

## DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Swoorder (Vice Chairman), Vanetta Keitch, Donna Delamain, Brendan Procter, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor Bob Buxton, PCSO Anning 30012 and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Luscombe, 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013** 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](http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx) )

**2.1 Decisions** (for information)

**2.1.1 12/2654/FUL Land to north of Old Highwood Farm** – approval for renewal of planning for four holiday units and owners accommodation.

**2.1.2 13/0009/FUL24 Azalea Close** – permission granted for erection of two storey side extension, single storey extension to rear and rear pedestrian access

**2.1.3 13/0314/FUL Oaklands** – permission granted for alterations and extensions and conversion of garage to domestic dwelling

## 2.2 Applications

**2.2.1 13/0675/FUL 41 Simcoe Way** - proposed erection of single storey side extension and rear extension  
COMMENTS: The Parish Council have no objection to the extension in principle, but would like due consideration made to the protected hedgerow including two trees with TPOs that have been omitted from the site plan.

**2.4 Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan** – clerk has spoken to Claire Rodway EDDC and Lisa Turner BHAONB about working with all 12 of the East Devon parishes in the AONB to produce a neighbourhood plan as per the recently adopted Upper Eden model. A meeting is awaited.

## 3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

**3.1** To receive issues to report – Percy Cross to Limers Cross is cracking and needs tar and chipping urgently as it is dissolving. There are several small but deep potholes around the old village.

**3.2** Lengthsman – Clerk to meet with Richard Hosgood to look at collaborative working to take water away from the highway and report back.

**3.3** Winter salting and grit bins – salting as finished for the year and it was requested that the salt should be in small bags for better storage in future.

**3.4** Bypass – Cllr Buxton has been talking to land owners on Long Lane and across the airfield in the hope of finding a suitable route where a bypass might be constructed. It was hoped it might run beside the airfield, but CAA regulations may be prohibitive in such close proximity to the runway. Cllr Buxton has had a meeting with Briton House properties, but they were not keen on using Marcus Road as this route would pass through their land. Cllr Buxton suggested using the nearby agricultural land, this suggestion was not welcomed by the land owners or parish councillors. Although there is genuine concern over the weight of lorries coming through the village, and therefore a desire for a bypass or a weigh restriction (or both), parishioners are cautious of large scale industrial and domestic development as an exchange. The meeting was reminded by Cllr Diviani that we are within an AONB and due regard should be given to conserving and enhancing the natural landscape and in considering all planning matters. The parish plan was quoted and it was discussed at length that we have a duty to promote the right vision of suitable development for Dunkeswell agreeable to both parishioners and business owners. This may mean accepting the constraints of our wider road access (even with a village bypass) and looking at a model of small business spaces or work/live units which would attract a lighter use class and encourage self-employment rather than large employers and distribution based businesses, this could for example extend and complement the facility currently provided by the Briton House sites. It was agreed that a community backed vision for the industrial area could only strengthen a bid to the LEP for a bypass.

**FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – A new gate has been hung on Long Lane.

**5 ENVIRONMENT**

5.1 Emergency planning – receive any new items for consideration

**6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

6.1 **Community policing report** – PCSO Anning - during the last month there have been several crimes at the same location on the same day, (criminal damage to motor vehicle and dwelling and common assault/ ABH to an adult all by a juvenile), there was also a theft on the industrial estate where vehicle parts were stolen.

6.1.1 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – The half pipe is under construction and the clerk has enquired about training and asked the instigators of the scheme whether they might survey the youth club to see what training is required.

6.2 **Allotments** – seven plots became available and seven people from the waiting list filled these immediately, this leaves no one waiting.

6.3 **Halls** – work is completed on the kitchen and the shed is almost complete.

6.4 **School for Dunkeswell** – nothing to report at present.

6.5 **Blackdown Hills Parish Network** – AGM Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30 pm in Culmstock Village Hall EX15 3HQ

6.6 **Blackdown Hills AONB** Nominations for Partnership Management Group are invited by 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**7 FINANCE**

7.1	<b>Receipts -</b>	EDDC Precept	£11601.00
		CTDG	£1899.00
		P3	£800.00
		Land Registry (refund overpayment)	£160.00
7.2	<b>Cheque payments –</b>	DALC membership	£341.62
		Luxton Surveyors	£180.00
		Dyfed Steel	£1230.20
		Ken Abraham (Audit)	£175.00
		(Cheques agreed)	

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/4/13 - £16594.25 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £1046.00 (after above cheques drawn)

7.3 **Accounts & Annual Statement of Governance** for approval (Internal Audit completed with no issues)

7.4 **VAT reclaim** has been submitted in the sum of £926.36, P35 end of year return has been submitted to HMRC

7.5 **Offer to join fields in trust £10 per annum** – for decision at next meeting

7.6 **Letters of thanks** received from TRIP, Blackdown Support Group, Honiton Mobile Library.

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

**Dates for next meetings 2013 –**

13th May 2013	Planning Meeting 7–7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting)
20th May 2013	7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting (at Community Hall)
10th June 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
17th June 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
8th July 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
15th July 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
12th August 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
19th August 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9th September 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
9th SEPTEMBER 2013	<i>WARD MEETING – 7.30pm Dunkeswell</i>
16th September 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
7th October 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 8pm
14th October 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
11th November 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
18th November 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9th December 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm