

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 12th December 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, District Councillor Colin Brown, and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Tim Clewer, Kerry Webber, PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012, County Councillor Paul Diviani.

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 **21st November 2016** were signed as a correct record of that meeting.

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) - **none**

2.2 Applications

2.2.1 16/2691/FUL 11 Azalea Close - Single storey side extension. COMMENTS; no objections.

2.2.2 16/2448/LBC Corner Cottage - Replacement of two timber windows in outside garden store. COMMENTS; no objections.

2.3 TREE APPLICATIONS (for decision) – None

2.4 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Final draft formal consultation period closed on 30th November 2016 comments have now been received from EDDC and all consultees. Final amendments to be collated for consideration on this basis shortly.

2.5 **Consultation meeting** has been scheduled by Paul Humphries Architects for the construction of 100 houses and a primary school on agricultural land adjacent Percy Cross – parish council has posted a statement on social media in response to some parishioners having received leaflets making clear that this is not as yet a planning application and neither the Parish or District Council are aware of the idea. In terms of local plan, Neighbourhood Plan and Government Plans we have issued a statement as follows:

“Strategy 27 of the East Devon Local Plan identifies those rural settlements which are suitable for further development by designation of a Built-up Area Boundary. Strategy 27 settlements were identified as a result of a study which considered the ability of rural villages to meet the everyday needs of their residents and considered factors such as availability of services, facilities, employment, public transport and infrastructure. Dunkeswell is not identified as such a settlement. This means that residential development will only usually be acceptable if it is specifically proposed and justified through a Neighbourhood Plan.

The most common reason for communities to allocate additional market housing is to enable delivery of affordable housing for local residents, however no outstanding need has been identified in Dunkeswell. In addition there are landscape and conservation constraints- the whole of Dunkeswell is located within the Blackdown Hills AONB and BH Environmentally Sensitive Area and Old Dunkeswell has a Conservation Area at its centre and a number of listed buildings. These factors make a major development unacceptable.”

3 HIGHWAYS

3.1 **Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report** – Pothole by water tower on Long Lane.

3.2 **Parish Highways work** – Madford ford was cleared as much as could be done by hand, jetter needed. Clerk also to thank DCC & SWH for their work on the C161.

3.3 **Devon Highways Parish & Town Council Conference 2016** – report from Cllr Barrow salt bins are to be filled in advance of a bad spell.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – Footpath 5 stile swapped for gate near Hutshayes.

5 ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 **Emergency planning & winter issues** – receive any new items for consideration
- 5.2 **Wildflower Planting Scheme** – James Maben AONB to contact Goren farm and find out what seed mix is recommended and the cost when we have paced out the size of the area(s) that are to be seeded. Clerk to check with DCC highways and get written approval (size of any visibility splay that needs to be left etc). Seed to be sown as early as possible in January and if a week day then there may be a chance of get some extra help from the AONB office. 150sq mtrs.

6 COMMUNITY & GOVERNANCE

- 6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning – four crimes to report.
- 6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – inspection reports have been received and passed to the Play & Leisure Group for consideration and action.
- 6.3 **Allotments** – no report this time.
- 6.4 **Halls** – it was suggested that the parish council could look at capital funding to improve the insulation and heating in the hall. Clerk to look at community buildings funding.
- 6.5 **Bus Shelter Highfield Road** – WIMS have given permission for a shelter to be erected on Highfield Road, quotes have been received – requirement for planning permission to be checked.
- 6.8 **Report General Meeting of the BHPN - November**

7 FINANCE

7.1	Grants –	none	
7.2	Receipts -	none	
7.3	Cheque payments –	Cut and Strim (cleaning signs and shelters)	£100.00
		Clerk Remuneration November	£671.58
		Clerk expenses November	£70.61
		Elizabeth Rose Play Inspection	£347.00
		Dunkeswell PCC – Parish magazine	£611.00
		Aylesbeare Parish Council (Parishes Together fund)	£1977.38
		Farringdon Parish Council	£772.07
		Neighbourhood Plan	
		Dunkeswell PCC consultation insert in parish magazine	£64.00
		Highfield garage	£10.00
		Dunkeswell Youth Club	£10.00
		Stuart Todd Associates	£127.97

Summary of Parishes Together Fund – ALREADY PAID

Dunkeswell Parish Council	£
Sheldon Parish Council	£370.48
Offwell Parish Council	£610.28
Broadclyst Parish council	£489.87
Whimble Parish Council	£1,004.03
Politmore Parish Council	£424.37
Clyst Hydon Parish Council	£496.50
Rockbeare Parish Council	£305.00
Colaton Raliegh Parish Council	£323.33
Branscombe Parish Council	£849.98
Aylesbeare Parish Council	£1977.38
Farringdon Parish Council	£772.07

(Cheques agreed)

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/12/16 - £40,544.72 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds £341.00 (opening bal 2016 +£341 March 2016 + £300 Aug 16 grant £00 less -£178 - £138) P3 balance of Burnsome lane funds £2252.50 (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 Accounts to date for information and budget for 2016/17 for approval at next meeting.
- 7.5 EDDC Meeting of Parish and Town Councils 6pm on Tuesday 13 December RSVP Cllrs Barrow and Proctor to attend.

8 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

Dates for next meetings 2017 –

9th January 2017	Planning Meeting 7-7.30pm/ Meeting 7.30pm
13 th February 2017	Planning Meeting 7 – 8 pm
20th February 2017	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm