

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, **Monday 21st March 2011 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mr G Sworder (Chairman), Mr J Barrow (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Mrs B Russell and Mrs V Keitch, Mssrs M Stevens, B Procter, A Luscombe, District Councillor Mr Bob Buxton, and three members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr C Sumpter County Councillor Mr Paul Diviani, 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 21st February 2011** were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED

2 **PLANNING**

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

2.1 **Decisions** (for information)

2.1.1 **11/0152/FUL Bowerhayes Farm** - Extension of existing livestock building to cover existing feed passage/yard.

2.1.2 **10/2404/COU The Viceroy Restaurant** Unit 4 Culme Way - Change of use of upper floor to residential staff use. Approval with conditions

2.1.3 **10/2174/FUL Land North Of Powells Way** - erection of nine affordable bungalows. Approval

2.1.4 **10/2327/FUL Land North Of Powells Way** – construction of two bedroom affordable dwelling. Approval
11/0101/FUL Stentwood Farm - Approval of application, as amended by the applicants email dated 28 February 2011, relates solely to the physical works and does not hereby grant or imply a change of use to A3.

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

2.2.1 **11/0357/FUL Lakeview Manor** - Siting of six timber-faced lodges (twin unit caravans) to replace five timber lodges (single unit caravans) and a workshop, with associated works COMMENTS: No objections.

2.2.2 **11/0233/RES Hillview** - Erection of single storey agricultural workers dwelling COMMENTS: No objections.

2.3 **Appeals**

APP/U1105/A/11/2144539/WF Royal Oak Inn Dunkeswell Devon EX14 4RE Change of use from public house to dwelling. If you wish to make your comments online, you can find the service through the Appeals area of the Planning Portal at www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs or you may send three copies of any written representations direct to the Planning Inspectorate, 3/19A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN, quoting reference APP/U1105/A/11/2144539/WF. Please ensure that any representations which you wish to make on this appeal are received by the Planning Inspectorate by 24 March 2011 otherwise there is a risk that your representations will not be considered. Agreed to write in support of the parishioners 'Royal Oak Community pub' committee's representation.

Mr Barrow said he has also had a call from the owners (as tree warden) checking whether the trees on his property had TPOs, and asking if it was alright to take off a few branches off a tree or two. Mr Barrow confirmed that no permission was needed for minor lopping works needed to these trees.

2.4 **Parish Plan** – the plan is virtually complete, and will be printed in full colour for every household.

2.5 **Cathy Hillman of 'Beyond the Gate'** came to apologise publicly to anyone who has been affected by one of their clients recent actions in the village, 'Beyond the Gate' were seriously misled by a third party and would not for anything have put themselves or other people in that position knowingly. Mrs Hillman explained their aims and told of a recent success story of a young man who has been helped. Their course is accredited by Ministry of Justice and Beyond the Gate have been delivering it to offenders within six southwest prisons during the last three years. Beyond the Gate then offer counselling support and voluntary work when men are released from prison. Mrs Hillman had sought legal advice over evicting the man who had become a problem in Jenwood Road and ended up putting herself in danger to gain access to the property and evict the man herself rather than take long and protracted legal action. The next client into the property is to start working with the Hillmans as a mentor in the charity, which is the foundation of the charity's work. Mrs Hillman again offered her unreserved apologies to any individual affected and assured the meeting of her intention to keep both the council and the police informed of the future tenants, and how the charity is working. Mr Sworder asked that the neighbours be spoken to, Mrs Hillman said she had asked them to come to the meeting that evening, and that she will never take another third party referral as they were a professional organisation and if there was ever another incident of such fear and trauma being caused that they would withdraw the use of the house completely. Beyond the Gate is mainly funded by the TLC Fund [Tudor, Lankelly Chase], and by the teaching engagements carried out by Mrs. Hillman at Peninsula Medical School - where the charity is paid directly for the teaching.. Mr Barrow asked if the clients became self funding in time, it was confirmed that the aim of the organisation is that the clients start off doing voluntary work and in time when they have built a CV they find paid work and get back on their feet. Mrs Hillman gave her complete assurance that the organisation always see the full criminal record of all their clients before placing them and would never support any person who has ever been associated with child related crimes.

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Mr Luscombe asked why support non-criminal alcoholics and rather than those with criminal records, Mrs Hillman explained that they target those who realise they have made mistakes and are ready to put them right. The Eden project is taking offenders for training in horticulture projects in prison and they are soon to be working together with Beyond the Gate, to support them when they leave prison. Mrs Hillman stressed again that her organisation differs from hostels which she deeply disapproved of as they work one to one with their clients. Beyond the Gate creates bespoke resettlement opportunities for each individual. It is our intention to avoid placing large numbers of troubled people within one house : where the combination of problems can, and often does lead to disturbance for the public.

2.6 **Blackdown Hills Community Plan** – two meetings have taken place and much interesting information is being collated on the 40 parishes. A report will be published for the AONB.

3 **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

3.1 To receive issues to report – Culme Way/Highfield Road potholes, Green Lane (Lakeview to Hillcrest), Highways were praised for the work they have done by Wolford cross and at Jacks House. We have been assured that the catseyes will be reinstated.

4 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – A useful meeting was held at Riverside over the reopening of footpath, all parties are now agreed and funding is being looked into.

5 **ENVIRONMENT**

5.1 **DCC Minerals and Waste** Core Strategy Options Consultation paper received for response by 29th April 2011. No comments to make.

6 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

- 6.1 Community policing report – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning – one theft of lead from a church roof, a criminal damage to building at an educational unit, two burglaries on the industrial estate where power tools were taken from secure buildings.
- 6.2 Playgrounds/Sports field/ Allotments/halls – work is starting on the base for the new shelter.
- 6.3 Emergency Plan – clerk to circulate final plan, it was discussed that the plan only really addresses more minor emergencies and that a broader plan may be necessary for more complex or longer lasting situations, this may have to be done by committee.
- 6.4 BMX track – a full operational report has been received from the inspectors, a few minor issues were raised and recommendations made on signage etc, the most urgent item was drain covers over the drainage pits. Mr Barrow to attend to the drain cover.
- 6.5 Royal Wedding - £1000 has been granted to the parish Council by Mr Carl Throgmorton to celebrate the Royal Wedding in April. It was decided to order British made and printed bone china mugs to the value of £1000 from CDS, with children under 16 being issued with mugs and the rest being sold in the shop in aid of local organisations.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1	Funding –	no applications received	
7.2	Receipts -	DCC P3 scheme 2011	£800.00
7.3	Cheque payments –	R J Buxton (storage of records)	£24.00
		Julia Thorne (Clerk for January meeting)	£46.65
		East Devon District Council (dog bins)	£294.00
		(only 50% of invoice due to unacceptable service being received)	
	Donations:	EDCAB	£50.00
		Honiton Library	£50.00
		Honiton Mobile Library	£50.00
		Ring and Ride	£50.00
		Blackdown Support Group	£50.00
		Dunkeswell Preschool	£50.00 (cheques agreed)

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/3/11 - £7862.76 includes the following:
P3 balance of funds - £800.00

7.4 HMR&C now require all parish councils to operate PAYE for their clerks (which Dunkeswell already does). EDDC are offering to handle the payroll for parish councils if they wish. Decided this was not needed.

7.5 Elections – will the parish require poll cards to be sent to householders if the election is contested? Agreed this was not necessary as it was extra expense.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting to be closed before questions from the public).

A gentleman thanked the parish council for gritting the estate during the recent snow and complained about a hedge on Le Marchant close overhanging the highway. Cllr Buxton said he would ask the letting agent to get the hedge cut back as the complainant did not want to call them himself.

Dates for next meetings –

- 11th April 2011 Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm Dunkeswell Village Hall
18th April 2011 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Dunkeswell Village Hall