

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday
Monday 20th November 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Kerri Webber, Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard and three members of the public.

Apologies: Tim Clewer, County Councillor Iain Chubb, District Councillor Colin Brown, 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 Receive apologies for absence. AS ABOVE

1.2 Minutes of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on **Monday 16th October 2017** 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. Dog walking path slip hazard by steps (see below). NOTED

2 PLANNING

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

2.1 DECISIONS(for information)

2.1.1 17/1756/VAR Land Adjacent Flightway Business Park - Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 13/1954/MFUL to extend the operating life of the solar farm from 25 years and six months to 30 years and six months. Approval with conditions.

2.1.2 17/1837/FUL 14 Simcoe Way - First floor extension to form annex. Refusal

2.1.3 17/1886/FUL Dunkeswell Airfield - Erection of lean-to extension to aircraft storage shed for use as machinery storage shed. Approval with conditions.

2.1.4 16/2285/FUL Copse South Of Hill View - Granted approval with conditions to remove bank to form entrance to copse and erection of gate and gate posts.

2.2 APPLICATIONS (for comment)

2.2.1 17/2165/FUL Hill View - Retention of temporary workers accommodation. Comments: There is insufficient detail in the application to be clear exactly what the accommodation to be retained comprises. There is no business plan or justification for temporary workers accommodation therefore the parish council cannot support the application.

2.2.2 17/2519/FUL Unit 29 Marcus Road - Demolition of existing structure and the erection of a portal frame building for manufacturing, storage and distribution of goods. Comments: No objections.

2.2.3 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 Comments: The parish council are broadly supportive of this application, but would like to see the balance of working and living accommodation to be three flats and three work units in line with the Neighbourhood Plan.

2.2.4 17/2577/FUL 4 Broomfields - 2 Storey side extension Comments: No objections

2.2.5 17/2562/FUL Unit 22 Flightway - Extension to existing industrial unit. Comments: No objections

2.2.6 17/2688/FUL Land At Dunkeswell Airfield - The construction of a 5.2MW Battery Storage Power Plant together with other associated works. Comments: Although there are no objections to this application, the Design and Access Statement should be corrected at 5.15 where it states access is possible via Manleys lane - it does contradict this later but should still be corrected as there is no access from this route.

3. TREE APPLICATIONS (for decision)

3.1 17/2455/TRE 2 Bluebell Road - 6 x Beech trees forming boundary hedge - Reduce the total height garage roof line height to form a hedge like the neighbours, (5-6m of total height) to increase light into the garden and property. 1 x Lawson Cypress - Cut to ground level to clear the footpath complants.

4 Neighbourhood Plan – Alterations have now been made as requested by the inspector and the approval of EDDC and referendum will took place on Thursday 19th October 2017- the vote in favour of the plan was 89.91% with a turnout of 22.42%, it was disappointing to find

32 people voted against the plan, but with no explanation as to why as we have not had any objections to any part of the plan at any stage in the last three years of consultation. If those people would like to contact the parish council and explain what concerns they have they could possibly be addressed. Overall this was a positive result and a good turnout when measured against other Neighbourhood Plan referendums.

5 HIGHWAYS

- 5.1 **Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report** – Culvert blocked in ditch on main road between Stentwood and Gypsy Cross. Between Abbey Chapel and Madford Bridge road is breaking up on both sides.
- 5.2 **Parish Highways work** –
- 5.3 **Report on Highways Annual Conference** - Cllr Barrow - Highways Annual Conference report & '20/20 Group' - The annual Highways conference was attended by John Barrow who made requests on behalf of the 20/20 group - Highways have sent details of flashing speed limit signs as requested. Although this is not something DCC would fund it could be funded by the Parish Council and/or residents. The approximate costs are - £4000 for the Unit and £200 for the post, subject to following all guidance on the attached. With regards to a separate request regarding double yellow lines to stop inconsiderate parking, unfortunately this is not something we would support due to the fact that Dunkeswell is so isolated and enforcement is unlikely to take place on a regular basis.
- 5.4 **Road closure** - for forthcoming drainage works **Honiton to Dunkeswell Road, near Combe Raleigh**. The road needs to close because a culvert has collapsed and requires replacement. Highways are also installing new gullies whilst the closure is in place. Please note the road will be excavated which means it will be impassable to vehicles. It is essential these works are carried out to keep road users safe and maintain our assets. As well as erecting road signs in the area in advance of the works, we will be informing our press office, and contacting the major businesses in the area, particularly those in Dunkeswell. The works are programmed to commence on **Monday 4 December for a maximum of 5 days**.

6 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 6.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – Stiles have been replaced on Footpath 10.

7 ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1 **Emergency planning & winter issues** – receive any new items for consideration. Salt has been ordered and annual Snow Warden form was returned.
- 7.2 **Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (2018 - 2022)**
Consultation to consider the risks that the communities of Devon and Somerset face and the prevention and response activities the Service can put in place to mitigate those risks. More detail, including a copy of the draft plan, details of how to get involved and a questionnaire to capture your views can be found on our website: www.dsfire.gov.uk/consultation. The consultation period formally closes on 31 December 2017, and the results are due to be presented to the Fire and Rescue Authority in February 2018.
- 7.3 **Wildflower Planting Scheme/ AppleTree Planting** - a parishioner has asked for the backing of the parish council in planting fruit trees around the parish. The Parish Council are broadly supportive of the idea and will help where they can.
- 7.4 **Blackdown Hills AONB Management Plan 2014 Review** - The preparation and review of the AONB Management Plan is statutorily required by the Government. We have produced an online survey to elicit comments and views from a range of partners, stakeholders and plan users on the existing AONB Management Plan; please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/D08bzzOoPTSl28cl1> to complete the survey.

We would really welcome your input to help ensure that the AONB Management Plan is fit for the future: There may be some sections of the survey which are not particularly relevant to you or your interests; please feel free to only respond to the sections most relevant to you. The objectives and policies of the AONB Management Plan are important as they become the policies for the AONB when the Plan is adopted by each local authority. It is therefore important that we know whether the existing ones are valid and relevant and in the survey we ask you to comment on the policies in the current plan. You may submit the survey form anonymously if you wish. For reference, the attached pdf document summarises the structure of the Management Plan and lists all the objective and policies in a table. The entire Management Plan can be viewed on our website at www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk/managementplan.html. Response by 15th December 2017.

8 COMMUNITY & GOVERNANCE

- 8.1 **Community policing report** – PCSO Anning – no report this time

8.2 Playgrounds/Sports field/Allotments/Halls – Replacement of fence at Sportsfield has been completed and repairs to dog walking path have been made, it was agreed that the dog path be made more winterproof by at the addition of more planings at the top where grass is bare due to heavy use and that a small path be made up long the length to provide additional grip when walking and prevent deep mud forming over winter. This is a high use path and it is felt that it would be greatly appreciated by many residents. A further request for additional dog walking space has been received from a resident, reply has been sent explaining that opportunities to provide this are limited but it is a recognised need. A new bench has been carved from an oak tree by Cllr Barrow and placed in the Sportsfield.

8.5 COMMUNITY ASSETS - List to be compiled for registration with EDDC and added to website.

8.6 Village Hall Ceiling Project - quotes are being sought

8.7 EDDC & DCC Meeting with Parish Councils - Tuesday 5th December between 6pm and 8.30pm.

The details will be finalised, but the plan at present is to commence the event with refreshments at 6pm, followed by a number of speakers as follows;

- Councillor John Hart – Continuing Budget issues and an overview from a County perspective of matters facing Local Authorities
- Devon Air Ambulance Trust – How the DAAT is working with communities on Community Landing Sites
- Neighbourhood Plans – An overview and update –EDDC
- The Transformation Strategy for EDDC – Simon Davey, Strategic lead for finance

9 FINANCE

9.1 Grants – (For Agreement) none

9.2 Receipts - none

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| 9.3 Cheque payments – Cut and Trim | £38.00 |
| McCabe Fencing | £1800.00 |
| Clerk Remuneration October | £671.58 |
| Clerk expenses October | £70.61 |
| Facebook ads Neighbourhood Plan (Cheques agreed) | £31.47 |

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/10/17 - £26570.45

9.4 Changes to the Parishes Together Fund for the financial year 2018/2019

The rules are changing for the Parishes Together Fund for the financial year 2018 / 2019 (applications from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019). These changes follow-on from a review of the rules by county, district and city council officers and have been approved at a recent Devon County Council Cabinet / Leadership Group meeting. The full guidance principles for 2018 / 2019, which the new rules will be based on, are attached.

The key changes for East Devon town and parish councils are:

- The changes return the scheme to its original purpose of encouraging communities to work together; identifying and kick starting new ideas for their mutual benefit; enhancing and making a difference to communities.
- Match-funding is encouraged and will increase the chance of an application being approved.
- You will need to demonstrate that you have explored opportunities to work with other voluntary and community groups to either identify and/or carry out the proposed project.
- The fund cannot be used for regular activities, such as grass cutting, ditch and drainage works and any other associated 'lengthsman' duties, as the fund exists to help identify new ideas to benefit communities.

There is one closing date left for this fund this financial year, 2017 / 2018, this is on 7 February 2018 and this is the last time the current rules will apply. East Devon District Council will then be issuing new rules for the fund based on the attached guidance principles for 2018 / 2019.

Agreed to submit an application for Finger post renovation.

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 reply and thank Magnetar for their generous offer. There are several community projects which would benefit greatly from a donation.

10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting was closed before questions from the public). None 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 2017 – Monday 11th December 2017 Neighbourhood Planning 6.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm