

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 19th March 2012 2012 at 7.30pm.**

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

Apologies: Cllr Vanetta Keitch, Cllr Andrew Palmer, PC Vickery 4783, 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 20th February 2012** 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 12/0391/FUL, 12/0392/LBC and 12/0409/FUL, and left the room while these were discussed.

2 PLANNING

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

2.1 **Decisions** (for information)

2.1.1 **11/2540/FUL** Land N E Collard Hill Farm Collard Hill Blackborough - Construction of 10kw turbine on 1no. 15m tower (amendment to application 11/1194/FUL) - Approval with conditions

2.1.2 **11/2574/FUL** Dunkeswell Airfield Access to Airfield Industrial Estate Dunkeswell Industrial Estate - Retention of land for the storage or wood shaving bales - Approval retrospective (conditions)

2.2 **Applications**

2.2.1 **12/0391/FUL Former watch office and surrounding land, Dunkeswell Airfield** – change of use to camping and caravan site and restoration of the watch office for office for parachute club. **COMMENTS:** The parish council will be pleased to see the watch tower building restored in line with the requirements of the listed building officer. However we would request any grant of permission to include conditions to prevent residential use of the buildings and caravan site, and that they be tied to use only by the parachute club due to the location of the site as it would be unsuitable to have a holiday camp on a working airfield. In the interest of traffic control to the site that only ten pitches be for transit use, with the remainder of the site accommodating caravans which are static or stored on site, if this is not what the applicant is suggesting then a traffic access statement with more detail may need to be supplied. It is also requested that any floodlighting be shielded from up lighting to minimise light pollution.

2.2.2 **12/0392/LBC Watch Office Fire Tender Shelter Floodlight, Dunkeswell Airfield** – internal and external alterations to enable use of watch tower as facilities for camping and caravan site. **COMMENTS:** The parish council will be pleased to see the watch tower building restored in line with the requirements of the listed building officer. However we would request any grant of permission to include conditions to prevent residential use of the buildings and caravan site, and that they be tied to use only by the parachute club due to the location of the site as it would be unsuitable to have a holiday camp on a working airfield. In the interest of traffic control to the site that only ten pitches be for transit use, with the remainder of the site accommodating caravans which are static or stored on site, if this is not what the applicant is suggesting then a traffic access statement with more detail may need to be supplied. It is also requested that any floodlighting be shielded from up lighting to minimise light pollution.

2.2.3 **12/0561/FUL Land South Of Blossom Hill Park Powells Way** – construction of 14 affordable dwellings. **COMMENTS:** The Parish Council object to this application as they feel a master plan should be submitted which would show exactly what kinds of houses and their numbers and access, so that it is clear what the site will look like. The site is also outside the building line and does not make adequate provision for affordable housing. The parish council would like to consider an application for low cost or community land trust housing as an alternative scheme on exception sites in the village as it is felt that we need no more open market housing, and already have a good provision of Affordable housing.

2.2.4 **12/0573/FUL 25 Jenwood Road** - Construction of single storey extension and porch (variation to 09/2486/FUL) **COMMENTS:** No objections

2.2.5 **12/0624/FUL Abbey View** – Renovation of studio outbuilding (including new roof and windows) **COMMENTS:** No objections

2.2.6 **12/0626/FUL Abbey View** – Construction of single storey extension. **COMMENTS:** no objections

2.2.7 **12/0409/FUL Land to south of Taxi Way Dunkeswell Airfield** – construction of swoop pond **COMMENTS:** No objections.

2.3 **Parish Plan** – no further update at present

2.4 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Neighbourhood Planning Regulations will come into force on 6th April 2012. They can be viewed through this link http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/637/pdfs/ukxi_20120637_en.pdf . GNS has been in touch with EDDC who will be organising a meeting with our working group to establish what help EDDC will provide.

