

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 15th August 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Kerry Webber, Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, Tim Clewer, County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor Colin Brown, and two members of the public.

Apologies: Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012

All councillors were politely reminded of their obligation to declare interests under the Code of Conduct. In making decisions the Parish Council recognise their statutory duties provided for in Section 11A(2) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (National Parks) and Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (AONBs) that in exercising or performing any functions in relation to, or so as to affect, land, they shall have regard to their purposes (ie conserve and enhance their natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of their special qualities by the public).

1.1 Receive apologies for absence. As above

1.2 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on **Monday 18th July 2016** were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED

1.3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** To receive declarations of interest and to note any additional risks. Note item under parks.

2 PLANNING

(http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx)

2.1 **Decisions** (for information)

2.1.1 **16/1546/FUL Slade Farm** – permission granted for construction of single storey rear extension, re-rendering and tiling of existing roof.

2.2 **Applications**

2.2.1 **16/1420/FUL 25 Catalina Close** - Alterations to roof height and creation of gables to form first floor accommodation. COMMENTS: Previous comments remain unchanged.

2.3 **TREE APPLICATIONS** (for decision) - none

2.4 **Neighbourhood Plan** – pre-consultation to be submitted to EDDC and Parishioners – plan committee will be working with parish organisations/shop/garage and so on in order to promote the opportunity to comment and possibly run a raffle.

2.5 **Devon County Council is in the final stages of preparing a new Minerals Plan** which will cover the period to 2033. The Council submitted the Pre-submission Consultation version of the Devon Minerals Plan to the Secretary of State for examination in February 2016. Following submission, an Inspector was appointed to carry out the examination in May 2016. These hearings, and the responses to the pre-submission consultation, have resulted in a number of modifications to the Plan being necessary to ensure that it is capable of being found sound and legally compliant by the Inspector. These modifications are subject to consultation between **Monday 1st August** and **Friday 23rd September 2016**. All representations should be received no later than 5pm on Friday 23rd September 2016; late representations will not be accepted. No Comment.

2.6 **East Devon District Council has published a draft Villages Plan** and is inviting comments on it and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) until 28th September 2016.

The draft plan and SA/SEA are available to view at Villages Plan 2016 consultation - East Devon<<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/villages-plan/villages-plan-2016-consultation/>>. This web page also shows supporting documents that include a habitat regulation screening, a draft consultation statement, an equalities impact assessment, criteria used to define Built-up Area Boundaries and site by site assessments for the settlements involved. If you have any comments on the draft plan please write to us by Wednesday 28th September 2016. We will consider all representations before producing a publication plan for consultation in early 2017. You can submit your views by either writing to us at Planning Policy, East Devon District Council, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL or sending an email to us at localplan@eastdevon.gov.uk<<mailto:localplan@eastdevon.gov.uk>>. Please put 'Villages Plan' in the subject box of the email or at the top of your letter. No comment.

3 HIGHWAYS

3.1 **Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report** – no new issues, road is marked and we await commencement of work.

3.2 **Parish Highways work** – Devon Highways, are in the process of reviewing our various community support initiatives (of which the Community Road Warden Scheme is one) and, as part of this, we would be very

interested to hear of any highway maintenance work that your council has undertaken or initiated, be that under the auspices of the CRWS or not.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 4.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – The top of Burnsome lane will be covered with planings to make it less rocky, but both Bridleway 12 and Burnsome lane are now officially open.

5 ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 **Emergency planning & winter issues** – receive any new items for consideration.
 5.2 **SURFACE WATER FLOODING SANDBAGS** - Email before the 12th September 2016. Any supply requested will need to be collected on either the Tues, 27th or Wed, 28th September 2016 from your selected depot location. NONE REQUIRED

6 COMMUNITY

- 6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning – no report this month

- 6.2 Report from Cllr Diviani –

Perhaps the one thing which holds us back in the West Country is our ability to treat with our peers but at long last there would appear to be light at the end of the tunnel, so I'll start with rail. The Peninsula Rail Task Force (DCC, CC, SCC, PCC, and TC – I'm sure you can work them out!) has submitted a 20-year plan to the Department of Transport which can address the chronic under-investment in all forms of connectivity in the SW but particularly in respect of rail. Good infrastructure is vital for our economy, enabling our scattered communities and urban centres to access markets, services, employment, leisure and people across the UK and beyond. Our poor resilience and abject connectivity are prime constraints – in two successive winters we experienced the breach at Dawlish and the flooding of the Levels, both instances which emphasised the need for significant improvements to our rail infrastructure. Andrew Leadbetter has worked with partners in the industry, through the PRTF, to enhance resilience, improve connectivity through faster journey times and improve capacity, quality and comfort. A priority is to safeguard existing train services but the PRTF has also explored options for additional routes to improve resilience, create greater capacity and additional freight paths to sustain diversionary routes. Network Rail have undertaken extensive studies on the Great Western mainline between the Exe Estuary and Newton Abbot as well as a diversionary route for Exeter to Castle Cary and an additional line for Dawlish and a northern route for Exeter to Plymouth via Okehampton. SW Trains on the second strategic route from Exeter to Waterloo is looking to reduce journey times, with the benefit of improved journey times between Exeter, Yeovil and Salisbury and extra capacity and frequencies between Exeter and Salisbury and better connectivity with lines serving the South Coast. Network Rail predicts we will need further line capacity and infrastructure if future growth is not to be choked off.

