

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for The Annual General Meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, Monday 14th May 2007.

Present: Mr G Sworder (Chairman), Mr J Barrow (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Mrs B Russell and Mrs V Keitch, Mssrs Mr C Sumpter, M Stevens, B Procter, District Councillor Mrs M Boote and no members of the public.
Apologies: A Luscombe, County Councillor Mr Roger Boote, 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 Mrs Boote took the chair for the nomination of Chairman Mr Sworder was proposed and unanimously agreed. Mr Sworder accepted the post and took the chair for the rest of the meeting and welcomed Vanetta Keitch to the parish council. Mr Barrow was proposed for Vice Chairman and accepted (unanimously agreed).

Appointment of Chairman and officers:

Chairman:	Mr Sworder
Vice Chairman:	Mr Barrow
Planning Committee:	Mr Sworder, Mr Sumpter and Mrs Keitch
Tree and Footpaths Warden:	Mr Barrow
Transport and Traffic Representative:	Left vacant for the time being

All posts were unanimously agreed

- 1.2 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th April, 2007 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. With two amendment – cheque to community first for insurance was not paid at the last meeting, but to be paid tonight and the amount is £597.56. Mr Barrow asked for a passing comment which was minuted to be struck from the 'Footpaths' section, as this was not something that had happened in this parish.
AGREED

2 PLANNING

2.1 Decisions (for information)

06/3351/FUL Dunkeswell Kart Circuit – Permission granted for retention of car parking and pits
07/0614/TRE 19 Louis Way – permission granted to fell one ash tree
06/2607/FUL land rear of 3 Culme Close – permission granted for amendments to approved scheme of 4 dwellings including conservatory to each unit and extension to plot 1.
07/0685/FUL The Old Kennels – permission granted for extension to replace existing conservatory
07/0723/FUL 38 Catalina Close – permission refused to extend existing garage to form store

2.2 Applications (for recommendation)

07/1165/FUL Unit 17 Flightway – inclusion of living accommodation within previously approved building and alterations to fenestration. RECOMMENDATION: **refusal** as the live work units should be limited to the rear hedgeline and not be allowed in to the body of the industrial estate.

07/1167/FUL 3 Culme Close – erection of single storey dwelling and parking RECOMMENDATION: **refusal** as this development is too close to the highway and is in fact a two storey dwelling on the plan.

07/0972/FUL 111 Tower Way – two storey extension RECOMMENDATION: **approval**

07/1243/TRE 18 Simcoe Way –re-coppice one oak and 3 ash stools RECOMMENDATION: **approval** (except two ash trees which lean drastically on the house side should be removed completely and the rest of the trees reduce by a third in height not half, or preferably cut right down and allow to regrow to a manageable height).

07/1231/FUL Garages Culme Way – alterations to planning permission 07/0353 approved dwelling over garages RECOMMENDATION: **refusal** as the parking opposite the development is actually a loading bay, and not parking for the shops. Therefore this application should be refused as it shows two public parking spaces being taken in to the curtailage of the dwelling. This should therefore be refused.

07/00582/CLU (MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL APPLICATION) Smeatharpe Stadium – application for a certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of land for motor racing – any representations should be made to MDDC by 9th May 2007. Full application may be viewed online at www.middevon.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=113

Enforcement

Clerk to ask Enforcement to check the heights of the fences of the properties to the rear of Azalea Close.

2.3 **Applications withdrawn (for information)**
07/0854/TRE 18 Simcoe Way – crown thin three ash trees

2.4 The Chairman recently wrote to the new head of Development Control a EDDC (Steven Belli). Three questions were asked; should the airfield not be statutory consultees regarding any neighbouring application which may affect the use of the airport. Secondly regarding the height of the fencing around the car parking area at the Kart circuit which will interfere with the use of the neighbouring runway when it is brought back into use, and thirdly could the parish council be consulted on any landscaping conditions which are put in place as conditions on this site. The Reply was that Exeter Airport was consulted (just 800m lower and twenty miles from the site), but they will in future consult with the airport over future developments, but there is no requirement to consult with parishes over landscaping. A suitable reply is to be sent objecting to the later point.

Outstanding planning matters/applications as at the 14th May 2007: (for information)

January 2004	04/P0078 British Light Aircraft Co. (awaiting highways new proposal)
April 2005	05/0993/FUL Land at Highfield – 26 open market units, Land off Powells Way - 19 affordable dwellings, community facilities recreational land off Liberator Way
October 2005	05/2721/FUL Brookside Farm – change of use to residential, educational centre, activity equipment.
May 2006	06/0969/FUL Highfield Community Hall
August 2006	06/2038/COU Sheldon Grange –cross country course
November 2006	06/2607/FUL land rear of Culme Close – amendments to approved scheme 4no. dwellings including conservatory to each unit and extension to plot 1
December 2006	06/3398/FUL Rosemary Cottage – two storey extension.
March 2007	07/0353/COU Garages at Culme Way –
April 2007	07/0943/FUL Orchard View – Loft conversion with roof lights and dormers 06/2038/COU Equestrian Cross Country Course

4 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

4.1 Safety Camera Partnership - no reply as yet

4.2 Letter from DCC Highways – There has been a request for a directional sign for Westerhope Units at Wolford Cross, the Area Engineer is seeking the Parish Councils opinion on this. This is a dangerous crossroads, any sign should most definitely be higher than eyelevel to avoid any interference with visibility and of a small scale reading 'Westerhope Units' and not signs for the individual businesses. It should also be suggested that a small sign for 'Dunkeswell Aerodrome' should be placed off the A30 and at Limers Cross to save traffic taking wrong turnings. The parish council would like to arrange a meeting with Mr Riddell to speak about signage in general, particularly in view of the parish being offered the opportunity to determine signage applications in future.

4.3 Mr Barrow asked for a letter to be written to Dr Ian Harrison (copy to Cllr R Boote and Cllr M Boote) complaining about the misuse of funds on Highways and lack of funding for important works.

4.4 Potholes – Opposite Percy Farm, Chapel, water cover Quinains, outside the gate of Marylea.

5 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

5.1 Report from Mr Barrow. Nothing to report.

6 ENVIRONMENT

6.1 DCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework - Statement of Community Involvement (Submission Draft) representations invited by 11th June 2007.

6.2 There is a new business waste recycling system in the area who will take plastics and cardboard.

7 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

7.1 Community policing report – none given. Clerk to inform them of burnt out car at Hutshayes.

7.2 Playgrounds – Safety Inspection was carried out report has been passed to DCP&LG, clerk to question if this is the wrong report as it refers to wood bark which is no longer exists in the Churchill Playground. A new playground attendant is required for the New Century Park for the locking and unlocking the playground.

7.3 Sports field – solicitors are still agreeing the overage on the site. The BMX track is to be made shortly, the MUGA is hopefully to be paid for by EDDC with Lottery money. There will be a metal shelter and fencing to be installed. An application has been made to Peoples Millions (Big Lottery Fund) for £51,000.

7.4 Halls – Statement of account for 2006-7 received from Mrs Russell, the hall requires £100.00 grant AGREED.

7.5 Litter bins – nothing to report

7.7 Housing needs survey – a meeting was held with Magna Homes and the Community Council of Devon. An additional housing needs survey has been enclosed in the next parish magazine. There will be an open house event at the Community Hall on the 13th June 2007 between 2 and 6pm. The Regional Spatial Strategy states that we are 75,000 -150,000 houses short in the region and the average house price is 8.5 times the lower quartile household income in the area.

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- 7.8 Allotments - an association has been formed and they have rotavated the ground. A further meeting will be held shortly to form rules and collect subscriptions.
- 7.9 School – no reply has yet been received. Clerk to menace for a response.
- 7.10 letters from Devon County Council and Exeter City Council regarding the proposal for a unitary authority for Exeter. Stakeholders are asked to give views by 22nd June 2007 for more information:www.devon.gov.uk/index/democracymunities/whitepaper.htm

8 FINANCE

8.1	Receipts –	P3 Grant (towards specific projects)	£800.00
		VAT reclaim (2006/7)	£1029.82
8.2	Cheque payments -	EDDC Planning application fee sports ground	£132.50
		Community First (Insurance June 2006- June 2007)	£597.56
		Tony Mogford Associates Ltd. (Play inspection)	£164.50
		DAPTC Quality Councils Seminar delegate fees	£30.00
		Cut and Trim	£90.00
		Village Hall (meeting with Magna Homes/CCD)	£12.00
		Dunkeswell Community Hall grant	£100.00
	Payment by direct debit -	Virgin Broadband (Public Access Computer) monthly	£24.99
		BT Quarterly payment (Public Access Computer) September, December, March and June	£32.99
		(Cheques and direct debits AGREED).	
	Account balances - at 1/5/07	Paths Account £438.70	
		Parish Account £9927.38	

- 8.3 Accounts for approval and Audit Commission return for authorisation. A VAT reclaim in the sum of £1089.22 has been submitted.

- 8.4 East Devon District Council are hosting a welcome and refresher event at the Knowle, Sidmouth at 5.30pm on Tuesday 15th May 2007. The evening will include a briefing on structure and function of EDDC, roles of executives, scrutiny and overview committees, planning and a chance to network over tea and biscuits at the end of the evening.

- 8.5 Devon Wheels to Work (full details of scheme available) are requesting a grant of £500 - £2000 from the Parish Council. Agreed not to support this cause unless there are users in our parish.

- 8.6 TRIP Community Transport Association have written to the parish council informing us that Honiton Ring and Ride have recently merged with TRIP. This will not affect services to our parish. TRIP wish to introduce their services, thank us for our support (and ask for future support), ask to place an article in our parish magazine and enlist our support in promoting their services as well as in finding new volunteer drivers. Finally they ask if the parish council feel there is a demand for any additional services in our area which they could possibly provide.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC none

Dates for next meetings –

Annual Parish Meeting; 21st May 2007, 7.30pm

Planning Applications: Monday 11th June, 2007 7-8pm

Parish Council: Monday 18th June, 2007 7.30pm

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