

## DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes for a MEETING** of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Kerry Webber, County Councillor Paul Diviani, PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012

*All councillors were 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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015** 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. Cllrs Procter, Maynard, Barrow and Luscombe declared interests on various planning applications (see below).

## 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 15/2394/FUL Wolford Farm – Permission granted for construction of single bay extension to agricultural building.

### 2.2 Applications

2.2.1 15/2580/FUL High Duns cott - Demolition of existing garage and construction of detached annexe. Cllrs Procter and Maynard declared an interest and abstained from the vote. COMMENTS: No objections provided that the annex remains ancillary to the main accommodation by condition.

2.2.2 15/2688/FUL Highwood Farm - Extension to existing cattle shed. Cllrs Barrow and Luscombe declared an interest and left the room.  
COMMENTS: No objections

2.2.3 15/2795/VAR Land Adjacent To Former Royal Oak Inn - Variation of condition no. 2 (approved plans condition) of planning permission 13/0970/VAR to amend design and layout of plot 1 (retrospective application)  
COMMENTS: No objections

### 2.3 TREE APPLICATIONS (for decision)

2.3.1 15/2420/TRE 1 **Potters Stile** – T1 Beech thin crown removing low value small branches reduce crown approximately 1m. DECISION: Split decision

2.4 **EDDC Local Plan** –

2.5 **Neighbourhood Plan** – update

2.6 **Paperless Planning Trial** – update

2.7 **EDDC** have received a request from the developer of Oaklands site to allocate the official postal address to this development. The developer has suggested MEADS CLOSE to which the Royal Mail have no objection.  
COMMENTS: No objections

## 3 HIGHWAYS

3.1 **Lengthsman** – no new items to report

3.2 **Issues to report** – no new items to report

3.3 **Parish Highways work** – update was given on layby on Abbey Road

## 4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – Update on Burnsome Lane was given

**5 ENVIRONMENT**

**5.1 Emergency planning & winter issues** – receive any new items for consideration

**6 COMMUNITY**

- 6.1 Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning -
- 6.2 Playgrounds/Sports field** – cricket nets to be taken down for winter.
- 6.3 Allotments** – nothing to report
- 6.4 Halls** – nothing to report
- 6.5 School** – nothing to report
- 6.6 BHPN List of questions following MPs meeting -**

1. PLANNING

Please identify up to three significant\* planning applications that have been discussed by your council in the last three years and let us know the following:

- a. If the Parish Council made a response to the Local Planning Authority, was this acknowledged in the final decision?
- b. Was the Parish Council recommendation considered.
- c. If any of the approved planning applications has been implemented, was the resulting development what the Parish Council expected to see?

*\*Examples of significant applications would include those requesting housing developments, a change of use (for a building or land), anything resulting in a material change of visual aspect, or related to renewable energy installations. It does not matter what response (if any) the Parish Council offered to the Local Planning Authority during the consultation.*

2. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

- a. Are through routes in your parish regularly affected by HGV traffic? If so, which roads?
- b. Is there an HGV destination in the parish?
- c. Have recent bus route closures and reductions caused inconvenience to your parishioners ?
- d. Are there any informal car or lift share schemes operating in your Parish? If so, would there be an opportunity to connect with any neighbouring schemes in other parishes?

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. How can the BHPN improve its information sharing? What works? Email, Public Notices, Parish Magazine inserts, newspapers, website/s, social media ?
- b. Do you need help with your parish website and is the Parish Council now compliant with the newly introduced [Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities](#) (annual turnover not exceeding £25,000)?

BHPN General Meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm, Catherine Wheel pub in Hemyock – report from Cllr Barrow.

**6.7 NUMBER 20 BUS** - Somerset County Council has a consultation open now looking at public service bus subsidies. The subsidy on service bus 20 for the Taunton to Wellington stretch is under threat of being withdrawn, which could have a serious knock-on effect for the rest of the route through your parishes in Devon to Seaton. Somerset’s rationale is that there are many services already running up and down the A38, however, if that withdrawal resulted in Stage Coach/Devon County reconsidering the route as well, then regular users will be affected.

More information is available here

[http://www.somersetconsults.org.uk/consult.ti/Public\\_Transport\\_Cuts/consultationHome](http://www.somersetconsults.org.uk/consult.ti/Public_Transport_Cuts/consultationHome).

**Response sent** - This is the ONLY bus that serves the village of Dunkeswell, with more than 2000 people affected should it be lost. It is the ONLY public transport that allows parishioners to access the local towns of Taunton and Honiton. If there are ever occasions where the bus is late, breaks down or doesn’t run I have many complaints. People rely heavily on this service and its availability. If the numbers are low then why not reduce costs by running a smaller vehicle on the route, or making the service more accessible and attractive by ensuring it runs at a time people could use it for work (it currently would be impossible to use this service to commute due to the timings). The parish council are presently looking at providing more bus shelters so that people can wait more comfortably, we would be keen to work with you to provide a service that was improved and cut costs. Finally, it seems wrong not to have consulted all parishes affected, despite borders of county, parish etc. Please can you ensure that we are copied in wherever a service review might affect our parish.

**7 FINANCE**

<b>7.1 Grants –</b>	none	
<b>7.2 Receipts -</b>	VAT reclaim received	£1770.01
<b>7.3 Cheque payments –</b>	Cut and Strim	£104.00
	Local Councils Award Scheme registration fee	£15.00
	Clerk Remuneration December	£671.58
	Clerk expenses November	£70.67
	C J Barrow (Burnscome Lane)	£897.00
	<b>(Cheques agreed)</b>	

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/12/15 - £26464.33 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds £3609.00 (£3000 Burnsome Lane / £609 P3)  
(opening bal 2015 -£92, March 2015 grant £1000 April 2015 grant £3,000 less -£218, -£173)

- 7.4 **Precept/Budget 2016/17** – attached for agreement at January meeting.
- 7.4 **Signatories to be amended on bank account** to reflect new council and clerk when appointed
- 7.5 **Annual Parish Meeting** - a request was made for discrete solar lighting activated by PIR at the New Century Park, and bus shelters which may be possible by using s106 funding. Quotes are being obtained

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

**Dates for next meetings 2016 –**

18th January 2016	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm	
	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm	Dunkeswell Village Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Planning Meeting 7 – 8 pm	Dunkeswell Village Hall
15th February 2016	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm	Dunkeswell Village Hall

ATTACHMENTS; BUDGET/ACCOUNTS AND DATES 2016 meetings