the plan, and the changes are expected to be consulted on at the beginning of next year.

12.3 Teign Valley Community Hall Meeting on 9 October

A representative of Doddiscombsleigh Parish Council will attend the meeting and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

**13 Date of Next Meeting**

10 October 2023

**14 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman thanked everybody for their participation.

**15 PART B**

The Parish Council discussed website quotes.

District Cllrs Swain and Purser both agreed to grant £200 each for the new website and £400 has been credited to the bank account.

**Resolved** The Parish Council unanimously agreed to

- order a new website from Aubergine 262, which is compliant with accessibility regulations,
- order the transfer of the content of the current website to the new one from the company,
- register the new website on a gov.uk domain name.
- The Council also agreed to register a gov.uk email address for the Clerk.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.23 pm.

Signed.....

Chair

Date