Plans are now out for consultation on the A30 improvements on the section between Honiton and Devonshire Inn where the road splits to join the main route to London (A303). My association with the road goes back to our arrival in Devon a mere 30 years ago but the improvements have been talked about since the year of my birth... We have long argued for this improvement, not just because of the lousy safety record, but because we must have a proper diversionary route for when the tourists admiring our wonderful scenery block one of our only two routes to the South West. Dave Black and his County team have excelled in their comprehensive consultation so far and as Chairman of the Blackdown Hills AONB, I have been mightily impressed with the attention to detail in our wonderful protected landscape. Google A303 improvements.

And it wouldn't be fair not to mention Broadband as we now have Gigaclear being very active across the Hills and we are well on the way to a success story in Upton. BT have even shaken off (some of) their torpor as they recognise there is competition about. Enjoy the sun!

- 6.3 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – play equipment has been made safe in New Century Park following a complaint that the climbing wall was broken. Quotes to repair and replace the damaged areas are being sought,

- 6.4 **Allotments** – no report

- 6.5 **Halls** – no report

- 6.6 **Dunkeswell Abbey** – Letter from Diocese of Exeter with draft proposals to close the Church of Dunkeswell Holy Trinity as a place of regular worship and transfer it to the Dunkeswell Abbey Preservation Fund (who already own the ruins) as a monument and for cultural and community purposes and ancillary purposes. Views may be sent to the Diocese by 30th August 2016 Agreed to write a letter of support for the Abbey to become a community asset, it seems very sensible to link the church to the abbey ruins.

- 6.7 **Bus Shelter Highfield Road** – Mr Throgmorton has kindly agreed that the parish council can erect a bus shelter on his land on Highfield Road. Three quotes to be gathered by Cllr Webber for supply and installation.

- 6.8 **EDDC Working Together Event** for voluntary and community groups from throughout East Devon will take place The Knowle, Sidmouth on Friday 7 October. It's from 9.30am to 2.30pm. DPC are invited to send a representative along to this free event, as part of the event there will be a free buffet lunch.

7 FINANCE

7.1 **Grants** – Dunkeswell Youth Club grant agreed £1500.00 14th and 15th October the Youth Club are also holding a show to raise funds for hall lights, it was agreed in principle that the Neighbourhood Plan response forms might be handed in at the internal in exchange for refreshments and the plan committee will pay the YC in return for the number of forms. It was also agreed to grant a further £500 towards the summer show 2017, this will be either granted in March or April 2017 depending on the balance of parish funds available.

7.2 **Receipts** - None

7.3 Cheque payments –	Cut and Strim (grass cutting)	£88.00
	Clerk Remuneration August	£671.58
	Clerk expenses August	£70.61
	Dunkeswell Youth Club (grant)	£1500.00
	Dunkeswell Youth Club Microsoft Office	£119.99
	J Barrow (Village Hall Railings/remove tree stump)	£228.00
	J Barrow (Sports field)	£162.00
	Dyfed Steels Materials (Village Hall Railings/remove tree stump)	£100.08
	J Howard (Village Hall Railings/remove tree stump)	£94.00
	D Barrow (Village Hall Railings/remove tree stump)	£68.00
	C Barrow (Burnsome Lane work)	£216.00

Cheques to other parishes – Parishes Together Fund

PAID...

Sheldon Parish Council	£370.48 (reissued)
Offwell Parish Council	£610.28
Broadclyst Parish council	£489.87
Whimble Parish Council	£1,004.03
Politmore Parish Council	£424.37
Clyst Hydon Parish Council	£496.50
Rockbeare Parish Council	£305.00
STILL TO PAY...	
Aylesbeare Parish Council	£.00
Branscombe Parish Council	£.00
Colaton Raleigh Parish Council	£388.00
Farringdon Parish Council	£.00

(Cheques AGREED)

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/8/16 - £36,040.84 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds £341.00 (opening bal 2016 +£341 March 2016 grant £00 less -£178 -£138)

P3 balance of Burnsome lane funds £2252.50 (opening bal April 2015 grant £3,000 -£747.50 - £734 not including VAT paid of £149.50 + 146.80 as this will be reclaimed)

7.4 Parish and Town Councillors are asked to please review their register of interest forms and confirm they have done so by letting you know in writing if 'no change', or if changes are required, please ask them to complete and return a new form (a blank form is attached). **Please could you ensure that this done by 2 September.** When you have heard back from all your Councillors please email democraticservices@eastdevon.gov.uk with a list indicating which Councillors have no changes and which are returning newly completed forms.

8 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting to be closed before questions from the public). None

Email, web and social media enquiries have been responded to and councillors copied in, councillors are asked to consider if further action or correspondence is necessary.

Dates for next meetings 2016 –

12th September 2016	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm	Dunkeswell Village Hall
19th September 2016	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm	Dunkeswell Village Hall