

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 16th April 2012 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Sworder (Vice Chairman), Vanetta Keitch, Donna Delamain, Brendan Procter, Philip Stevens, PC Vickery 4783 and one member of the public.
Apologies: Andrew Luscombe, Andrew Palmer, County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor Bob Buxton, 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 19th March 2012** were signed as a correct record of that meeting. **AGREED**

1.2 **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 12/0573/FUL 25 Jenwood Road – approval granted for Construction of single storey extension and porch (variation to 09/2486/FUL)

2.1.2 12/0409/FUL Land to south of Taxi Way Dunkeswell Airfield – approval granted for swoop pond.

2.2 Applications

2.2.1 12/0752/FUL The Old Creche, 14a Jenwood Road – construction of detached garage.
COMMENTS: No objections.

2.2.2 12/0530/FUL Land North of Linden Park (Bogfield Farm) – retention of building for garaging/equipment and staff/rest area and construction of storage building. COMMENTS: The parish council strongly oppose inappropriate development in open countryside on agricultural land, and would like to see these buildings removed as there was nothing on this site previous to the unauthorised development.

2.2.3 12/0822/FUL 1 Walden Road – side conservatory. COMMENTS: No objections

2.2.4 12/0833/FUL Unit 3B New Way, Dunkeswell Industrial Estate – construction of light industrial unit.
COMMENTS: no objections.

2.2.5 12/0832/FUL Turbury Croft – siting of two polytunnels. COMMENTS: no objections

2.3 ENFORCEMENT

2.3.1 copy letter to owners of Unit 18 Flightway requiring that unauthorised works and occupation of the unit as a dwelling require planning permission under the terms of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, because there are no permitted development rights at the site. The owners have been asked to cease the use of the unit as a dwelling and remove the works; or apply retrospectively for planning permission to retain the works and the use of the unit as a dwelling.

2.3.2 Copy letter to shops on Highfield Road Dunkeswell - regarding unauthorised signage, as displaying adverts of this nature requires advert consent under the terms of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.No application has been received, and unless an application is submitted or the signs removed within the next 14 days EDDC intend to take formal action. This will include issuing a "Removal Notice" and the Council removing the signs/adverts and invoicing you directly for the cost of the work associated with the notice. It was noted that the Parish Council would be responsible for any signage permission and so should have been consulted in the proposed enforcement.

2.4 Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan – meeting scheduled 19th April with Briton House Properties, Supacat, Air Westward, Bob Burrough, Bob Buxton. Meeting arranged on 30th April with EDDC (Kate Little and Claire Rodway), members of the Parish council and plan committee.

2.5 Dunkeswell Conservation Area – no update.

2.6 Blackdown Hills Parishes Network next meeting Thursday March 22nd 2012 at Hemyock Parish Hall. GNS reported that the meeting was well attended and it was agreed to continue to employ Catherine Bass and there has subsequently been a steering group meeting, initially the group would like the plan adopted by all the district councils, so far only MDDC has examined and adopted the plan.

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 To receive issues to report – Dunkeswell issues to report this month remain the same as for the last two months; Fishponds Lane is degrading due to surface water, Limers Lane – subsidence due to no foundation under new surface (the whole road was planed off and there is clay rising through the tarmac now), Chapel to Gypsy Cross – road is degraded and there are potholes abutting the newly tarred surface towards Gypsy Cross and road edges are crumbled, Wolford Cross from all approaches there are potholes and dangerous loose chippings on the approaches to the T junctions that need sweeping. There is a loose kerbstone opposite the shop in the middle parking bay (landowner behind has been contacted and this is a highways maintained kerb) lady sustained injury stepping out of her car and had to be taken to the surgery last month. Chairman requested clerk write to complain

that our parish highways are suffering from poor workmanship; unsupervised and badly laid roads are now dangerous and simply not lasting.

Lengthsman – JB to provide map of places needing regular attention.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – grant received of £800 from DCC for annual maintenance.

5 ENVIRONMENT

5.1 **Emergency planning** – receive any new items for consideration. None.

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery reported that there were three crimes since the last meeting, an assault between two males, an affray between two females, misuse of drugs warrant and 100 cannabis plants were seized at an industrial unit.

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – Queen Elizabeth Sports fields update; GNS has applied for Churchill playground to be designated (and New Century Park will be added when the transfer is complete). Every's have informed us that the lease for the sports field has been completed. Every's have found the details of the transfer of New Century playground and will be sending the transfer document, it was agreed that GNS and Philip Stevens will be signatories.

6.3 **Allotments** – Lease between Allotment Society and the Parish Council for agreement. GNS & JB to attend Allotment Society AGM on Friday 18th May at 7.30pm at the Highfield Social Club

6.4 **Halls** – the final repairs have been made and the front wall now needs painting.

6.5 **Noticeboards** – these are in a state of disrepair and it was requested by a parishioner that the Parish Council consider replacement. It was agreed to replace two noticeboards, GNS to obtain quotes.

7 FINANCE

7.1	Receipts -	EDDC precept March – September 2012	£12,500.00
		DCC P3 footpath grant	£800.00
7.2	Cheque payments –	Hall Repairs M Bell	£550.00
		DALC membership 2012/13	£331.03
		Dunkeswell Childrens' Play and Leisure Group	£2168.56
		Cut and Strim (grass cutting)	£26.00
		(Cheques agreed)	

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/4/12 - £13,320.75 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £197.00

7.3 **General Power of Competence** - Subject to the commencement order, DALC has organised briefings. These briefings are open to Clerks/Deputy Clerks and Chairmen only initially. **Wednesday 25th April – Community Council of Devon Offices, Exeter, 6.30pm – 8.30pm** cost £20 + VAT person. Agreed clerk to attend & JB if advantageous.

7.4 **Bank signatory forms** for completion – change of signatory form to be completed.

7.5 **Donations** - letters of thanks received from Dunkeswell Preschool, Blackdown Support Group and the Library.

7.6 **Jubilee events** – a meeting was held recently for those wishing to obtain funding for events. The total of grants requested comes to £1000. It was requested that the applicants complete a simple form and the parish council will issue cheques direct to each organisation.

7.7 **Annual Governance Statement and Accounts** – agreed.

7.8 Copy of Parish Plan Committees accounts received for information.

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

Mr Kennard told the meeting that Mr Bill Rochester passed away last week, his work in caretaking New Century Park and his keen interest in community affairs were remembered. The parish council offered their condolences to his family.

Dates for next meetings 2012 –

14th May 2012	Planning Meeting 7–7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting)
21st May 2012	7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting (at Community Hall)
11th June 2012	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
18th June 2012	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9th July 2012	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
16th July 2012	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
13th August 2012	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
20th August 2012	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
10th September 2012	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm (around 10th SEPTEMBER 2012 WARD MEETING – 7.30pm Sheldon)
17th September 2012	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
8th October 2012	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
15th October 2012	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
12th November 2012	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
19th November 2012	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
10th December 2012	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm