

**DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes for a MEETING** of Dunkeswell Parish Council to be held in the Village Hall on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Kerry Webber, Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor Colin Brown, PCSO Anning 30012 and three members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Andrew Maynard, Tim Clewer & PC Vickery 4783,

*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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015** to be 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

1.4 **FOI request** – made via email, information was held by district council and so applicant was signposted.

## 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 **15/1690/FUL Mast Dunkeswell** – Permission granted for the installation of 6no. antennas and 2no. 0.6m dishes on an existing 47.5m high electronic communications mast. The development also comprises the installation of a 8.6m x 4m fenced compound and ancillary development thereto.

2.1.2 **15/1728/OUT Marylea** – permission refused for construction of agricultural workers dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved).

### 2.2 Applications

2.2.1 **15/1817/AGR Lammas Lands Farmhouse** – Forestry Track COMMENTS: To follow after site visit.

2.2.2 **15/2217/FUL 19 Simcoe Way** – single storey extension and verandah COMMENTS: To follow after site visit.

2.2.3 **15/2180/FUL 28 Manleys Lane** – erection of boundary fence, decking and balustrade COMMENTS: The Parish Council feel the height of the proposed fence to be excessive and dominating in such a small garden. Due to the slope on the land it would be more appropriate to follow the contour of the land at a height of no more than 1.8 metres. In addition any permission should most importantly respect legal boundaries of land ownership which it currently appears not to do, the boundary map should be far more detailed.

### 2.3 TREE APPLICATIONS (for decision)

2.3.1 **none**

2.4 **EDDC Local Plan** – (Meeting was attended by Mark Williams Chief Executive EDDC). The council thanked Mr Williams for taking the time to come to Dunkeswell who spoke about the progress with the local Plan, a final report is expected in the next few weeks which will determine whether or not Strategy 27 will include Dunkeswell and Chardstock. The District Council are keen for local areas to produce and prepare Neighbourhood Plans, it helps balance policies particularly in relation to Housing, which the District council are under pressure to adhere to from government. Mr Williams reassured the council that there is weight given to Neighbourhood Plans and these can give protection to things of local importance. Cllr Barrow explained that the sewer cannot cope with any more development as SWW do not have a way to increase the capacity of the existing system. The roads are a similar situation, where despite current excesses of traffic for the class of road, we are powerless to resist piecemeal development, Mr Williams acknowledged this frustration with infrastructure objections. It was explained that contracts have been exchanged on The Knowle and it will soon be subject to a planning application from the developer Pegasus. It will be decided soon whether all or some of the departments will be relocated to Exmouth and Honiton (see 2.7).

2.5 **Neighbourhood Plan** – nothing further to report

2.6 **EDDC Scrutiny Committee** - Chardstock and Dunkeswell were included in the list of settlements with a built up area boundary in Strategy 27 of the draft local plan. Statement on page 2 of the agenda papers which sets out that discussion of this issue will form a key part of the scrutiny work into the production process of the

Local Plan at a future date to be determined. As no discussion or debate will be entered into on this subject on the 15 October, I felt it best to advise you and your parish councillors, in case plans had already been made to attend this meeting and speak on the issue. The agenda can be found at:

<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/1332316/151015-scrutiny-agenda-combined.pdf>

- 2.7 **Moving and Improving Questionnaire** - East Devon District Council has made a decision to relocate to Honiton and Exmouth. The council offices are old, expensive to run and need ongoing repairs; the public spaces are not very welcoming and the offices are not fit for purpose for a modern 21<sup>st</sup> century organisation such as ours. Put simply, moving is a cheaper option for East Devon than staying put. To tell us which services you want us to provide from Honiton and Exmouth and how else you would like us to deliver services to you in your role as a Town or Parish Councillor. When you fill in the questionnaire please be sure to think about your contact with us as a representative of a Town or Parish Council, and not about your contact with us as a resident.

**Online questionnaire for Town and Parish Councillors:**

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=144414425297> by **Thursday 12 November 2015.**

Residents questionnaire [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/consultation-and-surveys/moving-and-improving](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/consultation-and-surveys/moving-and-improving)

For more information on our office relocation please see our website: <http://eastdevon.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-business/moving-and-improving/moving-and-improving-all-you-need-to-know-about-the-office-relocation/>

- 2.8 **Report from EDDC Cllr Paul Diviani** - After the Scottish Devolution where power was devolved to the Scottish Parliament, the English Local Authorities have made it quite clear that we expect power to be devolved as locally as possible as Local Government (not centralised government) is widely recognised as the most efficient. With the establishment of the Northern Powerhouse and Manchester's agglomeration and Cornwall's separatism agenda, Devon, Somerset, the two Unitaries of Plymouth and Torbay have jointly produced an Expression of Interest with the 13 District and Borough Councils, Dartmoor and Exmoor, our two National Parks, our 7 AONBs and the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (HotSWLEP) which is a broad brush indication of how we would expect devolution to work. Over the next two months a number of us will be working on various themes to put together a more detailed ask of the Government. We have already heard that Business Rates will take the place of the Government's Revenue Support Grant but as usual have yet to see the small print!

Last Thursday, John Hart, John Osman (Somerset CC) and I attended an historic joint summit of the County and District Councils Networks (CCN and DCN) in London with other District and County Leaders to discuss and build on the progress already made locally with a view to ensuring unity and collaboration amongst ourselves and with central government. Greg Clarke (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government makes it quite clear that this is an all-in deal – every single authority has to agree or all deals are off! In the meantime, we have today received a letter from Greg as per:

"We look forward to working with you to ensure that your proposal will maximise economic growth... keen to maintain momentum... my ministerial team to meet with you to discuss aspects of your proposal with a view to reach a timely agreement with the Government."

In the SW we have established Themes in order to fast track the work we need to develop as follows:

1. Health, Social Care and Wellbeing led by Cllr Philip Sanders (West Devon), Phil Norrey (DCC)
2. Skills & Employment led by Cllr Tudor Evans (Plymouth CC), Kerry Rickards (Sedgemoor DC)
3. Housing & Planning led by Cllr Paul Diviani (East Devon DC), Karime Hassan (Exeter CC)
4. Business Support led by Cllr Duncan McGinty (Sedgemoor DC), Chris Garcia (the LEP)
5. Resilience & Connectivity led by Cllr John Hart (DCC), Chief Exec lead **tbc** by Pat Flaherty
6. Governance led by Cllr Pete Edwards (Exeter City), Pat Flaherty (SCC)
7. Programme Office led by Cllr John Osman (SCC), Tracey Lee (Plymouth CC)

And this by Christmas!

The Local Plan. Following a query as to the timetable for EDDC's Local Plan, this from Matt Dickins:

"The Local Plan is now with the Inspector and future progress and timetables really depend on his feedback.

Best/quickest timetable is that he gets back to us in the near future, possibly this month, and advises us to consult on a series of changes to the plan that would, in principle, satisfy him that the plan could be found sound. Of course final judgment would then need to rest on feedback received on any comments made through the consultation. Under this best case scenario the consultation could run up to/be concluded by or around the year end and adoption could be in early 2016. I would advise, however, that other slower timetables might happen."

### 3 HIGHWAYS

#### 3.1 Lengthsman -

3.2 **Issues to report** – verge covering the drain on the left going over Abbey Hill, the village sign could do with straightening.

3.3 **Parish Highways work** – update layby on Abbey Road – 50t of planings donated by DCC Highways are to be delivered to site shortly ready for the work.

3.4 **Signage for Airfield** – Two new signs have been requested for the airfield and recently authorised..

**4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – Burnsome Lane is ongoing, planings will be supplied by Highways.

4.2 **Notice of Making Orders** – Highways Act 1980/Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Bridleway 12 and Footpaths no 13) Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map Statement Modification Orders 2015 – (Footpath 22) Extinguishment Order 2015 Made on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Maps can be viewed at EDDC offices, Knowle, Sidmouth EX10 8HL. Representations in writing to the County Solicitor, Devon County Council, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD by 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015. For information

**5 ENVIRONMENT**

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

**6 COMMUNITY**

6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning - Public Order incident and unruly dogs (with no injuries to dogs or people). PCSO Anning explained that the laws have now changed and dog incidents are now reportable to the police who work in conjunction with the District Council Dog Warden to ensure action is taken where necessary.

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – Lights for New Century Park, decided to ask DCC prior to purchasing solar lighting.

6.3 **Allotments** – Nothing to report

6.4 **Halls** – Nothing to report

6.5 **School** – Nothing to report

**7 FINANCE**

7.1 **Grants** – none

7.2 **Receipts** - none

7.3 <b>Cheque payments</b> –	Cut and Strim	£94.00
	Clerk Remuneration October	£671.58
	Clerk expenses October	£70.67

**(Cheques AGREED)**

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/10/15 - £29325.73 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £3908 (opening bal -£92, grant £4,000)

7.4 **Blackdown Hills Parish Network** – follow up meeting to be held with parish representatives after MPs meeting evening of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 - report

7.5 **Signatories to be amended on bank account** to reflect new council and clerk when appointed

7.6 **Annual Parish Meeting** - a request was made for discrete solar lighting activated by PIR at the New Century Park, and bus shelters which may be possible by using s106 funding. For further discussion.

7.7 **Clerks formal resignation for acceptance** - Advertisement, job description and person specification has been prepared for approval of the council.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** (The meeting was closed before questions from the public) none.

**Dates for next meetings 2015 –**

9th November 2015 Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm

16th November 2015 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

14th December 2015 Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

**Dunkeswell Parish Council** Seeks an organised, independent and adaptable individual to work as clerk to a parish council. Dunkeswell is an active rural parish council, who meet twelve times per year and hold a further twelve planning meetings. Dunkeswell has an up to date parish plan, Neighbourhood Plan in draft form awaiting inspection and has achieved Quality Status. The post is for eight hours per week (salary in accordance with NALC & SLCC recommended rates)

We are looking for someone with AQA/CiLCA qualification (or who someone will take the qualification within six months of taking post), as well as confidence in all aspects of IT including updating website and social media.

Duties to include attending evening council meetings. Start date January 2016.

A full information pack including job description and person specification is available from:

The Parish Clerk, The Old Kennels, Stentwood, Dunkeswell, EX14 4RW or preferably by email

[info@theoldkennels.co.uk](mailto:info@theoldkennels.co.uk) Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015