

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, Tim Clewer, District Councillor Colin Brown, PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012 and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Kerry Webber, County Councillor Paul Diviani,

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 21st March 2016** 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 **NONE**

2.2 **Applications**

2.2.1 **16/0785/LBC Musgrove Farm** - Re-roofing of farmhouse with natural slate including installation of 4no rooflights in north west elevation. **COMMENTS:** No objections

2.2.2 **16/0505/FUL 17 Louis Way** - Proposed rear extension. **COMMENTS:** No objection, but planting scheme is felt inappropriate as shown on the plan, large broad leaf are not appropriate so near to foundations, nut and fruit trees are far more appropriate in this situation in such close proximity to buildings.

2.2.3 **16/0673/VAR Sintrendel, Combe Raleigh** - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 13/1070/FUL (construction of replacement dwelling). **COMMENTS:** No comments as this is not in our parish, but we would as always ask the planning office to have due regard to landscape impact in the AONB

2.2.4 **16/0688/LBC Abbey Cottage Dunkeswell Abbey** - Demolition of an existing 1980s lean-to and replacement with a new lean to extension; internal alterations to replace existing kitchen with a new bathroom, and creation of a green oak sunroom/conservatory. **COMMENTS:** No objections

2.2.5 **16/0717/FUL Abbey Cottage Dunkeswell Abbey** - Creation of sun room and extension, and the construction of a detached garage. **COMMENTS:** No objections

2.3 **TREE APPLICATIONS** (for decision)

2.3.1 **16/0445/TCA Jacaranda** - T1, Oak: Remove lowest limb on southern aspect and crown clean. T2, Sycamore: Remove lowest limb overhanging the garden of the Old Royal Oak. **DECISION:** await report

2.3.2 **16/0564/TRE 5 Walden Road** - G1, 11 x Beech: Crown reduction via thinning to remove no more than 20% of the foliar area, target pruning cuts of no more than 75mm diameter removing branch end lengths of up to 4m. Crown lift to give 5m clearance above ground level, removing 2nd and lower order branches up to 20mm diameter. **DECISION:** await report

2.3.2 **16/0506/TRE 52 Jenwood Road** - T1 Beech: Reduce both stems to approximately 30' in height retaining side branches. T2 & T3 Beech: Fell. **DECISION:** await report

2.3 **Neighbourhood Plan** – report on Steering group meeting 18th April 2016. A further £9,000 has been granted by Groundwork UK in order to complete the plan. **Neighbourhood Plans Seminar** - to be held on Tuesday 26th April at 2pm in the Council Chamber at Knowle – Cllr Clewer and clerk to attend

2 HIGHWAYS

3.1 **Lengthsman/ Highways Issues to report** – Police House drains and BT manhole cover has become shattered and needs attention for safety.

3.3 **Parish Highways work** – update layby on Abbey Road – this will be looked at for action now the weather has

dried up.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Report from Cllr Barrow – Update on Burnsme Lane and Riverside Bridleway – work is progressing well, decided to sow new track with thick slow growing sward to stabilise the surface of the new track.

5 ENVIRONMENT

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

6 COMMUNITY

6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning - Communications Act (domestic incident - female ex partner making excessive calls and texts to male) and theft of cash stolen from within property by offender known to aggrieved

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – new sign for the Muga is ready and will be installed shortly.

6.3 **Allotments** – Nothing to report

6.4 **Halls** – nothing to report

6.5 **School** –

6.6 **Website** – draft has been circulated for comment - agreed to put new site live now ready for the official launch at APM .

6.7 **Parishes Together Project** – clerk has had confirmation that we have been successful in gaining £7474.30 funding for 14 parishes, the chairman of the committee also praised the project and gave an additional £7713.70 on top (total £13000) to help all the parishes get what they need. Dunkeswell will have a minimum of £1347.50, the parish council agreed the equipment that they are going to order (two projectors, two screens and installation/peripherals, plus laptop) and agreed ordering the BT line for the village hall, with an open network, together with a commitment to pay the installation and line rental. **Total cost of £1500 maximum on hardware and line and rental maximum £1500.** The Throgmorton Hall committee may choose to connect to a closed hub, it was felt that an open network may not be the right thing for that location. In addition it was proposed that a laptop be bought for the Youth Clubs use so they can make full use of the projector and to also assist in the administration and running of the club.

6.8 **Broadband** – clerk has had numerous calls with BT who are refusing to issue a statement about what happened and why, clerk will persist.

6.9 **The Queens 90th Birthday celebration** – Kart racing though the village is being organised by the community.

6.10 **Devon Air Ambulance Trust's 'community helipads' initiative** – Have been put in touch with airfield.

7 FINANCE

7.1 **Grants** –

none

7.2 **Receipts** -

Precept EDDC April - September 2016

£12736.5

CGT EDDC April - September 2016

£ 1013.5

7.3 **Cheque payments** –

DALC

£355.62

K Signs (SW) Ltd

£120.00

Cut and Strim (grass cutting)

£38.00

1&1 website hosting

£1.19 (mthly charge)

Clerk Remuneration April

£671.58

Clerk expenses April

£70.67

Parishes together/APM - refreshments

£69.29

(Cheques for agreed)

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/4/16 - £20410.94 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds £296.00 (opening bal 2015 -£92, March 2015 grant £1000 less -£218, -£173, -£174, -£94 no vat)

P3 balance of Burnsme lane funds £1518.50 (opening bal April 2015 grant £3,000 -£747.50 - £734 not including

VAT paid of £149.50 + 146.80 as this will be reclaimed)

7.4 **Signatories to be amended on bank account** at next meeting

7.5 **Letters of thanks** received from TRIP and Blackdown Support group

7.6 **Accounts for approval** – Audit has been booked for Wednesday 4th May 2016

7.7 **Best Kept Village** – Cllr Page to look at forms.

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

Dates for next meetings 2016 –

9th May 2016 Planning Meeting 7–7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting)

16th May 2016 8pm Annual Parish Meeting (at Community Hall)

13th June 2016

Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm

Dunkeswell Village Hall

20th June 2016

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

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