2.5 **Old village of Dunkeswell Conservation Area** – no update

2.6 **Blackdown Hills Parishes Network** next meeting Thursday March 22nd 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Forbes Lounge at Hemyock Parish Hall. Clerk to return letter with attendees and committing a sum to the running of the group – it was agreed to donate £300 for the coming year but no commitment can be made for future years at present.

3 **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

3.1 To receive issues to report – Lakeview Manor road has further degraded, Blackdown Garth entrance road is subsiding, Abbey Road and road Airfield to Stentwood all need pothole repairs, drains at Percy Cross need unblocking.

3.2 Lengthsman – we have been asked to map items for attention prior to the lengthsman's visit at the end of March.

4 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – no report this time

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** – six crimes to report since the last meeting on 20th February, three burglary 'other' – two occurred on the same night (entry to industrial premises and a 4x4 stolen) a further industrial unit was entered by smashing the bottom panel of UPVC door and a safe stolen from within. The stolen 4x4 from the first crime was used in the second and has been recovered. On a separate night a jet ski and trailer has been stolen from an industrial compound. There were two assaults – domestic related, same incident, allegations from both parties involved and one criminal damage where a vehicle has been driven across lawn to house and wheel spun.

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – Queen Elizabeth Sportsfields – it was confirmed that only a prefix to the existing name on the deed is necessary for the play areas to be included in the scheme, so existing names are retained for day to day use. It will however offer protection to the fields for the future. The full documents will be forwarded as soon as they are received and it was agreed to continue with the application provided these are in order.

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

6.4 **Halls** – urgent repair work to the hall is complete,

6.5 **Noticeboards** – these are in a state of disrepair and it was requested by a parishioner that the Parish Council consider replacement. Cllr Sworder to look at the options available.

6.6 **Broadhembury School proposal to become a federation** - The Management Partnership between Branscombe C of E and Broadhembury C of E Primary Schools has now been in place for six months and, having received feedback from children, parents and staff, they feel that this has been a very positive way forward. With this in mind, the governors of Branscombe and Broadhembury are considering securing this arrangement by forming a federation. A federation is a family of schools, with each school retaining its own unique character, its own budget and performance tables and having a separate Ofsted inspection. The current admissions processes will remain the same. The governors of both schools have set up a consultation process to seek the views of parents, staff, the community, the local authority, the diocese and other key partners. The consultation process will last 6 school weeks, starting from 5 March 2012. Governors would welcome your views and comments and invite you to attend one of the following meetings:

Monday 12 March 2012 at Branscombe at 5.30pm and Thursday 15 March 2012 at Broadhembury at 6.00pm

Written responses should be addressed to 'The Chair of Governors' of your school and must be received by

Friday 27 April 2012 at 3.30 pm. A box for written responses will be provided in each school. Alternatively, if you wish to send your views by e-mail please use the following addresses: chair@branscombe.devon.sch.uk or chair@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk A copy of this full details is available on each school's website.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1 **Receipts** - none

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| 7.2 Cheque payments – | EDDC Dog bins and litter bins | £588.00 |
| | Dunkeswell Village Hall repairs | £575.00 |
| | Mr Buxton (storage of parish records) | £24.00 |
| | J Barrow Salt spreading | £65.00 |
| | J Barrow topping sportsfield/bmx track | £65.00 |
| | J Barrow P3 | £45.00 |
| | BHPN donation | £300.00 |
| | Hall Repairs M Bell | £1425.00 |
| | East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau | £50.00 |
| S137 DONATIONS; | Honiton Library | £50.00 |
| | Honiton Mobile Library | £50.00 |
| | Honiton Ring and Ride | £50.00 |
| | Blackdown Support Group | £50.00 |
| | Dunkeswell Preschool | £100.00 (Cheques agreed) |

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/3/12 - £13,320.75 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £197.00

7.5 **Bank signatory forms** for completion – change of signatory form to be completed.

7.6 **Best Kept Village** – entry form for completion (youth club to supply map?)

7.7 Letter received from parishioner questioning the correctness of a Councillors actions. Passed to clerk for response.

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