

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 19th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Kerri Webber, Tina Page, Philip Stevens, Tim Clewer, County Councillor Iain Chubb, District Councillor Colin Brown and 8 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Andrew Luscombe and Andrew Maynard

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 8th January 2018** 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. Cllr Webber declared a non-pecuniary interest to both 18/0081/PDO & 18/0048/VAR.

2 PLANNING

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

2.1 DECISIONS(for information)

2.1.1 17/1275/FUL Brookside Farm - Retention of 2no. mobile homes for occupation by security staff and retention of a storage container - Status: Refusal

2.1.2 17/2502/FUL Land On Corner Of Marcus Road (Land Adjacent 3F) - Construction of building to provide 3no light industrial units and 4no two bedroom flats as live work units. Status: Refusal

2.1.3 17/2165/FUL Hill View - Retention of temporary workers accommodation. Status: Refusal

2.2 APPLICATIONS (for comment)

2.2.1 18/0081/PDO Lodge Farm, Dunkeswell - Prior approval for change of use from B1(a) (office) to 2no C3 dwellings. **COMMENTS:** The parish council would like to see this site tidied and matters regularised, we see no reason to object on grounds of flooding, access or contamination. If this site does not qualify for Permitted Development the parish council would support the principle of a Full Application for work live which would be preferable and in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan, where the dwellings would be linked with the employment site.

2.2.2 18/0048/VAR Blossom Hill Park Louis Way - Variation of condition 1 (occupancy condition) of planning permission 02/P0948 to allow for the permanent residential use of units 1A, 17, 25, 30, 31, 42 and 51. **COMMENTS:** The Parish Council support this proposal especially where the site borders existing residential dwellings, as the newer homes in the park being offered as cheap holiday lettings with hot tubs has created unreasonable noise nuisance late at night in a residential area.

2.2.3 18/0089/FUL Land North Of Louis Way - Erection of 9 Age Restricted Dwellings (Bungalows) and associated works. **COMMENTS:** The Parish Council support this application, although this is an exception site, and on agricultural land, a need has been proven for a small number of compact residential units for elderly people in the parish. Ideally the site could be nearer to the central amenities in the village, however the shop provide a free delivery service and it is a short walk to buses and the other central amenities such as the hall and the surgery. The Parish Council would like to see this development an exemplar of energy efficiency justifying its exception site, to reduce carbon and the running costs for residents. We would also request conditions be placed on the scheme that lighting should be low level only to minimise light pollution in the AONB and retain the privacy of the surrounding dwellings.

3. TREE APPLICATIONS (for decision)

3.1 18/0044/TRE 5 Whitebeam Grove - T1, Beech: Reduce the crown by crown thinning, reducing material no more than 2 meters in length and making cuts no bigger than 75mm. T2, Ash: Reduce the length of the branch which grows into the Beech tree. T4, Multi stem Ash: Pollard back to previous points. **DECISION:** No Objections, agree in line with officers report.

3.2 **18/0063/TCA Garden Cottage** - Ash tree (1) & (2): Fell. 7 x Holly: Fell. DECISION: No Objections, agree in line with officers report.

3.3 **18/0272/TRE & 18/0273/TCA 3 Manleys Lane** - report awaited

4 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Paper version print cost to be circulated for agreement.

5 HIGHWAYS

5.1 **Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report** –

5.2 **Parish Highways work** – Permanent Pothole Repair (PPR) Material available if required - residents have suggested that Riverside might be a beneficial place to carry out this work. Cllr Barrow to speak with residents and DCC regarding repairs.

5.3 **DCC Review Traffic Sensitive Street Network** - As you may be aware, Devon are undertaking a full review of the traffic sensitive street network. Full details can be found at;

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/traffic-sensitive-streets-review/>

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/devonhighways/important-updates>

A statutory consultation period will be published for a 1 month period from the 1 March 2018. We are providing you with this information in advance of the consultation to enable you to feedback any thoughts you may have at an early stage. Feedback should be sent to the following email address;

highwaycoordination-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Please be aware, Devon are governed by what can be designated traffic sensitive through regulations and statute – so we cannot designate routes outside of specific legal criteria.

Local Consideration Network - For those areas where legal designations as traffic sensitive cannot be made we are aware, as the highway authority, that early conversations and consultation on works would help reduce network disruption. We are therefore developing a secondary network of routes entitled 'local consideration'.

This is a network that will trigger a need for anyone planning works to discuss with local stakeholders at an early stage (i.e. at the point of noticing). The development of this network is ongoing, however, this network can be considered for areas where traffic sensitive designations do not apply.

FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING.

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 - none

8 COMMUNITY & GOVERNANCE

8.1 **Community policing report** – There have been nine crimes in the last month, several linked and mainly verbal arguments resulting in assault. There were two thefts from motor vehicles on the industrial estate and one of text messages sent to victim by known person.

8.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field/Allotments/Halls** – Olly Starr has been engaged to do the work on New Century Park, this will be completed in the coming month.

8.3 **Football Field and Path** - choice of solicitors to be made based on quotes circulated. Instruction should not be made until EDDC have agreed the release of S106 funding (expected this week).

8.4 **Community Assets** - List to be compiled for registration with EDDC and added to website.

8.5 **Village Hall Ceiling Project** - further quotes to be sought and funding to be applied for, it was agreed that the parish council will be undertaking this project.

8.6 **BHPN - Winter General Meeting** to be held on Thursday January 18th 2018 - report from Cllr Clewer. There was discussion on road signage, this would be an initiative which would be suited to replacing the 'No HGV' signs on Fishponds Lane. Cllr Clewer to research the suppliers and costs.

8.7 **Dog Bins** - it has been requested that the parish council look at moving the dog bin on Highfield Road further away from the bus stop. Cllr Barrow to look at relocation options.

9 FINANCE

9.1 **Grants** – (For Agreement)

9.2 **Receipts** - none

9.3 Cheque payments – Newton Poppleford Parish Council (defibrillator)	£219.40
Dunkeswell PCC (parish News)	£455.00
Travis Perkins (ply for repair of play area)	£449.38
Clerk Remuneration January	£671.58
Clerk expenses January	£70.61
DCC First Stop Advertisement	£120.00
O Starr (repair play area)	£600.00

J Barrow (Footpaths)	£387.00
Mole Valley (materials Footpaths) (Cheques AGREED)	£757.64

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/2/18 - £20802.50 includes the following:

- 9.4 **Changes to the Parishes Together Fund for the financial year 2018/2019**
There is one closing date left for this fund this financial year, 2017 / 2018, this is on 7 February 2018 - it was agreed by email discussion that due to the changes and imminent closing date that Dunkeswell should join a project with Newton Poppleford and receive a defibrillator for the Village Hall - the next closing date being quite soon in the next financial year the agreed project for fingerpost repairs can be applied for as previously agreed. There will be a balancing figure of £219.40 to pay Newton Poppleford which is the difference between our PT funding and the total cost. AGREED
- 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. Clerk to forward the offer to the hall committee for acceptance to use towards the hall roof.
- 9.6 **Engagement of new clerk** - Closing date for post was 12th February - there were 10 applicants, four of which have been shortlisted for interviews to be held this week. The Interview panel was agreed as Cllrs Page, Barrow & Procter. Start date for new clerk/leaving date for old clerk to be agreed as soon as interviews are complete and the preferred candidate has accepted an offer of employment.
- 9.7 **BT telephone box** - request has been made for adoption, this is subject to a 90 day consultation with EDDC. The £720 bill has therefore not been paid for the forthcoming year and will not be due.
- 9.8 **Air Ambulance Landing Pad** - meeting arranged for next week.
- 10 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting was closed before questions from the public).**
A gentleman asked if about land ownership in certain places around the parish and who he should talk to in order to plant some apple trees on verges. His initiative was commended and provided visibility splays are left clear there could be no objections.

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 2018 –	12 th March 2018	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30 pm
	19 th March 2018	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm