

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 16th July 2012 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Swoorder (Vice Chairman), Vanetta Keitch, Brendan Procter, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, District Councillor Bob Buxton, PCSO Anning 30012 and no members of the public.

Apologies: Donna Delamain, Andrew Palmer, County Councillor Paul Divian and PC Vickery 478

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 June 2012** 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**

(full detail at http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tcd/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx)

2.1 **Decisions** (for information)

2.2.1 **12/0530/FUL Land North Of Linden Park** - Retention of building for garaging/equipment and staff/rest area and construction of storage building. Approval with conditions as follows: Without six months of the date of this permission the building shown as plant store and tool shed shall be removed from the site. The buildings approved to be retained shall be used in association with the operation and maintenance of the land for agricultural and horticultural use and not for any type of residential purposes.

2.2.2 **12/1326/FUL Abbey View Dunkeswell Abbey** - Construction of first floor extension over existing ground floor. Approval with conditions

2.3 **Applications**

2.2.1 **12/1445/FUL - The Old Forge (land to the South of)** Erection of detached dwelling (renewal of 09/0859/FUL)
COMMENTS: No comments.

2.4 **ADVERTISEMENT & ARBORICULTURAL APPLICATIONS**

2.4.1 **12/1216/ADV Highfield Road Entrance** – double sided non illuminated sign – withdrawn (for information)

2.4 **ENFORCEMENT** (for Information)

Land North of The Laurels, Flightway Industrial Estate - unauthorised living accommodation on the above land. The siting and occupation of the caravan requires planning permission under the terms of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, because there are no permitted development rights for this on that land. Enforcement have required either the removal of the caravan and its tenant from the land; or the submission of a planning application to retain the caravan within 28 days. East Devon District Council's housing department have been in contact with the tenant of the caravan and have made him a priority for housing. However he has turned down every suggestion and offer the Council has made.

2.5 **Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan** – the council have agreed to suspend the neighbourhood plan while trying to insert our needs into the emerging local plan.

Dunkeswell Conservation Area – Further update still awaited.

2.6 **Local Plan response** – A submission was sent suggesting a revision of the village limit including the new affordable homes and part of the land south of Powells Way

2.7 **Blackdown Hills Parish Network** – GNS & JB reported on the meeting held on Tuesday July 10th at 7.30pm. Two groups were set up, one to look at a combined approach to planning in the Hills and another to look at transport (including an approach to DCC highways in order to achieve a firmer line on serving hedge notices in the Blackdown Hills).

3 **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

3.1 To receive issues to report – Water coming out of field on corner by Madford Bridge at Butts Farm is not getting away and so is flowing across the road to the river and flooding the whole area. There is a pothole outside the Village Hall. Just past Slade Farm entrance on Abbey Road there are tree roots from an ash tree that is degrading the road and is a definite safety defect. Bowerhayes lane there are seven potholes within 200 yards of the cross roads to Slade Farm.

3.2 Response to last reported items from Mike Brown DCC Highways: *The surface of the hill below Percy Cross may be included in a future programme but any work on this road this year is likely to be in the vicinity of the airfield. Our contractor visited Wolford Cross following your previous report but reported no safety defect, however I have*

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again reported the gravel more specifically as a skidding hazard in the hope that will clarify why it is a hazard. I have forwarded the report of potholes at the airfield, however you may like to note that a quicker response to potholes may be achieved if they are reported to our customer services team or on the website. I have recommended some repairs to Fishponds Lane as part of our very limited patching programme for this year.

PLEASE NOTE: Drop in sessions where you are able to speak with a highways officer will be held at Honiton Town Council Offices on 11th September, 6th November and 15th January, between 1200 and 1400

3.3 Lengthsman –

4 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – There are new bridges installed on footpath 14 and on Burnscome Lane.

5 **ENVIRONMENT**

5.1 **Emergency planning** – receive any new items for consideration. NONE

5.2 Devon Minerals Update No.9 will be available for you to view from:04/07/12 09:00 to 01/10/12 13:25

http://devoncc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/minerals_and_waste_development_framework/minerals/minsupdate9

6 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

6.1 **Community policing report** – PCSO Anning reported that there have been five crimes this month, two old Triumphs have been gone missing, a driver was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and being in possession of drugs, there was criminal damage to a garden fence and a break in at a metal storage container on the airfield. Thanks to the people in Dunkeswell for reporting suspicious behaviour in the village on both 101 and by dialling 999, which have lead to arrests this month. Please do use 999 where a very quick response is needed, never feel you are wasting police time.

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – The Lease is now complete for the sports field, the final paperwork has been sent to complete the Queen Elizabeth II sports field designations and completion is awaited submission of the Deed of Dedication for the Churchill Playground and that the equivalent for New Century Playground is awaiting receipt of completed transfer to the Parish Council. Two parishioners have contacted the parish council asking if a wooden half pipe could be erected on the sports field – this was discussed and JB is looking into the options. Clerk to ask play inspectors what might be most acceptable and speak to Sulina Tallack EDDC about s106 money and mobile ramps. Play inspections received for action (update).

6.3 **Allotments** –

6.4 **Halls** – nothing to report

6.5 **Noticeboards** – are to be installed shortly

6.6 **East Devon District Councils Working Together for the Future of East Devon** event with speakers on welfare reform, health reform and localism will take place during the day on Friday 14 September 2012 9.30am - 3pm. The event is free, and a free buffet lunch will be provided. Please note date now for your diary. This will also include a consultation on the changes to council tax payments for people of working age who are on benefits.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1 **Receipts -** none

7.2 **Cheque payments –**

Cut and Trim (invoices £26 & £42)	£68.00
Industrial Coating Supplies	£360.00

(Cheques agreed)

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/7/12 - £18200.57 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £841.00 (after above cheques drawn)

7.3 **Bank signatory forms** for completion – change of signatory form to be completed.

7.4 **Members need to register Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as well as other interests** councillors need to register their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other interests. They must do this within 28 days of the 1 July 2012 otherwise they will commit a criminal offence under the Localism Act.

7.5 **To adopt updated Code of Conduct for Dunkeswell Parish Council as required under the provisions of the Localism Act** – for agreement and each member to sign and complete an individual form. These will be then be uploaded to the District Council website as required by The Act. This was agreed and forms were completed and handed to clerk to return to EDDC.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting to be closed before questions from the public).

Members Remember! You must declare any personal or prejudicial interests at the start of the meeting (item number 3). Make sure you say the reason for your interest as this has to be included in the minutes. If your interest is prejudicial you must leave the room.

Dates for next meetings 2012 –

13th August 2012

Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm

20th August 2012

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm