

**DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes for a MEETING** of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Swoorder (Vice Chairman), Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor Bob Buxton, PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012 and three members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Vanetta Keitch, Nicola Gale, Brendan Procter,

*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 19<sup>th</sup> January 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. **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 **14/3020/FUL 18 Potters Stile** - Construction of boundary fence (retrospective application)

**2.2 Applications**

2.2.1 **15/0146/FUL 34 Catalina Close** – extension – amended plans for comment **COMMENTS:** The Parish Council appreciate the repositioning and obscuring of the window for the privacy of the neighbours. Although it is acknowledged that the minimum parking requirement will be satisfied by garage and remaining forecourt space, the parish council would strongly support the creation of additional parking for this house either with or subsequent to this application.

2.2.2 **14/2822/COU Westerhope Units (Units 5 and 7)** - Change of use to incorporate B2 (General Industry) and B8 (Storage and Distribution) uses – application withdrawn. (for information)

2.2.3 **15/0343/FUL 1 Barrack Lodge Louis Way** - Construction of single storey front extension. **COMMENTS:** no objections.

2.2.4 **15/0204/FUL 2 Broomfields** - Creation of vehicular access and provision of off road parking **COMMENTS:** The parish council support this application to create off road parking.

2.3 **Kart Racing club** – The manager of the club visited the last planning meeting to explain that they would like to vary the condition which limits the number of leisure karts on the track at any one time from 8 to 12, staying within the noise limitations by using quieter karts. The application has been submitted to EDDC but has not yet been validated, so should be available to view online shortly and will be commented on thereafter.

**2.4 TREE APPLICATIONS** (for decision)

2.5.1 **14/2860/TRE 16 Potters Stile** -

**THIS IS A SPLIT DECISION (a part of the application has been refused and a part approved).**

The Council hereby **grants** permission to carry out work described below subject to the following conditions:  
T1 Ash. Crown reduction via thinning to remove up to 20% of the foliar area making target pruning cuts of up to 50mm. In diameter to remove branch lengths of up to 3m.

The Council hereby **refuses** permission to carry out work described below for the following reasons:  
T1 Ash. Fell

2.4.1 **Neighbourhood Plan** – The draft plan has been circulated for comments and has been to Claire Reed who has carried out a Sustainability Appraisal, there were no areas of major concern, just minor technical suggestions, therefore the plan will go out to community consultation this week and then be formally submitted to the District Council thereafter. The last £700 of grant has been applied for from Locality.

**2.4.2 EDDC - Section 106 Changes and justifications**

There have been many changes to the planning rules in respect of Section 106 Contributions. Another is due to take place as of April 2015 and I request your help and advice in ensuring the appropriate contributions for Open Space in your area. As of this date we will not be able to have more than five legal agreements signed towards the same project. I will need to be very specific as to exactly what it is we are requesting contributions for i.e. instead of the

generic 'Open Space Contribution' we now have to identify location and detailed project e.g. provision of fencing and specified new equipment at "play area 1" or the laying out of a new football pitch at "recreation ground 1" etc...

According to the most recent Open Space Study your parish/town has deficits of:

- Amenity open space and
- Community sports pitches

In addition to this, the quality audit of the Open Space Study makes suggestions regarding the existing Open Space in the parish. This is available via the following website address

<http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/lpenv046openspacestudy2014.pdf>

The sources above provide evidence of what open space needs exist in your parish. Please can you advise of any specific projects that could meet these needs and the needs of additional residents which would be 'created' by the development of further dwellings in your community. This does not need to be a definitive list and can be updated as and when you feel needed. However, due to the recent changes and the timeframe imposed by the CIL regulations anything that you can let me have as a starter for ten would be appreciated.

Clerk to submit a list of possible community facilities needed or which might be brought into community ownership, need refurbishing or creation.

2.5.3 **BHPN/AONB PLANNING WORKSHOP** - Lisa Turner (AONB Planning Officer) is running a Planning workshop on March 19<sup>th</sup> in Yarcombe Village Hall. The outline programme and booking form are available from the website [here](#). The workshop is intended for parish councils to share information to help address matters relating to the AONB, design and landscape when commenting on planning applications and other planning consultations. Attendance is free of charge and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Places are limited, so please complete and return the booking form (on the website) as soon as possible, but no later than 6th March, noting any dietary requirements. Lisa will be working with Fiona Fyfe, a landscape consultant who worked on the 'what makes a view?' project and Devon landscape character assessment.

### 3 HIGHWAYS

4.1 **Lengthsman Pilot – Parishes Together funding** – Colin Barrow has been asked to look at possible drainage improvements on Percy Hill

4.2 **Issues to report;** Drains need clearing outside the police house, potholes along main road between Police house and Wolford Lodge. Powells way tarmac has eroded around drain grills.

4.3 **ROAD CLOSURE - Surfacing works: Langford Bridge** With effect from **Monday 02 March**

South West Highways Ltd will be undertaking essential highway maintenance works on behalf of Devon County Council. Circumstances permitting the work should be completed by **Tuesday 03 March**. The works will involve essential **surfacing** works in the highway. In order to carry out these works, a road closure will be in place during working hours. The signed diversion route is illustrated in green on the map overleaf.

Work will take place on Monday 02 March between the hours of 07.00 and 18.00.

Work will take place on Tuesday 03 March between the hours of 08.30 and 15.30.

4.4 A resident has expressed concern over vehicles pulling out of Culme Way at speed, this has been passed to the police and highways for consideration.

### 5 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

5.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – 100mtrs of road planings have been laid on FP 1 off Long Lane.

### 6 ENVIRONMENT

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

### 7 COMMUNITY

7.1 **Community policing report** – two incidents, sheep hurdles stolen from field and verbal argument.

7.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – nothing to report

7.3 **Allotments** – nothing to report

7.4 **Halls** – nothing to report

7.5 **Dog Walking** – Final bill has been received for creating the small dog exercise area, this has come in under budget and is being well used. Clerk will ask EDDC if any dog poo reminder signs available.

A tentative proposal has been received to supply land which might serve as a possible dog exercise area and incorporate a footpath link between the old and new parts of the village as part of a wider planning proposal, the parish council agreed they would like to explore the possibility of this proposal.

7.6 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT** - Devon County Council is consulting on how to reduce its public transport budget in the coming financial year. To help meet the £50 million budget reduction required by Government spending cuts next year, we now face making savings of £1.7m from our annual public transport budget. It will be the first time that we have proposed making service reductions for four years. They would like to find out what you

think about our proposals to reduce services. Please let us know what their impact might be on you. The proposals would start to come into effect during 2015. View the proposals and submit your response here: <http://new.devon.gov.uk/publictransportbudget/> **This consultation closes on Monday 20 April 2015.**

- 7.7 **BT Phone boxes** - Payphones 01404 891631 and 01823 680459 are available for adoption, however, when East Devon District Council were consulted in 2009 they objected to adoption, but that could well be because the parish council advised them that they wished to sponsor instead. Under Ofcom regulations BT must obtain consent from East Devon Council to allow adoption. Therefore, both kiosks will need to start a fresh 90-day consultation process with the council, which BT are happy to arrange if you would like to do this. IT was decided to consider this action for next year.

## 8 FINANCE

8.1	<b>Receipts -</b>	None	
	<b>Cheque payments –</b>	T Bell (clerk remuneration December – February)	£1831.74
		T Bell (clerk expenses December – February)	£148.43
		HMRC	£499.60
		J Barrow (footpaths)	£315.00
		J Howard (footpaths)	£193.00
		T J McCabe (fence posts dog walking area)	£1399.92
		<b>(Cheques agreed)</b>	

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/2/15 - £17,822.38 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £1198.00 (after above cheques drawn) (298 bal 2014 + 900 grant, less 192/225 aug)

Neighbourhood planning grants £2000 EDDC & £6300 DCLG (final £700 to be claimed after defrayed)

- 8.2 **P3 Forms** to be submitted

- 8.3 **Advertising forthcoming elections** – it was discussed that anyone standing for parish council should be asked to submit a short pen picture and a photo to the parish magazine prior to the election. Councillors were urged to encourage other parishioners to consider standing with the aim of a contested election.

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

### Dates for next meetings 2015 –

9th March 2015	Village Hall	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
<b>(9<sup>th</sup> March 2015</b>	<b>7.30pm WARD MEETING – Dunkeswell)</b>	
16th March 2015	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
13th April 2015	Village Hall	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
20th April 2015	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm