

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 20th January 2014 at 7.30pm at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard District Councillor Bob Buxton, PCSO Anning 30012 and no members of the public.
Apologies: Geoffrey Swarder (Vice Chairman), Vanetta Keitch, Donna Delamain, County Councillor Paul Diviani, 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 9th December 2013** 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. Cllr Procter declared an interest in applications 14/0081&2.

2 PLANNING

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

- 2.1 **Decisions** (for information)
 - 2.1.1 **none**
- 2.2 **Applications**
 - 2.2.1 **13/2721/FUL April Cottage** – Construction of single storey extension. **COMMENTS;** no objections
 - 2.2.2 **14/0011/VAR Land to the North of Old Highwood Farm** – Removal of conditions 7 & 9 and variation of condition 8 of planning consent 12/2654/FUL (renewal of application 09/1851/FUL for conversion of barn to four units of holiday accommodation and owner/managers' accommodation, and formation of new vehicular access) to facilitate the use of units 1, 2 & 3 to become open market residential dwellings and maintain units 4 & 5 as holiday lets **COMMENTS;** The parish council believe this application should be A FULL application and not a VARIATION. An open market housing development outside of the village boundary is unsustainable new development in the open countryside contrary to policy, our District Councillor has seen a different content to the proposal via an EDDC officer which included a new access track, and different balance of open market, holiday let and managers accommodation which is confusing. The parish council feel this application for variation of conditions should be refused, as the proposed changes are significant enough to warrant a full application and the impact of the houses being open market will significantly affect infrastructure.
 - 2.2.3 **14/0081/FUL Dunkeswell Airfield** – erection of aircraft storage shed (hangar). **COMMENTS;** no objections
 - 2.2.4 **14/0082/FUL Dunkeswell Airfield** – erection of aircraft storage shed (hangar). **COMMENTS;** no objections
- 2.3 **EDDC Development Plan** - On the 17 December 2013 there was a Special Development Management Committee meeting to consider the draft Villages Boundaries Development Plan Document for public consultation. Cllr Barrow made a 3 minute presentation to the Committee in respect of the Plan content. The full draft Village Development Plan Document can be viewed at: http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/combined_special_dmc_agenda_171213.pdf comments were also submitted in writing, letter circulated for approval.
- 2.4 **Shared ownership housing** – Hastoe/CCD are re-advertising the shared ownership opportunities in Dunkeswell as they realised allowing only a few days for a response may have been an error in October, a piece will be put in the parish magazine shortly.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – nothing to report at present

5 ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 **Emergency planning** – receive any new items for consideration - none
- 5.2 **Winter Issues** – nothing to report

6 COMMUNITY

- 6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning - There has only been one crime recorded (domestic assault). It was stressed that any suspicious behaviour should be reported to the police as it very often helps their enquiries.
- 6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – safety inspections received for action – all completed.

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6.3 Allotments – nothing to report

6.4 Halls – nothing to report

6.5 School for Dunkeswell/Youthclub – offer of help from parishioner, meeting to be arranged.

6.6 CPRE - Best Kept Village – applications to be submitted by 18th April 2014, details for the children's map competition to be publicised.

6.7 Abbey Chapel – letter received from Neil Parish and DCC, also copy of Ofsted's recent inspection.

6.8 Devon County council is reviewing the Accommodation strategy for older people in Devon to examine the range of accommodation options that will be needed in the county in the future and includes the role of the Council as a direct provider of services.

The Service need is changing, with an increase in the number of older people with dementia or mental health needs and a decline in residential placements for older frail people due to improved Community based services. There is a national acceptance that "system change" is required to meet these changing needs; the authority must respond to this and deliver a different pattern of provision.

Devon is well positioned to respond, there has been much engagement and formal consultation with the many stakeholders in recent years regarding the Authority's intention to cease directly providing residential care and to focus on working with partners and providers in shaping the accommodation market to meet Devon's needs. Devon County Council's Cabinet has approved investment in DCC Residential homes to provide specialist centres of Dementia services and there is also approval to seek providers and partners to deliver over 900 Extra Care Housing units across the county.

6.9 **BROADBAND - Public Meeting** On the lack of fast fibre broadband plans for Upottery and other rural parishes in Devon & Somerset. Organised by Upottery Parish Council **Friday, February 7, 6pm to 7.30pm** In Upottery Manor Rooms. The meeting will be chaired by Neil Parish, MP for Honiton & Tiverton. Mrs Keri Denton, Head of Connecting Devon & Somerset will be present together with Cllr Andrew Leadbetter, Devon County Council portfolio holder for CDS, and representatives from British Telecom. A UK government report published in November demonstrates that for every £1 invested in broadband, the local economy grows by £20. If Devon & Somerset villages are left without fast fibre broadband in 2017, when all of the £53M being invested in this project will have been spent, village economies will fall well behind those of nearby towns and large villages. **Come along and let your views be known.**

7 FINANCE

7.1 Receipts - none

7.2 Cheque payments – Blackdown Buildings (balance two shelters) £1581.12

7.3 Precept for agreement – accounts and proposed budget are attached for consideration. AGREED to maintain the same precept of £23,734 plus Council Tax Support Grant of £3266 (for a tax base of 535 houses Dunkeswell has one of the highest proportions of households who are not paying council tax in the district). The CTG element is funded by a grant from central government to the district council, who are not under obligation to pass on this benefit to the parish council, but have decided to do so this year, although this may not continue. We do not know as yet, but the parish council may also be capped in this or next financial year preventing it from raising any further funds from their precept than we currently draw. For all these reasons the precept will remain the same on 2014/15.

7.4 P3 finance forms received for completion by MONDAY, 24th FEBRUARY 2014 – clerk and JB to complete

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/1/14 - £23,064.31 includes the following:
P3 balance of funds - £918.00 (after above cheques drawn) (459+800 – 138 -203)

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

Dates for next meetings 2013/4 –

10th February 2014 Planning Meeting 7 – 8 pm

17th February 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

3rd March 2014 7.30pm WARD MEETING – Sheldon – now confirmed

10th March 2014 Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm

17th March 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

7th April 2014 Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm

14th April 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

12th May 2014 Planning Meeting 7–7.30pm and

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting)

19th May 2014 7.45pm Annual Parish Meeting **CHECK TIME FOR DOG TRAINING CLASH?!**
(at Community Hall)

9th June 2014 Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm

16th June 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

7th July 2014 Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm

14th July 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

11th August 2014 Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm

18th August 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

8th September 2014 Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm

(8th SEPTEMBER 2014 WARD MEETING – 7.30pm Combe Raliegh?)

15th September 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

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