

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30pm.**

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

Apologies: Andrew Palmer and PC Vickery 4783.

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 12th December 2011** to be 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

1.4 To receive signed Code of Conduct from Cllr Palmer. For next meeting.

2 PLANNING

(http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx)

2.1 Decisions (for information)

2.1.1 11/2539/FUL Hooked Rise Farm – permission granted for construction of covered yard and lean to (demolition of existing)

2.1.2 11/2327/FUL Dunkeswell Aerodrome – Approval granted for erection of aircraft storage shed (re-submission of application 07/3417/FUL)

2.1.3 11/2243/FUL 11 Powells Way – permission granted for single storey dwelling.

2.1.4 11/2308/FUL Slade Farm - permission granted for cattle shed

2.2 Applications

2.2.1 11/2744/FUL The Barn, Wolford – Replacement single storey extension, construction of off road parking area and widening of existing access. COMMENTS: The parish council support this application

2.2.2 11/2793/FUL Land adjacent Highfield Centre Culme Way – six garages and internal bin store area. COMMENTS: No objections.

2.3 Tree Application 11/2506/TRE 2 Powells Way – reduce height of two Beech trees to 10ft.

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: To reduce the height of two beech trees to points at or above previous reduction points at approximately 6-7 metres height, reduce side branches by up to 1.5metres.

1. The works hereby consented to shall be carried out within a period of 2 years from the date of this decision notice. (Reason - To ensure that the works are carried out within a reasonable period of time.)
2. The works hereby consented to shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998: 2010 (Tree Work - Recommendations).(Reason - In the interests of amenity and to ensure the works are carried out in a satisfactory manner.)
3. Pruning works shall be carried out in accordance with the following restrictions:
(i) All pruning cuts should not exceed 10cms in diameter.(Reason - In the interests of amenity and to ensure the works are carried out in a satisfactory manner.)

The Council hereby **refuses** permission to carry out work described below for the following reasons: To reduce two Beech trees to 10 feet in height. Reason: The works are considered unnecessary and excessive. The removal of this much canopy will be detrimental to the trees health and significantly reduce the trees amenity value.

2.4 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

11/0019/TPO Individual hedgerow trees and woodland with associated boundary trees lying to the south and east of High Dunscoth

2.5 Parish Plan – no update

2.6 Neighbourhood Plan – we have made an application for assistance to a community fund, and still await a meeting with EDDC. Meanwhile we will be costing a plan privately.

2.7 Old village of Dunkeswell Conservation Area – this has been completed we are awaiting confirmation of the advertisement from EDDC.

2.8 **Section 106 funds** – list received to check

2.9 **Consultation on the emerging new East Devon Local Plan 2006 to 2026**

East Devon District Council has published its Draft Consultation Plan for East Devon.

The new East Devon Local Plan will set out where development in East Devon will occur and how we will protect and enhance our great natural assets. This plan has built on previous consultation exercises and on-going research and assessment.

To view the plan and make comments please visit www.eastdevon.gov.uk/localplan.

Please note that all comments must be received by **5.00pm on 31st January 2012**.

Please take this opportunity to influence the policies that will shape future development in East Devon.

If you have any queries about the public consultation, or the Local Plan as a whole, please contact a member of the Planning Policy team on 01395 571533. RESPONSE AGREED (as shown in appendix 1)

2.10 **Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership has produced a draft design guide for houses for consultation** – Cllr Sworder has commented on this, it is well produced and This is a very comprehensive and useful guide which will be helpful in commenting on planning applications.

2.11 **Honiton Cluster group** – members are asked to attend a meeting at Dunkeswell Village Hall at 7pm on 26th January 2012 to hear from an officer of DCC about the funding which will be supplied from DCC & EDDC jointly to enable cluster groups based around the market towns to form in line with the Localism Act.

2.12 **Quality Town and Parish Council's Training Session** on Advertisement Consents and Works to Trees Consents 17th January 2012 in the Council Chamber at The Knowle, Sidmouth at 6.30pm. JB to attend.

3 **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

3.1 To receive issues to report –

3.2 **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14 THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (LIMERS LANE, DUNKESWELL) ORDER 2012 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING NOTICE** is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order. From **MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2012** for a maximum of 18 months anticipated Finish **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2012** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads except for access to land or premises on or adjacent to those length of roads. Roads affected -**LIMERS LANE, DUNKESWELL, WOLFORD CROSS TO LIMERS CROSS** The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - **ROAD FROM WOLFORD CROSS TO EWINS ASH, LIMERS CROSS TO LUPPITT COMMON & VICE VERSA** This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable - **DCC WORKS**

3.3 **Items to report;** Pothole outside Hunters Cottage, one near salt bin at bottom of Chapel Hill by Bluehayes, Green lane there are several potholes, especially past Lakeview Manor. Pavement between Kennedy Way entrance and Catalina Close entrance Poplar trees roots have forced up the tarmac

4 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – stile replaced and new gate hung a Lakeview Manor.

5 **ENVIRONMENT**

5.1 **Emergency planning** – receive any new items for consideration. None

6 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning – no crimes to report.

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – claim for Making It Local is nearly complete and should be paid shortly. Tarmac on MUGA – Cllr Sworder to chase reply. New Century Park – Cllr Keitch volunteered to clean the play equipment.

6.3 **Allotments** – Lease between Allotment Society and the Parish Council for agreement clerk to circulate.

6.4 **Halls** – nothing to report.

6.5 **Best Kept Village** – entry form received – agreed to enter, youth club to be asked if they would like to draw a map.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1	Receipts -	Sale of surplus mugs	£15.05
7.2	Cheque payments –	BT Payphones kiosk sponsorship	£720.00
		J Howard (FP)	£151.00
		J Barrow (FP)	£160.00
		Cut and Strim	£26.00
		Dunkeswell and Sheldon parish News	£276.00

(Cheques for agreement)

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/1/12 - £15429.05 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £361.00

7.3 Budget for 2012/13 was discussed at length and it was decided that the precept should remain static at £25000.

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

Appendix 1

Response to East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026

Chapter 15- Smaller towns, villages and countryside

Draft strategy 22 shows 35 dwellings assigned to Dunkeswell for 2011-2026, based on the proposal to add 5% of the existing dwellings to compensate for the reduction in average numbers of residents per dwelling, thereby maintaining the population. We have already proposed a higher figure for Dunkeswell, being 20 affordable homes and 20 small homes for elderly people, i.e.40 in all. (See our correspondence and e-mails to Kate Little and Matt Dickins). We have concerns about the adequacy of the sewage system to cope with any further development.

We have no need for any further employment land, only for the redevelopment of the Briton House Properties estate to bring it up to modern standards.

We have a serious need for new access to the industrial area so as to avoid the problem of HGVs going through the residential area and are awaiting a meeting with County Highways and EDDC to discuss this.

Chapter 17- Climate change

There is no clear guidance in the draft strategy for the kind and size of renewables which could be approved, There is a need for small scale wind turbines and for anaerobic digestion in our parish.

Chapter 21- Development Management Policies

There is no clear policy in RE2 for the limitation of noise. There is a serious need for a policy to contain the long standing noise problems from motor sport.

In policy TA12 concerning airfields there is mention of the safeguarding area around Dunkeswell airfield but there is nothing shown on the Proposals Map.

Chapter 22- Neighbourhood Plans

We are in strong support for this process but are awaiting some response from EDDC to our request to start on preparing a Plan.

Response to Design Guide for Houses in the AONB

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