

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held at the Village Hall on **Monday 15th July 2013 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Sworder (Vice Chairman), Vanetta Keitch, Brendan Procter, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor Bob Buxton, and one member of the public.

Apologies: Donna Delamain, 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 17th June 2013** 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)

2.1.1 13/1112/FUL Dunkeswell Aerodrome - Construction of aircraft storage shed approved with conditions

2.2 Applications

2.2.1 none

2.3 TREES

2.3.1 **EDDC are consulting the parish council on a** Forestry Commission application to fell hedgerow trees on land at the former Southhayes Farm. The land lies between the farm and the airfield. The application is for a license to fell 175 trees of approximately 75 years age. The felling is part of an operation to layer the hedgerows retaining significant trees at 30-50m spacing. The works would be spread over a 5 year period in order to lessen the impact on visual amenity and habitat. The trees do not have any protected status. FOR DECISION AT NEXT MEETING after arboricultural report is received.

2.3.2 **13/0815/TCA The Old Rectory** - T1 Beech - Reduce 6 identified branches on the northern aspect of the crown, removing branch lengths of up to 4m and making pruning cuts of up to 5cm diameter. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

2.4 Letter received from Pegasus Group regarding a proposal to site a solar park adjacent to Flightway (no application received as yet, currently just for information) contained many errors, company called and suggested they correct their information before any official approach is made.

2.5 **Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan** – clerk attended meeting at EDDC today with Matt Dickens and Claire Rodway, the parish council agreed that the clerk should continue to engage other parishes to work on the generic aspects of the plan and look at applying for the further funding available from the government.

2.6 **East Devon Local Plan – Proposed Minor Changes** - The Development Management Committee of this Council will be considering proposed minor changes to the East Devon Local Plan at its meeting on the 18 July 2013. Approval will be sought for submission of these changes along with the plan for examination. To find out more about these changes and to see the arrangements for the meeting and for public speaking please visit the East Devon web site at:http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/combined_special_dmc_agenda_180713.pdf or call the Democratic Services team on 01395 517542 or email HWhitfield@eastdevon.gov.uk.

2.7 **Invitation to join EDDC** for a talk about the future of the Council headquarters.

We would very much like to invite you to this session on Friday 26 July 2013 from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Flybe Training Academy, Exeter International Airport. Free car parking is available at the Training Academy and a map of the location is attached. The session will be led by myself and facilitated by Deborah Hallett. To book your place, please reply to Anna Herbert by 19 July 2013 on aherbert@eastdevon.gov.uk or 01395 517535.

2.8 **Copy of email regarding 14 Affordable dwellings** application was circulated by Cllr Buxton – there were some inaccuracies; Tennis courts are resurfaced but not currently accessible to residents as permanently locked (courts are still in the ownership of WIMS and no lease has been granted to any parish organisation.

The sports field and allotments are granted on a 28 year lease to the parish council

Although the school has been discussed, no formal agreement or offer has been put on paper, the site would need to be accompanied by the cost of build and establishment as well as DCC do not have funds for a new school.

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3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 To receive issues to report – Percy Cross road surface, edge of the road between airfield and Kart track several large potholes. On Abbey Road opposite Burnsme Cottage there was a new raised drain recently constructed, however this was out in the middle of the road and lasted three days before it was caved in by a lorry, this needs a flat drain cover remaking. The water is still flowing out the field at Madford Bridge and flooding the road, this must be down to a field drain and needs sorting out.

3.2 Lengthsman – no report this time

3.3 Winter salting and grit bins – no report this time

3.4 **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14 THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (C131 ROAD FROM PERCY CROSS TO CHAPEL CROSS, DUNKESWELL) ORDER 2013 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING NOTICE** is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order. From **MONDAY 29 JULY 2013** for a maximum of 18 months Anticipated Finish **FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2013** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads except for access to land or premises on or adjacent to those length of roads. Roads affected – **C131 ROAD FROM PERCY CROSS TO CHAPEL CROSS, DUNKESWELL**

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - **DUNKESWELL - HEMYOCK - SIMONSBURROW – BLACKDOWN HILLS - BUCKLAND HILL - WIDCOMBE - CHURCHINFORD - SMEATHARPE - LUPPITT - LIMERS CROSS - DUNKESWELL AND VICE VERSA** This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable - **DEVON HIGHWAYS BRIDGE MAINTENANCE WORKS** For additional information contact: **SOUTH WEST HIGHWAYS (ROCKBEARE) Tel:01404 821500**

3.5 **BUSES** - Major works on the bridge between Manley's Lane and Percy Cross, Dunkeswell are due to start Wednesday 29th July until Wednesday 4th September and will lead to a road closure in place for much of the duration of the works. This will seriously disrupt the Stagecoach 20 bus service which presently serves the village. Stagecoach and Devon County Council have worked together to put in place alternative public transport arrangements, this will help to ensure that inconvenience to the traveling public is reduced as much as it possibly can be.

3.6 **Devon County Council** has after consultation decided to switch off the three lights in the small side road off Powells Way opposite your site. The lights were installed when it was thought the adjacent land would be developed, that has not happened and the County Council is taking the opportunity to reduce its maintenance liability and decommission these lights. The work will take place in August.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – These have all been strimmed and cut back. Spraying has been carried out on path by sportsfield, the fir tree was felled and chippings put on path, this is now full of dog muck, it would be pleasant if people would clear this up rather than leave it.

5 ENVIRONMENT

5.1 **Emergency planning** – receive any new items for consideration - none

5.2 **Bins** – new bin to be installed at New Century Park.

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning - three crimes, common assault, tyres slashed and garage lock broken.

6.1.1 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – HALFPIPE base has been laid, the half pipe is ready to move into position, training, notices and safety gear are being organised via the youth club. Inspection to be organised by clerk as soon as it is installed.

6.2 **Allotments** – no report this time

6.3 **Halls** – Village hall has flooded and the floor has been lifted.

6.4 **Youthclub** – Dunkeswell Parish Council was recently voted runner up in the VYS (Devon) Children & Young People's Award Ceremony. The nomination was for the 'Supporting Children and Young People Award' we were particularly proud to have done so well, as this was an award judged by the young people themselves.

6.5 **Blackdown Hills Parish Network** –

6.6 **Grass cutting** – quote received of £500 per annum to cut the rest of the estate every time the contractor does Highfield road (roughly once a fortnight between March and October) – do the council want to cut the grass, and if so do they wish to seek further quotes? Cllr Diviani to check when the cyclic maintenance contract is next up for renewal and ask about a transfer of responsibility.

7 FINANCE

7.1 **Receipts -** none

7.2 **Cheque payments –**

Grant Thornton Audit 2012-13	£240.00
Cut and Strim (grass cutting)	£76.00
Half pipe Screwfix	£111.75
Half pipe Brookridge Timber	£54.72
	AGREED

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/7/13 - £20029.70 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £246.00 (after above cheques drawn)

7.3 **Audit for year ending 2013** received from Grant Thornton approved with no comments

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7.4 At their recent meeting the Blackdown Hills Parish Network Steering Group suggested that Parish Councils be asked to place an item on their next agenda to discuss engagement with Blackdown Hills Parish Network and in particular, ways in which each parish can assist in helping the Network to populate the [Blackdowns Online website](#) with associated social media coverage via its [Facebook page](#), FREE entries in the [events diary](#) , FREE entries describing [community facilities for rent or hire](#). Advertising opportunities for businesses offering [accommodation/ food and drink/ provisions/ leisure activities/ galleries](#) at the very low rate of £10 pa. FREE entries for [clubs, societies or groups](#) in your parish that welcome new members from the wider community

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 2013 –

12th August 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
19th August 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9th September 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
9th SEPTEMBER 2013	<i>WARD MEETING – 7.30pm Dunkeswell</i>
16th September 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
7th October 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 8pm
14th October 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
11th November 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
18th November 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9th December 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm