

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday Monday 18th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, Tim Clewer and no members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Kerri Webber, Tina Page, 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 **Monday 21st August 2017** were signed as a correct record of that meeting.

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)

1. DECISIONS (for information)

1.1 **16/2464/OUT Higher Park Farm** - Erection of agricultural workers dwelling (Outline application with all matters reserved)

1.2 **17/0734/OUT Land Adj Turbury Farm** - Outline application for the replacement of dilapidated buildings with a live-work unit (all matters reserved)

2 APPLICATIONS (for comment)

2.1 **17/1886/FUL Dunkeswell Airfield Dunkeswell Industrial** - Erection of lean-to extension to aircraft storage shed for use as machinery storage shed. COMMENTS: No objections.

2.2 **17/1830/FUL Hooked Rise Farm** - Retention of static caravan, path, patio and hardstanding and formation of two holiday pitches for touring caravans. COMMENTS: The Parish council have no objections to a touring caravan site if operated under Caravan Club rules and with non-residential occupancy conditions being in place. However no reasonable justification was given in the application for the creation of an additional dwelling by the permanent addition of a static caravan for full residential use on agricultural land.

2.3 **17/1275/FUL Brookside Farm** - Retention of 2no mobile homes for storage purposes and a storage container. COMMENTS: It is clear that these caravans are already used for permanent accommodation and not storage, there are lights on at night and satellite dishes installed. The parish council have seen no business justification for this quantity of storage, and feel the mixture of unsightly containers and caravans is appropriate in the AONB landscape.

2.4 **17/1837/FUL 14 Simcoe Way** - First floor extension to form annex COMMENTS: while the parish council support the principle of additional accommodation for generations living together within a property, there are some concerns that the heightened scale of this addition could be overbearing in relation to the neighbouring property.

3. TREE APPLICATIONS (for decision)

3.1 17/1864/TRE 5 Potters Stile - T4 Beech: Remove from boundary bank. DECISION: In light of further discussion the parish council support the officers recommendation.

4 **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Plan has gained the approval of EDDC and the referendum will take place on Thursday 19th October 2017- at which it is hoped that more than 50% of voters chose to approve the plan in order for it to be adopted. Several Facebook Ads and a magazine

notice will be placed to try and encourage people to vote in the coming weeks. EDDC to attend a NP meeting to discuss how the document will be used going forward.

5 HIGHWAYS

- 5.1 **Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report** – Hedges to rear of properties which back on to Highfield road are again encroaching on the pavement, agreed to approach property owners individually to ask them to trim back. Similarly there are several road hedges in the parish which need trimming, further reminders to be given if these are not done in the coming weeks.
- 5.2 **Parish Highways work** –

6 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 6.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – posts for stiles have arrived and are ready to be fitted.

7 ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1 **Emergency planning & winter issues** – receive any new items for consideration
- 7.2 **Wildflower Planting Scheme** – Should more seed be purchased and the area marked out to prevent mowing?
- 7.3 **Devon County Council** adopted its new [Minerals Plan](#) earlier this year, setting out the policy framework for mineral development in the county over the next 16 years.

The Minerals Plan features the introduction of “Mineral Safeguarding Areas” which aim to secure valuable mineral resources from sterilisation by new development, to ensure that they remain available for use by future generations. These Mineral Safeguarding Areas, together with the associated Mineral Consultation Areas, are available to view on the online [Policies Map](#).

As the Mineral Safeguarding Areas are a new concept and rely on the co-operation of developers and the decisions of Devon’s district councils as local planning authorities, Devon County Council is preparing new guidance to help in decision-making. This guidance, in the form of a Supplementary Planning Document, explains how Mineral Safeguarding Areas are defined and how decisions on development affecting them should be made.

A draft version of the mineral safeguarding guidance is now undergoing consultation, which continues until Monday 16th October 2017. Devon County Council is seeking views from anyone involved in submitting, responding to or determining planning applications in Devon, or those with an interest in the county’s mineral resources.

The draft Mineral Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document can be found online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/draft-supplementary-planning-document-mineral-safeguarding/>. Consultation responses can be made to mineralsplanning@devon.gov.uk or by post using the contact details provided in the consultation document.

For further information on the consultation, please contact Devon County Council at 01392 383510 or mineralsplanning@devon.gov.uk.

8 COMMUNITY & GOVERNANCE

- 8.1 **Community policing report** – PCSO Anning sent a report of crimes in the last month as follows:
Dog bite - 7 year old child bitten by dog causing minor injury
Theft - dog broke free from harness and has not been found, owner believes stolen
Assault - domestic incident – female aggrieved with injuries
Theft/fraud - owner had items taken from premises after being deceived into releasing them
Possession cannabis - male found in possession of cannabis
Nuisance phone call - female caller claiming to be working in conjunction with Police
Public order - male offender shouted abuse at female driver of car
Threatening phone call - male offender made threats towards a friend during phone call
- 8.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field/Allotments/Halls** – new bench designs are being considered for next year.
- 8.4 **Culmstock Parish Council** - Agreed to write a letter of support for Parishes together funding bid for Bridge over river.
- 8.5 **Community assets** - List to be compiled for registration with EDDC and added to website.
- 8.6 **Village Hall Ceiling Project** - Structural engineer has been to the site and made a report that the works are viable without structural improvements - EDDC Building control, Planning and Conservation Departments have been emailed to ask if permission is required (it is expected that only Building Regulations will be required).
- 8.7 **Hemyock Tennis Club** is applying for TAP funding to help pay the costs of drafting a lease agreement from Hemyock Parish Council, the owners of the tennis courts. Hemyock PC have

approved that a lease should be in place. The club membership is taken from widely throughout the Blackdowns, and the tennis club is an excellent facility from which Dunkeswell residents are able to benefit. Agreed to write a letter of support.

- 8.8 **Wellsteps railings** - agreed to replace the oak posts like for like, quotes to be obtained. Notice board in lay by on main road to be removed.

9 FINANCE

9.1 **Grants** – (For Agreement)

9.2 **Receipts** - none

9.3 Cheque payments – Cut and Trim	£66.00
Clerk Remuneration August	£671.58
Clerk expenses August (Cheques for agreement)	£70.61

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/9/17 - £15453.60 includes the following:

9.4 **DALC AGM**, Conference and Exhibition Tuesday 10th October, Exeter Racecourse essential event for clerks and councillors to come together to hear and discuss key issues of the moment for our sector. £25 per person with workshops and exhibition. Book your place at devonalc.org.uk

9.5 **Parishes Together Fund** -

9.6 **Working Together for the Future of East Devon conference** - FREE annual event Friday 29 September from 9.30am to 2.30 pm at Knowle in Sidmouth. As well as parish councils local voluntary and community groups and district councillors are being invited.

The conference is free, with a buffet lunch provided, but people attending the conference are asked to bring with them items of non-perishable food, such as packets of dried food or tinned goods, which will be collected by a local foodbank and later handed out to needy families in the area.

The theme for this year is 'communities doing it for themselves', with speakers covering a variety of topics. Attendees will acquire useful information about issues such as:

- How to recruit and keep volunteers.
- How to keep an organisation or community service going.
- What's currently happening in the health sector, particularly around community hospitals.
- How voluntary groups can use digital means to support their activities and goals, including social media. Speakers include local organisations such as the Devon Freewheelers, Broadclyst Community Farm and Action East Devon.

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 –	9 th October 2017	Planning Meeting 7 – 8 pm
	16 th October 2017	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm