

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), , Brendan Procter, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, District Councillor Bob Buxton, and five members of the public.

Apologies: Geoffrey Sworder (Vice Chairman), Vanetta Keitch, Nicola Gale, County Councillor Paul Diviani, PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012

All councillors are 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 17th November 2014** 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. **NONE**

2 PLANNING

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

2.1 Decisions (for information)

2.2.1 none

2.3 Applications

2.3.1 14/2670/FUL 34 Catalina Close – Two storey extension. COMMENTS:Two storey extension. COMMENTS: The Parish council are not against the extension of this house in principle, however as the property abuts a turning area it would be preferable that there was no loss of off road parking. The current application seeks to reduce the off road parking area by 4.5 metres and so is not supported by the parish council for this reason. There have been concerns from a neighbouring property that there are windows which are inappropriately situated and might reduce their privacy, if the District council are minded to approve the application it is requested that these be obscure glass, or relocated to avoid the issue.

2.3.2 14/2748/AGR Coxes Hill Cottage - Agricultural machinery store. COMMENTS: No objections

2.3.3 14/2582/VAR Blossom Hill Park Louis Way - Variation of condition 3 of planning application 87/P0472 to amend layout of static holiday caravan park. COMMENTS: There is much concern from residents whose properties abut the rear of the development about the proximity of the new caravans to the boundary of the site. The positioning and height of the proposed lodges will result in the total loss of privacy to the gardens of the neighbouring properties, not only due to the considerable height of the vans when on their raised bases, but the rear elevations of the caravans also feature balconies thereby encouraging holiday makers to sit to that side of the building and giving a sight line directly into the windows of the neighbouring houses over the Devon Bank. The parish council feel that the density is too great on the application and that fewer vans might allow a more considerate layout affording neighbours and holidaymakers more privacy.

2.3.4 14/2822/COU Westerhope Units (Units 5 and 7) - Change of use to incorporate B2 (General Industry) and B8 (Storage and Distribution) uses. COMMENTS: The parish council do not support the change of use on this site to include any wider industrial use (beyond the current B1 light industrial) or for the proposed use for milling of timber. The site is in close proximity to dwelling houses which have suffered greatly from both authorised and unauthorised activities on this industrial site in recent years and is situated in the heart of the AONB with inadequate road access for regular heavy loads of timber. The parish council are concerned that this site be granted no additional or extended use classes in order to minimise further noise, light and air pollution, all of which have already been a problem to neighbouring properties in the past and have resulted in Enforcement Action. There is certainly insufficient detail on the planning application with regard to the business, and no traffic management plan has been supplied (the council will note that this road already has a weight limit except for access). If the council were minded to grant any new permission on this site it the parish council would urge them to put restrictions on operating hours, lighting times and levels as well as access all of which should be normal working hours (between 8am and 6pm).

2.3.5 14/2852/FUL Bowerhayes Farm - Construction of dwelling for agricultural worker (retrospective application) COMMENTS: No objections

2.4 TREE APPLICATIONS (for decision)
2.4.1 14/2860/TRE 16 Potters Stile - T1, Ash: Fell

2.5 **Neighbourhood Plan** – there was an aims and objectives consultation event held on Saturday 15th November 2014 at Throgmorton Hall (10-7pm) where over 50 people attended and were asked to sticker their most favoured and least favoured aims, this was very successful with an even spread of green stickers and only two red stickers being placed on the display, this helped in ratifying our direction.

2.6 **Community Land Trust learning opportunity at Beer CLT on 5th December** 12.30 to 3.30pm email sue@devonrcc.org.uk or phone 01392 248919 x121 (Mr Clewer and Cllr Barrow attended and had useful conversations with District Council officers subsequently over the possibilities for future housing in the parish. It was agreed that the clerk should contact WIMS again to open a discussion on

3 HIGHWAYS

Lengthsman Pilot – Parishes Together funding – clerk has asked Luppitt PC to host a meeting, Dunkeswells grant cheque for £1347.50 has now been received from Luppitt and work will begin on our project as soon as Helen Selby (DCC Highways) has been contacted to agree what is proposed. Project is to be logged and photographed to record work done.

4.2 **Issues to report;** Concrete drain to edge of the road at Stentwood to airfield has been reported, but there has been further accident at this site this evening (a white line has now been drawn beside the drain to alert people to the hazard.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow –**

5 ENVIRONMENT

5.1 **Emergency planning & winter issues** – receive any new items for consideration – DCC have said they will loan the snow blower to the parish Council when there is snow forecast.

5.2 **Water tower** is overflowing at its outlet near Wolford Cross and water is flowing across the road, this has been reported to SWW, but there has been no action taken clerk to inform highways as this will be a safety issue when the water freezes on the road.

6 COMMUNITY

6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning - three crimes since last meeting, one cannabis growing in a dwelling, harassment and damage to a tyre.

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – safety reports received for action.

6.3 **Allotments** – nothing to report

6.4 **Halls** – Throgmorton Hall have requested representatives of user groups join hall committee.

6.5 **Dog Walking area, Dog Bins** – new dog bins have been installed.

7 FINANCE

7.1	Receipts -	Luppitt Parish Council grant for Parishes Together	£1347.50
	Cheque payments –	Clerk Remuneration (October – December 2014)	£1684.74
		HMRC (October – December 2014)	£102.60
		Clerk expenses (October – December 2014)	£148.43
		Rob Turner Play Inspections	£347.00
		Stuart Todd Associates Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan)	£3360.00
		(Cheques AGREED)	

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/12/14 - £27587.30 includes the following:
 P3 balance of funds - £1198.00 (after above cheques drawn) (298 bal 2014 + 900 grant, less 192/225 aug)
 Neighbourhood planning grants £2000 EDDC & £6300 DCLG (final £700 to be claimed after defrayed)
 (NB Repeal of s.150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 – electronic payments)

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

Dates for next meetings 2015 –

12 th January 2015	Village Hall	Planning Meeting 7 – 8pm
19 th January 2015	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9 th February 2015	Village Hall	Planning Meeting 7 – 8 pm
16 th February 2015	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9 th March 2015	Village Hall	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
(9th March 2015	7.30pm WARD MEETING – Dunkeswell)	
16 th March 2015	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
13 th April 2015	Village Hall	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
20 th April 2015	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm