

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a MEETING of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 14th July 2014 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Sworder (Vice Chairman), Vanetta Keitch, Nicola Gale, Brendan Procter, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard District Councillor Bob Buxton, PC Vickery 4783, and one member of the public.

Apologies: County Councillor Paul Diviani, PCSO Anning 30012

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 16th June 2014** were signed as a correct record of that meeting.

1.3 **VACANCY** The vacancy for a parish councillor has been advertised and there have been five applicants. All applicants are thanked for their interest and it is hoped that although only one person will be able to fill the current vacancy that they will all consider standing for election in May 2015. The vacancy was filled by co-option, Nicola Gale was welcomed to the Parish Council and all applicants were thanked for their applications. Clerk to write to Donna Delamain to thank her for her work on the parish council.

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)

2.1 **Decisions** (for information)

2.2.1 **14/0914/MFUL** Supacat Dunkeswell Airfield – Permission granted for construction of an extension to industrial building.

2.2.2 **14/0509/COU Parachute Club** (Dawn Patrol) Dunkeswell Airfield - Permission granted for change of use of 'Dawn Patrol' chalet from office and store to security centre (including overnight on call accommodation)

2.2.3 **14/0422/OUT Land Adjacent Flightway Business Park** – Refusal of application for new industrial unit, use class B1, B2 or B8 with associated external works and car-parking (outline application with all matters reserved)

2.2.4 **14/0977/FUL Unit 1A Flightway** - Retrospective approval (with conditions) for retention of rear dormer, viewing platform and fire escape.

2.3 **Applications**

2.3.1 **14/1596/FUL 60 Jenwood Road** - Construction of single storey side and rear extension. COMMENTS: no objections.

2.4 **TREE APPLICATIONS** (for decision)

2.4.1 **14/1056/TRE 18 Potters Stile** – T1 Oak – reduce crown by 1m all round. T2 & T3 Beech – crown thin to remove maximum 30%. **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: T2 & T3 Beech - Crown thin to remove a maximum of 30%. The Council hereby **refuses** permission to carry out work described below for the following reasons: T1 Oak - Reduce crown by 1m all round.

The proposed 1m reduction will unnecessarily remove foliar area from a tree with an existing reduced canopy density. This has the potential to promote the further decline of foliar density to the detriment of the overall health and longevity of the tree.

2.4.2 **14/1247/TRE 15 Foxglove Close** – T1 ash – remove 1 branch, T2 ash remove two lowest branches overhanging boundary. **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 The reduction of two lower branches overhanging the boundary between 1 Walden Road and 15 Foxglove Close, T2 The removal of one low branch overhanging the boundary.

The Council hereby **refuses** permission to carry out work described below for the following reasons: T1 Ash. Remove one branch T2 Ash. Remove two lowest branches overhanging the boundary

T1 The resultant pruning wounds are considered potentially damaging to the health of the tree, being likely infection points for decay organisms. Additionally the amount of lower canopy removal would have a negative impact on the trees appearance. T2 the removal of two branches would be damaging to the trees structure and appearance

2.5 **COMMUNITY LED RURAL HOUSING SEMINAR – 25th July 2014 12-3pm** in Hemyock (held by Hastoe Housing) Chairmen of Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Team to attend

2.6 ENFORCEMENT

2.6.1 Blossom Hill Park – clerk has enquired as to why EDDC have taken enforcement action as the site already has permission for caravans, it was confirmed that the type and layout are different to that granted and so a reapplication is required to formalise the works.

2.6.2 **Clerk to look at planning consent for Royal Oak** to check the conditions for visibility splay.

2.7 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Questionnaire has been sent, meeting is now to be held to maximise responses and look at business consultation.

3 HIGHWAYS

4.1 **Lengthsman Pilot – Parishes Together funding** – clerk to arrange meeting shortly.

4.2 **Issues to report** – drain on Chapel corner is blocked, clerk to enquire about drain in field below again.

4.3 **Footpath Link Percy Hill** – clerk has spoken to landowner briefly, there may be opportunity to explore this further.

5 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

5.1 **Report from Cllr Barrow** – no issues.

6 ENVIRONMENT

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

7 COMMUNITY

7.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning - Three assaults two at a private party, one separate incident of verbal altercation cumulating in an assault.

7.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – playing field has been topped.

7.3 **Allotments** – Cllr Keitch attended the AGM and was given £1 fee for the parish councils lease.

7.4 **Halls** – The PV panels have now been registered and the claim will follow shortly.

7.5 **Dog Walking area** – Cllr Barrow is working to create a safe gated area above the playing field with seats for people to give their dogs a free exercise area. The clerk has spoken to Mr Throgmorton who has kindly offered to open up the gate and clear the ditches along the narrow walk way which leads down to the bottom of the field allowing people to walk a circuit.

7.6 **Dog Bins** – clerk has received several requests for some more dog bins on Highfield, as people are now walking on the roads they are picking up faeces and the current bins are overloaded, there could be bins placed in more locations to spread the load. Clerk to price three additional bins and twice a week emptying.

8 FINANCE

8.1 **Receipts -** Allotments annual fee £1.00

8.2 **Cheque payments –** Cut and Strim
 (two cuts to each of Wellsteps, Hall and Churchill Playground) £87.00
 Community Council of Devon (OCSI report) £30.00
(Cheques Agreed)

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/7/14 - £26313.26 includes the following:
 P3 balance of funds - £1198.00 (after above cheques drawn) (298 bal 2014 + 900 grant)
 Neighbourhood planning grants £2000 EDDC & £6300 DCLG

(NB Repeal of s.150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 – electronic payments)

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

Dates for next meetings 2013/4 –

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
 13th October 2014 Planning Meeting 7 – 8pm 20th October 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
 10th November 2014 Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm 17th November 2014 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
 8th December 2014 Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm and
 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm