

## DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a **MEETING** of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Sworder (Vice Chairman), Donna Delamain, Brendan Procter, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor Bob Buxton, PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012 and no members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Vanetta Keitch

*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 15<sup>th</sup> July 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 13/1175/COU Unit 4 Block C Flightway - permission granted for retrospective change of use from museum to light industrial/storage use

### 2.2 Applications

2.2.1 **13/1529/VAR - Land North Of Powells Way - Removal of condition 7 (tree protection details) and variation of condition 5 to facilitate an alternative landscaping scheme on planning consent 10/2174/FUL (creation of 9 no. affordable bungalows) COMMENTS:** The parish council feel strongly that these conditions should remain and landscaping and planting should be done as it was originally approved.

### 2.3 TREES

2.3.1 **The Forestry Commission are consulting EDDC who have informed the parish council on a Forestry Commission application to fell hedgerow trees on land at the former Southhayes Farm.** The land lies between the farm and the airfield. The application is for a license to fell 175 trees of approximately 75 years age. The felling is part of an operation to layer the hedgerows retaining significant trees at 30-50m spacing. The works would be spread over a 5 year period in order to lessen the impact on visual amenity and habitat. The trees do not have any protected status. (For information)

2.4 **SOLAR FARM** – visit to planning meeting received from Colin Virtue (Pegasus), Sam Crockford (Lumicity) and Nick Thorne (Lumicity) regarding a proposal to site a solar farm adjacent to Flightway (no application yet just for information) Information was given to the parish councillors on the proposal.

### 2.5 Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan –

2.6 **EDDC** will be holding two planning sessions on the 3 Oct 2013, one in the afternoon and one, late afternoon/early evening. The sessions are for the Town or Parish Clerks, Chairs and Councillors. The sessions will be hosted by Ed Freeman (DM Manager) and Nick Wright (Economy Practice Manager) more details to follow. Clerk to check if there will be rural and town meetings.

2.7 **Submission of the East Devon Local Plan (2006-2026) for Examination** East Devon District Council has now submitted its Local Plan (2006-2026) and associated documents/evidence for examination. [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/lpsubmission](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/lpsubmission).

## 3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 To receive issues to report – Green Lane is suffering from the effects of higher traffic levels and has plenty of potholes. There are long runs of catseyes missing from Limers Cross to Honiton. There is a five foot drop off the edge of the road where a SWH lorry fell off the road on the Smeatharpe to Honiton road between Pulshayes and Limers Cross. Subsidence outside Wolford Lodge.

3.2 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS CONFERENCE** Saturday, 14 September 2013 from 10:00 to 16:00 Petroc, Tiverton Campus – clerk to attend – who would like to attend?

On the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013, a presentation will be made to representatives from Town and Parishes from around Devon on the subject of Highway Safety Awareness Training This training session forms part of the all-day **HIGHWAYS MATTERS CONFERENCE** that is being held at PETROC, Bolham Road, Tiverton and is aimed at those members of both Town and Parish Councils who volunteer to undertake limited works in the vicinity of the public highway.

This course will cover a basic understanding of the safety obligations of volunteers undertaking any activity on a highway verge including the correct choice and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and the process of carrying out a Risk Assessment prior to undertaking any planned activity.

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Understandably, not everyone wishing to take advantage of the Highway Safety Awareness Training session will be able to attend the **HIGHWAYS MATTERS CONFERENCE** so it has been decided to offer a series of half day training courses around the County during the months of October, November and December 2013 to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to attend.

The dates, venues and booking details of these additional Highway Safety Awareness Training sessions will be arranged and circulated after the conference in September.

Cllrs Procter, Barrow, Stevens and clerk to attend.

4 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – strimming is up to date

5 **ENVIRONMENT**

5.1 Emergency planning – receive any new items for consideration

5.2 **Grass cutting** – a parishioner has tendered to cut the grass on Highfield Estate. Clerk to respond.

5.3 **Complaint from member of the public**; re un-official fly posting at the Limers Cross junction. Clerk to check that signs are removed now events have passed.

6 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

6.1 Community policing report – **PC Vickery** - Four domestic related incidents at one address, garden items stolen from allotments, criminal damage to a car, forced entry to an empty house, items stolen.

6.2 Playgrounds/Sports field – **the new half pipe is now open and the youth club had an afternoon with five experienced skaters and boarders on Sunday. Donation agreed to their community project New Century Park there is a wrought iron bench which needs repairing – clerk to look at recycled benches. Sign to be ordered for halfpipe agreed in VE at a cost of £148.**

6.3 Halls – **Village hall has flooded and the floor has been lifted this was claimed for on insurance and repairs are complete.**

6.4 School for Dunkeswell/Youthclub – **nothing to report**

6.5 **Blackdown Hills Parish Network – nothing to report**

6.6 **Working Together for the Future of East Devon** – Invitation to ONE representative of your Town/ Parish Council to Cllr Jill Elsons 'Working Together for the Future of East Devon' FREE event for voluntary and community groups. Friday 11 October 2013 9.30am to 2.30pm with a free buffet lunch provided (Refreshments from 9am). This is an annual event, this years focus is 'Helping Families and Communities'. There will be speakers on health and wellbeing, troubled families, community development, and information that could help you with grants applications. It is being held in the Council Chamber at East Devon District Council, Knowle, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL

We are helping local Foodbanks through this event, please bring an item of non-perishable food (e.g. a tin or packet) to donate. Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. RSVP by Friday 13 September by e-mailing [jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk) including the name of your representative, the name of the Town/ Parish Council they represent and the e-mail address, postal address and phone number we should contact them on. Further information will be sent out closer to the event.

6.7 **EDDC Chairman's garden party** - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 – 3pm – 5p RSVP.

6.8 Annual Community Council of Devon conference 'A Sense of Place' – to be held Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

7 **FINANCE**

7.1 **Receipts -**

7.2 **Cheque payments –**

Cut and Trim	£92.00
United Hosting website	£29.99
Clerk remuneration May – August	£1769.65
Clerk expenses May – August	£252.75
J Howard FP	£138.00
J Barrow FP	£203.00
J Howard half pipe	£740.00
J Barrow Half pipe	£1550.00
Donation to community group demonstrating at half pipe opening	£300.00

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/8/13 - £19565.84 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £246.00 (after above cheques drawn)

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** none

**Dates for next meetings 2013 –**

9th September 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
9th SEPTEMBER 2013	WARD MEETING – 7.30pm Dunkeswell
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