

**DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010**.

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

**Apologies:** 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 Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010** to be signed as a correct record of that meeting.

**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** None

**2.2 Applications** (for comment – support or objection)

**2.2.1** None

**2.3 Parish Plan** – approximately 400 household questionnaires have been returned, this will then be broken down into the number of people to ascertain how many parishioners have taken part. There are many additional comments and the analysis should be done within the next month. The next stage will be to start writing the plan, with its topics, aims and objectives and target dates.

**2.4 Conservation Area** – parish council to make recommendation to the District Council on the proposed Conservation Area based on the benefits explained at the April consultation meeting. It was to be noted that the parish council did in fact request that a consultation be carried out in respect of the Airfield becoming a Conservation Area – this was minuted in March 2001, Cllr Andy Guest proposed the action and it was unanimously agreed that EDDC and English Heritage be contacted with a request that the Airfield be considered as a Conservation Area. As of last meeting Cllr Keitch had checked with the Standards Board rules that she could take part in a discussion, as her brother in law has a business on the Airfield however it was not felt that it would affect him more than anyone else. Cllrs Procter and Stevens declared an interest and left the room as they have business premises within the proposed Conservation Area. On balance the Conservation Area as designated in the current draft has not gained the wide support of parishioners as of all consultations to date, no particular additional benefit is apparent from the proposal beyond the protection that is already afforded by the AONB designation. In its current format, this scheme as presented is not felt appropriate at the current time. It was unanimously agreed that a letter should be drafted by the chairman in detailed response to issues raised in the consultation document. The parish council would be open to receiving a revised document in the future. The Chairman has produced a letter to be sent in response to the consultation. It was agreed to omit suggestions as to what might be a better plan and simply reject the draft as it stands. A gentleman asked that the parish plan survey results be awaited before the response is sent and that the outcome is used to inform the response. This was agreed.

**2.5 Dunkeswell Kart Track** – the kart club have signed an agreement (out of court settlement) rather than go to the appeal hearing. In summary instead of 52 Saturdays, they can now use the track on 9 Saturdays with race meetings, plus 9 in the summer and 6 Saturdays out of season ie two per month for three months in the winter (the last two weekends in the month). They are also obliged to silence the leisure karts in order to lower the sound levels so they are inaudible in Sheldon. There are to be no sprints or driver training, the only use can be 8 silenced leisure karts on the track at any one time and the race days, no other use.

**2.6 Affordable Homes** – next batch has been allocated, there will also be shared ownership homes available for release in September.

**3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

**3.1** To receive issues to report – there is a portion of the tarmac which was laid several years ago outside Procters Woodflakes that is breaking up and looks a different quality to the rest (possibly one load was a different quality?), the road edge to the left as you come down Percy Hill is degrading, and the drain at the top still evades the running water and needs a camber to ensure it serves its purpose. A triangular drain cover outside police house is sunken and not marked for repair as others are for repair due to the cycle race route. There are several 30mph signs needing attention – top of Percy Hill has been turned round, the two at the airfield and one in Mill Lane have been changed to read 80mph. There is a hedge from Park Farm entrance to Higher Musgrove (Shepherds Valley?) which badly needs trimming back and is forcing traffic off the tarmac of the carriageway.

