

## DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Kerri Webber, Tina Page, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, Tim Clewer, County Councillor Iain Chubb, District Councillor Colin Brown and 10 members of the public.

**Apologies:** **Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Andrew Luscombe**, 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 18th September 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. NONE

## 2 **PLANNING**

([http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application\\_searchform.aspx](http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx) )

### 2.1 **DECISIONS**(for information)

2.1.1 **None**

### 2.2 **APPLICATIONS** (for comment)

2.2.1 **17/1275/FUL Brookside Farm** - Retention of 2no mobile homes for for occupation by security staff and a storage container. AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION response within 21 days. COMMENTS: The Parish Council are concerned that no justification has been offered for additional accommodation or security on site. The caravans appear to be fenced away from main site thereby implying use as a separate dwelling. There being no proven need for the additional accommodation the parish council see no reason for this application to be granted permission.

## 3. **TREE APPLICATIONS** (for decision)

3.1 **None**

4 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Alterations have now been made as requested by the inspector and the approval of EDDC and referendum will take place on Thursday 19th October 2017- Facebook ads and a magazine notice have been placed to try and encourage people to vote.

## 5 **HIGHWAYS**

5.1 **Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report** – Potholes: Water Tower, Bowerhayes Lane, Outside garage is flooding, Powells Way/Highfield Road junction. Kerb loose outside the shop, clerk to let WIMS know.

5.2 **Parish Highways work** –

## 6 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

6.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – footpaths have once again been complimented on the excellent state of repair, a stile has been reinstated next to a gate on Footpath 12.

## 7 **ENVIRONMENT**

7.1 **Emergency planning & winter issues** – receive any new items for consideration

Please be advised that DCC will not proactively fill grit bins prior to the start of the winter period. However, they will respond to any requests that are made via their webpages. Therefore, please visit DCC 'report a problem' page if you are aware of any grit bins, within your communities, which are damaged, empty or the contents are unusable;

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

**7.2 Wildflower Planting Scheme – no report this time**

**7.3 '20/20 Group'** visited the meeting to explain their concern over driving speeds in the village. The parish council offered to help them engage with DCC Highways in order to look for a solution to lowering driving speeds through the village. Cllr Barrow to assist in arranging a meeting between Highways and the group.

**8 COMMUNITY & GOVERNANCE**

**8.1 Community policing report – PCSO Anning –** Five crimes this month; Public order - Dispute between landowners over parking of agricultural vehicles, Drink drive - Male found over the drink drive limit after accident, Burglary - Porch to house entered and keys to vehicle stolen and vehicle removed – vehicle later recovered by police, Misuse telecoms - Female received unpleasant telephone message about her lost cat, Misuse telecoms - Juvenile female received unwanted text messages from an adult female

**8.2 Playgrounds/Sports field/Allotments/Halls –**

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

**8.4 Village Hall Ceiling Project -** quotes are being sought

**8.5 Blackdown Hills Transition Repair Cafe -** request for help, support and advice in getting this up and running. To be held on a Saturday morning once every 2-3 months to start with and rotate around those villages that are supportive of the idea so that travel distances are evened out for people with items to repair. This will need to be carefully planned, funded and insured and we shall take all the necessary steps in these areas. The Blackdown Hills Transition group feels that this is a splendid way in which to foster community spirit while, at the same time, saving people money and helping the environment by reducing the amount of stuff ending up in landfill. <https://repaircafe.org/en/>

**8.6 EDDC & DCC Meeting with Parish Councils -** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

**9.2 Receipts -** none

<b>9.3 Cheque payments –</b>	Cut and Trim	£87.00
	Luton Green Sawmill	£194.40
	O Starr (replace oak Wellsteps railings)	£380.00
	Grant Thornton Auditors	£360.00
	Clerk Remuneration September	£671.58
	Clerk expenses September	£70.61
	Facebook ads Neighbourhood Plan	£11.37
	(Cheques AGREED)	

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/10/17 - £27910.41 includes the following:

**9.4 Parishes Together Fund -**

**9.5 External Audit** has been completed with no issues, apart from CGT being added to incorrect box.

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

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 –           13<sup>th</sup> November 2017                    Planning Meeting 7 – 8 pm  
  20<sup>th</sup> November 2017                    Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm