

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Tim Clewer, District Councillor Colin Brown but no members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Kerry Webber, Andrew Maynard, County Councillor Paul Diviani, 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 15th February 2016** 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 **15/2910/FUL** Unit B1- B6 Dunkeswell Business Park – permission granted for extension on south east elevation and alterations to south west elevation.

2.1.2 **15/2795/VAR** Land Adjacent To Former Royal Oak Inn - Approval retrospective (with conditions) for variation of condition no. 2 (approved plans condition) of planning permission 13/0970/VAR to amend design and layout of plot 1 (retrospective application)

2.1.3 **15/2180/FUL** 28 Manleys Lane – Permission granted for erection of boundary fence, decking and balustrade

2.1.4 **16/0031/PDR** Barns At Higher Musgrove Dunkeswell Abbey - Prior approval granted for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to a hotel

2.2 **Applications**

2.2.1 **16/0493/AGR** (Land North Of) Shepherds Valley - Timber framed agricultural storage building. **COMMENTS:** request to be made to EDDC to ensure there is agricultural justification for the building, that the ridge height be reduced to an appropriate level and that a planting scheme be a condition of any permission granted.

2.2.2 **16/0468/FUL** Droughtwell Farm Sheldon (neighbouring parish) – Construction of broiler house. **COMMENTS:** request to be made to EDDC to ensure there is agricultural justification for the building and that a planting scheme be a condition of any permission granted.

2.2.3 **16/0591/PDO** The Tower Marcus Road - Prior approval of proposed change of use of office (B1a) to residential (C3). **COMMENTS:** No objections.

2.3 **TREE APPLICATIONS** (for decision)

2.3.1 **16/0445/TCA Jacaranda** - T1, Oak: Remove lowest limb on southern aspect and crown clean.

T2, Sycamore: Remove lowest limb overhanging the garden of the Old Royal Oak. **DECISION:**

2.3.2 **16/0564/TRE 5 Walden Road** - G1, 11 x Beech: Crown reduction via thinning to remove no more than 20% of the foliar area, target pruning cuts of no more than 75mm diameter removing branch end lengths of up to 4m. Crown lift to give 5m clearance above ground level, removing 2nd and lower order branches up to 20mm diameter. **DECISION:**

2.3.2 **16/0506/TRE**

2.4 **Neighbourhood Plan** – update Housing consultation 19th March 2016 both morning and evening sessions were well attended and many questionnaires were completed, the results supported our previous finding and proved to us that we are still on track. Next steps will be a steering group meeting to agree further funding and also approve the engagement of Stuart Todd for the adjustment of policies in line with the new Local Plan.

3 HIGHWAYS

3.1 **Lengthsman/Issues to report** – drains by police house have not been cleared

3.3 **Parish Highways work** – update layby on Abbey Road

3.4 **Highways Conference - 16th March - Exeter Football Club**

This event will run from 10am - 4pm and will provide town and parish clerks and councillors with an update on

highway matters and innovative ideas on traffic management to build a better understanding of what can be done to keep our highway network fit for purpose. There will be working sessions on self-help schemes (such as the Road Warden scheme), Road Safety and planning road networks. Refreshments and lunch are included. Free parking is available.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 4.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** –Burnsome Lane works are going well and Riverside Bridleway work is to commence shortly.

5 ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 **Emergency planning & winter issues** – receive any new items for consideration - none
 5.2 EDDC will shortly be consulting on draft proposals for new Public Spaces Protection Orders, key facts regarding the process have been received by letter. Clerk has confirmed that the parish currently has no byelaws regarding public spaces.

6 COMMUNITY

- 6.1 **Community policing report** – Since January – theft of motor vehicle, theft of trailer, rape, burglary dwelling and industrial unit, criminal damage to car.
 6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – Play reports have been received for the year – actions required as follows: sign for sportsfield for agreement £120 plus VAT aluminium sign with graphics, agreed.
 6.3 **Allotments** – no report this time
 6.4 **Halls** – no report this time
 6.5 **School** – no further progress
 6.5.1 **Website** – draft is ready for approval.
 6.6 **Broadband** –clerk has had numerous calls with BT who are refusing to issue a statement about what happened and why, clerk will persist.
 6.7 **The Queens 90th Birthday celebration** – agreed that parish organisations should come forward now if they have ideas which may require funding.
 6.8 Devon Air Ambulance Trust's 'community helipads' initiative – Cllr Procter has agreed that the airfield could be used as required.

7 FINANCE

- 7.1 **Grants** – none
 7.2 **Receipts** - none
 7.3 **Cheque payments** –
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| Cut and Strim (grass cutting) | £38.00 |
| 1&1 website hosting | £1.99 (monthly charge) |
| 1&1 website hosting (annual security charge) | £15.99 |
| Consiliosa Ltd (website redesign) | £950.00 |
| R J Turner (play inspections) | £347.00 |
| CJ Barrow (Burnsome Lane) | £880.80 |
| Clerk Remuneration March | £671.58 |
| Mr B Buxton (Storage of files) | £24.00 |
| Village Hall insurance grant | £575.00 |
| Hire of village Hall | £276.50 |
| Neighbourhood Plan- refreshments consultation event | £46.55 |
| Travel/Expense claims: | |
| Clerk expenses March | £70.67 |
| Cllr Clewer (mileage meetings attended) | £44.10 |
| Cllr Page (mileage meetings attended) | £22.50 |
| DONATIONS: | |
| Honiton Mobile Library | £50.00 |
| Honiton Ring and Ride - TRIP | £100.00 |
| Blackdown Support Group | £100.00 |
| Dunkeswell Preschool | £300.00 |
| Blackdown Hills Parish Network | £200.00 |
| (Cheques agreed) | |

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/3/16 - £22437.43 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds £341.00 (opening bal 2015 -£92, March 2015 grant £1000 less -£218, -£173, -£174, -£94 no vat)
 P3 balance of Burnsome lane funds £2252.50 (opening bal April 2015 grant £3,000 -£747.50 not including VAT paid of £149.50 as this will be reclaimed)

- 7.4 **Signatories to be amended on bank account** at next meeting
 7.5 **Annual Parish Meeting** – after much discussion it was agreed there was not a workable and affordable solution for PIR lighting at the New Century Park, a bus shelter may be possible by using s106 funding, the owner of an area of land which would be suitable has been asked informally, and a formal approach will be made.

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

- 1 Enquiry by email from resident on Azalea Close who is finding inconsiderate parking a problem.
- 2 Complaint received by email from neighbour about Noise / Anti-social behaviour occurring on the Blossom Hill Park in Dunkeswell. Several park residents were 'partying' in their hot tubs, this has been reported direct to Blossom Hill to address.

Dates for next meetings 2016 –

11th April 2016 Planning Meeting 7 pm Dunkeswell Village Hall (followed by meeting Parishes Together Fund)

18th April 2016 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 7pm & Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Dunkeswell Village Hall