

Minutes for a Meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council 11/12/17
DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL
**Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday
Monday 11th December 2017 at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Kerri Webber, Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, Tim Clewer, County Councillor Iain Chubb, District Councillor Colin Brown and no members of the public.

Apologies: 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 20th November 2017** 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. Weed mesh on new footpath was noted as needing further securing, which might present a trip hazard.

2 PLANNING

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

2.1 DECISIONS(for information)

2.1.1 None

2.2 APPLICATIONS (for comment)

None

3. TREE APPLICATIONS

3.1 17/1864/TRE 5 Potters Stile - fell one beech tree - an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of EDDC not to grant consent for the above works. Appeal reference APP/TPO/U1105/6452. the appeal is being processed under the fast track regulations and there is no further opportunity to comment on the application.

3.2 17/2455/TRE 2 Bluebell Road - 6 x Beech trees forming boundary hedge - Reduce the total height garage roof line height to form a hedge like the neighbours, (5-6m of total height) to increase light into the garden and property. 1 x Lawson Cypress - Cut to ground level to clear the footpath. Permission granted.

4 Neighbourhood Plan – Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan was formally ‘made’ on 29th November 2017 by a vote of EDDC Cabinet. Chris Rose of East Devon District Council attended the meeting to speak with Councillors about the newly made Neighbourhood Plan. Printing a paper version of the plan was discussed further and it was decided to achieve the most copies of the full version for the remaining £1000.

5 HIGHWAYS

5.1 Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report – pothole on chapel corner has been reported.

5.2 Parish Highways work – footpath continuation on chapel corner to be further discussed with Highways. Parish and Town Enhancement Fund at DCC may be a possible additional route to funding this if Highways Self Help Fund cannot be used. for more grant sources see:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/communities/how-do-i/getting-support-and-funding/sources-of-grant-funding>

6 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

6.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – no report this time

7 ENVIRONMENT

7.1 Emergency planning & winter issues – receive any new items for consideration

8 COMMUNITY & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Community policing report – PCSO Anning is leaving D&C police after 15 years. The parish council wish PCSO Anning well in his new post and look forward to working with him in his new role with EDDC.

8.2 Playgrounds/Sports field/Allotments/Halls – Dog path has been much improved by the addition of weed fabric and planning and many parishioners have expressed thanks to the parish council for making the improvements. Inspections have been carried out on all play areas, as a result it was agreed to have barbed wire removed from top of fence around New Century Park, among other actions which will all be agreed separately, there are several points which are noted, but action is not to be

taken such as putting a hasp on the gate, as this has been left off to prevent small children fingers being trapped in the gate. Other items of medium or low risk will be addressed in the coming year.

- 8.3 Football Field and Path** - The owners of land at Percy Cross have generously offered to sell a part of the field at agricultural rate to the parish to be used as a football field together with a strip of land along the hedge that would serve as a dog walking path - although this would not connect with Percy Hill, it would provide another 'off the lead' dog walking space in the parish. The 3.074 acres of land has been valued at £35,000 (it is understood the fee for the valuation & solicitors fees can be reclaimed from an EDDC fund), approximately £22,000 can be sought from Section 106 funds, there may be possibility to gain a further £5000 from S106 funds which are due or to be collected, and possibly £1,500 from Magnetar, so assume this leaves between £6500 - £13000 to be found from precept. The land will need to be fenced, services provided and possibly in future changing facilities built, but these costs could all be sought via other funding methods once the land was secured. The proposal meets the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan and so the parish council were formally asked if they agree to proceed with the purchase. The Council was broadly supportive of the scheme but Cllrs Luscombe and Barrow are to speak further with the landowners to ensure that any restrictions on the land use can be extended to include all sports in the event that Dunkeswell no longer has a football club at any point in the future.
- 8.4 Community Assets** - List to be compiled for registration with EDDC and added to website.
- 8.5 Village Hall Ceiling Project** - quotes are being sought and a plan for funding bids needs to be agreed.
- 8.6 EDDC & DCC Meeting with Parish Councils** - Tuesday 5th December - Cllr Barrow reported that Air Ambulance are seeking lit night landing sites, Dunkeswell have the airfield, but would benefit from a further site near the estate,

9 FINANCE

9.1 Grants – (For Agreement) none

9.2 Receipts - none

9.3 Cheque payments – RM Barrow (repairs to dog walking path)	£185.00
RM Barrow (Topping sportsfield)	£169.00
Elizabeth Rose Inspections	£347.00
Greenslade Taylor Hunt land valuation	£148.19
Clerk Remuneration November	£671.58
Clerk expenses November	£70.61
Facebook ads Neighbourhood Plan (Cheques agreed)	£7.72

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/12/17 - £23218.79 includes the following:

9.4 Changes to the Parishes Together Fund for the financial year 2018/2019

The rules are changing for the Parishes Together Fund for the financial year 2018 / 2019 (applications from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019). These changes follow-on from a review of the rules by county, district and city council officers and have been approved at a recent Devon County Council Cabinet / Leadership Group meeting. The full guidance principles for 2018 / 2019, which the new rules will be based on, are attached.

The key changes for East Devon town and parish councils are:

- The changes return the scheme to its original purpose of encouraging communities to work together; identifying and kick starting new ideas for their mutual benefit; enhancing and making a difference to communities.
 - Match-funding is encouraged and will increase the chance of an application being approved.
 - You will need to demonstrate that you have explored opportunities to work with other voluntary and community groups to either identify and/or carry out the proposed project.
 - The fund cannot be used for regular activities, such as grass cutting, ditch and drainage works and any other associated 'lengthsman' duties, as the fund exists to help identify new ideas to benefit communities.
- There is one closing date left for this fund this financial year, 2017 / 2018, this is on 7 February 2018 and this is the last time the current rules will apply. East Devon District Council will then be issuing new rules for the fund based on the attached guidance principles for 2018 / 2019.

9.5 Magnetar Donation to our Community Fund - Following their agents attendance at the last meeting Magnetar have kindly offered £1500 towards a community fund as an act of goodwill towards the community. They have asked for the Parish council to consider the attached letter and content.

9.6 Clerk submitted her resignation, post to be advertised.

10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting was closed before questions from the public). Neighbours of a recently submitted planning application attended the meeting as they had been misinformed by EDDC of the date that the application would be discussed at the parish council meeting. of more concern was that none their comments appear on the planning portal as they were made in person at The Knowle. Clerk to request a further explanation from EDDC Planning Department.

Dates for next meetings 2018 – 8th January 2018 Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm