

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7pm,
Monday 14th December 2009.

Present: Cllrs Mr G Sworder (Chairman), Mr J Barrow (Vice Chairman), Mrs V Keitch,
Mssrs M Stevens, C Sumpter, B Procter, A Luscombe, County Councillor Mr Paul Diviani,
District Councillor Mr Bob Buxton, PC Vickery 4783, and eight members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs B Russell 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 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th November 2009 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED.

2 PLANNING

2.1 **EDDC consultation on designation of Airfield as a Conservation Area** – Stephen Guy Principal Conservation Officer attended the meeting with maps and drafts of the proposal. He spent time answering public questions and receiving comments. It was made clear that the Parish Council did not make the initial request for the designation of the area as a Conservation Area (CA), it was in fact proposed by EDDC and English Heritage. The land owners and business owners will be fully consulted, along with local amenity groups and the BHAONB and their contacts. The main benefit of a CA is that it primarily recognises a historic 20th century site of which there are few in the country. The main control would be over any possible demolition of historically important buildings, and additional importance would be placed on tree preservation (this would not affect usual hedge management). Mr Sworder asked that the English Heritage Airfields report and the Blackdown Hills Airfield Survey were noted as documents important to the designation. It was discussed that there was concern over both the advantages and disadvantages; Stephen Guy was asked to list the benefits and disbenefits of the scheme so that a decision could be made about how to proceed. It was resolved that the Parish Council would wait for further correspondence prior to returning a formal comment and endeavour to hold a parish plan consultation event on the airfield before the final date for response in February 2010.

2.2 Decisions (for information)

2.2.1 **09/1826/COU Brookside farm** – permission granted for change of use from non-residential training unit to residential family unit.

2.3 Applications (for comment – support or objection)

2.3.1 **09/2425/CPE Lakeview Manor** – caravanning and camping site for five timber lodges/caravans and 26 touring units with ancillary recreation space, water and electrical services, including 17 electrical hook ups, toilets and chemical disposal point. (Certificate of Lawfulness applied for to continue existing use) **Comments:** No objections, but if it could be stipulated in any official grant of permission that access should be gained from Luppitt Common side rather than Dunkeswell village.

2.3.2 **09/2429/FUL Supacat Unit, Dunkeswell Industrial estate** – conversion of two industrial units to form offices, reception and display area and erection of external balcony and staircase. **Comments:** No objections

2.3.3 **WITHDRAWN - 09/1258/FUL Royal Oak** – change of use of pub to dwelling (for information)

2.4 Tree Applications (for decision)

2.4.1 **09/2186/TRE 5 Walden Road** – 13 beech trees reduce crowns by 3m, remove side branches where they encroach on neighbours trees, crown lift to 5m above ground level. **Split decision: Permission granted** to crown lift to give 4m clearance above garden, reduce by approximately 3.5m from growing tip: three 1st order branches growing from a height of 6m to the north west side of the canopy, one 1st order branch growing at a height of 7.5m on the north west side of the canopy and one 1st order branch growing at a height to 5.5m on the north side of the canopy. **Permission refused** to; reduce the crowns of 13 Beech trees by approximately 3m to lift the crowns by approximately 5m and to remove some side branches where they encroach on neighbours trees and remove deadwood.

2.5 **Parish Plan** – meeting to be arranged for Monday 11th January 2010 6pm at The Village Hall concurrent with planning meeting.

2.6 **Boundary review** – The Boundary Committee has made a recommendation to the Secretary of State that Devon has a single County Unitary Authority with no changes to the boundaries of Plymouth or Torbay. Comments by

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19th January 2010. This may or may not go ahead, however a community Board for the Blackdown Hills is still being actively pursued.

Planning matters/applications pending consideration as at the 14th December 2009:(for information)
http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx for details

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

- 3.1 To receive issues to report – Ditch opposite Wolford Chapel on main road is full of leaves and debris, the digger was meant to come and haul leaves out and remove them. There are two drains half way down Percy Hill which need clearing with the gully cleaner.
- 3.2 The Parish Council have still had no reply from Supt Swarbrick to our letter of August 24th 2009 and the chairman would remind him of this serious omission.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 4.1 Report from Mr Barrow – nothing to report this time
- 4.2 P3 forms received for completion and return by 12th February 2010

5 ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 It was agreed that the SWW and the EA should be contacted in order to discuss the problems of overloaded sewers whenever there is excessive rain and constantly flooding manholes in the village. The first manhole at entrance to Highfield road, outside the old police house and then the last bungalow on Green lane and finally the manhole outside Marylea. Clerk to contact EA and SWW.

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 6.1 Community policing report – PC Vickery – one crime since last meeting, the theft of an Ifor Williams trailer from a secure compound on the Airfield Industrial estate.
- 6.2 Playgrounds/Sports field/ Allotments – the Multi use games area is nearly complete, the trees are now being felled and the replanting is planned. Mr Barrow handed in a cheque for £76 towards replanting from the Tree Council. The fence is to be repaired and Mr Barrow will take the springs off the gates and modify the hinges to be self-closing. The lease will now include the dog walking path, so the hedge will also need clearing.
- 6.3 Halls – no report this time.
- 6.4 Emergency Plan –http://www.devon.gov.uk/model_plan.pdf Mr Jones will bring a completed draft to the parish plan meeting in January – Clerk has asked the question on insurance of volunteers and awaits a response.
- 6.5 Proposed Bus Shelter Manleys Lane – clerk is obtaining quotes

7 FINANCE

- 7.1 Rising to the challenge South West Associations of Local Councils conference – 10am – 4pm Monday 8th February 2010 Tiverton - £40 per person – it was agreed that this was too expensive to warrant sending any representatives.

7.2	Receipts -	Tree Council for replanting on Sportsfield	£76.00
7.3	Cheque payments -	Honiton Town Council (Power of Wellbeing training) (cheques agreed)	£35.00

Account balances –

P3 balance of funds - £0 Parish Account at 1/12/09 - £10867.51

- 7.4 **Power of Well-being** Cllr Luscombe and Cllr Keitch attended a training session recently at Luppitt Village Hall. As the Council now have 80% or more of councillors trained in the use of the Power of Well-being, a qualified clerk, more that two thirds of seats were filled at the last election and have published a statement of community engagement, it is proposed a resolution be passed determining eligibility. This will then remain in effect until the day before the annual meeting after the next elections when the council must again determine its eligibility.

Agreed.

It was also agreed that Dunkeswell would pay for the two places for Luppitt councillors at the Honiton Training in lieu of paying Luppitt for sending two councillors to their training for ease of invoicing.

- 7.5 **Best Kept Village** entry form for completion. Agreed to enter. Preschool to be asked if they would like to enter the map competition.

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

Dates for next meetings –

Planning Applications: 11th January 2010

Parish Council: 18th January 2010

Parish Planning Meeting 7pm **Dunkeswell Village Hall**

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm **Dunkeswell Village Hall**