

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

- Present:** Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Kerri Webber, Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, Tim Clewer and one member of the public.
- Apologies:** County Councillor Iain Chubb, District Councillor Colin Brown, PCSO Darren England County.

All councillors were 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 11th December 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)

2.1 DECISIONS(for information)

2.1.1 17/2519/FUL Unit 29 Marcus Road - Approval with conditions for demolition of existing structure and the erection of a portal frame building for manufacturing, storage and distribution of goods.

2.2 APPLICATIONS (for comment)

2.2.1 17/2839/FUL Charity Shop Unit 5 Culme Way - Change of use from A1(Retail) to A5 (Hot Food Takeaway) COMMENTS: The Parish Council support this application.

3. TREE APPLICATIONS (for decision)

3.1 none

4 Neighbourhood Plan – Paper version print cost awaited

5 HIGHWAYS

5.1 Lengthsman/Highways issues to report – Tencery Orchard surface degrading.

5.2 Parish Highways work – Permanent Pothole Repair (PPR) Material available if required

6 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

6.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – no report this time

7 ENVIRONMENT

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

8 COMMUNITY & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Community policing report – PCSO Darren England sent a report updating crimes between October and January, mainly neighbour disputes,

8.2 Playgrounds/Sports field/Allotments/Halls –

Quotes received for agreement:

Churchill Playground repairs: Marine ply to be procured by the Parish Council (8 sheets quoted at £46.81 plus VAT for 18mm/ £68.30 plus Vat for 25mm - so approx £372.48 plus VAT) rest of the materials to be included in quote - ie - decking, basket ball hoop etc. To fix and repair basket ball hoop board and wobbly board, Supply materials including hoop, screw, play park decking (all materials apart from marine ply) Labour - (to include 2 men for parts due to lifting boards in to place)Total cost from Olly Starr - £600 (not including marine ply)

New Century Park fence repairs:

To supply all materials - including new wire weaved in where needed and new gates springs. Cut padlocks off gates, clear vegetation from gate way and install new springs, remove all old barbed wire running around the whole park, re-tighten wire where the main entrance gates used be, repair and patch holes in fence. Total cost

£500 - but will contact Parish Council if cost are going to be higher due to labour time. It was suggested that cutting padlocks off the gates and installing Gate return springs to all the gates - would help prevent the wire being damaged again if the children can open a gate to get their ball. Agreed for Cllrs Procter and Stevens to arrange works and carry out appropriate repairs.

8.3 Football Field and Path - The purchase of 3.074 acres of land has been agreed with the vendors at £32,500. It is understood the valuation & solicitors fees can be reclaimed from an EDDC fund so will be covered by the parish council till that point. Approximately £29,600 can be sought from Section 106 funds, (possibly a further £1,500 from Magnetar), with the balance to be found from precept. The land will need to be fenced, services provided and possibly in future changing facilities built, but these costs could all be sought via other funding methods once the land was secured. The proposal meets the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan. At the last meeting it was agreed in principle that the proposed purchase should proceed, subject to gaining assurance that any restrictions on the use of the land should allow football, but also in the event of there being no football club in future that any recreational use be allowed, it has been confirmed that the vendors will add this as a restrictive covenant on the title deed. Two further site meetings were held with the vendors and councillors, where it was agreed that the land can remain part of the agricultural field and used by the farm until planning permission is gained and further finance is available to erect appropriate fencing.

8.4 Community Assets - List to be compiled for registration with EDDC and added to website.

8.5 Village Hall Ceiling Project - quotes are being sought

8.6 BHPN - Winter General Meeting to be held on Thursday January 18th 2018 The Holman Clavel Inn, Function Room (main bar available for refreshments) 7pm for 7.30 start Culmhead, Taunton TA3 7EA Cllrs Page and Clewer to attend.

9 FINANCE

9.1 Grants – (For Agreement)

9.2 Receipts - none

9.3 Cheque payments – S Aldworth (internal Audit)	£75.00
BT Payphones	£720.00
(clerk to enquire as to adoption now phone signal is better)	
Clerk Remuneration December	£671.58
Clerk expenses December	£70.61
(Cheques AGREED)	

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/1/18 - £21,619.69 includes the following:

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

There is one closing date left for this fund this financial year, 2017 / 2018, this is on 7 February 2018

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.

9.6 Blackdown Support Group have sent a letter asking for any additional support the parish council may be able to offer as their funding has been further cut (to be considered as part of setting precept 9.7).

9.7 Precept - accounts and budget have been circulated for agreement. It was decided to raise a precept of £30,500 to allow for the purchase of the Football Field and employment of the new clerk.

9.8 Clerks resignation - Advertisement will be placed with DCC and will also be placed on social media, noticeboards and in the magazine.

10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting was 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 2018 –	12 th February 2018	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30 pm
	19 th February 2018	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm