

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Sworder (Vice Chairman), Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, District Councillor Bob Buxton, PCSO Anning 30012 and one members of the public.
Apologies: Cllrs Vanetta Keitch, Donna Delamain, Brendan Procter, County Cllr Paul Diviani, PC Vickery 4783.

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).

1.1 Receive apologies for absence. AS ABOVE

1.2 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN** and officers/planning committee, Acceptance of Office was signed by Chairman. Cllr John Barrow was proposed as chairman and Cllr Geoffrey Sworder as Vice Chairman this was unanimously agreed. It was agreed that all members of the council would be members of the planning committee, with any three delegated to return comments between meetings if necessary. Cllr John Barrow agreed to continue as Tree Warden and P3 co-ordinator.

1.2 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on **Monday 15th April 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. **NONE**

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 **13/0970/FUL Land adjacent to Royal Oak Inn** - Amended siting of Unit 1, variation of condition No 2 of approval granted under reference 12/2027/FUL. **COMMENTS:** No objections but the Parish Council would like to see the pavement to the north of the development completed to the entrance so that pedestrians do not have to walk into the road to cross the drive access in the interest of safety.

2.2.2 **13/0594/MFUL Land Adjacent Ball Knapp** (Land South of Powells Way) Powells Way - Construction of 14 no. affordable dwellings. **COMMENTS:** We are not aware that there is current demand for three bedroom affordable houses, but would be advised on this by EDDC. This site is an exception site, and is not the site as recently preferred by residents and identified in the emerging EDDC Local Plan. We would prefer to see any future application for the preferred site and for a house size where there is proven need. In addition we continue to remain concerned that if this application is granted that the current sewage system is not adequate in terms of its storm capacity and that car parking allocation should be wider to accommodate larger cars.

2.2.3 **13/0933/FUL 4 Broomfields** - Formation of new vehicular access onto highway. **COMMENTS:** The parish council support this application as it will encourage parking off the main road, the only concern would be that the opening shown is not wide enough to give safe access.

2.4 **Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan** – nothing to report meeting between AONB & EDDC awaited.

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 To receive issues to report – potholes through the old village and on chapel corner have been reported again. Road at Percy corner and by Highwood Farm is still degrading.

3.2 Lengthsman – clerk to check date of next visit

3.3 Winter salting and grit bins – total salting bill for this year was £85 (salt was given by DCC).

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – gate way is to be installed on Long Lane footpath.

5 ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Emergency planning – receive any new items for consideration

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – PCSO Anning reported that a land rover was stolen and used in a burglary in Taunton, this has since been recovered. There was also a report of a broken window.

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- 6.1.1 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – There has been some concern over the access to New Century Park, the gate has been removed, the posts and hangers are still there and some wire, with a pedestrian gate which isn't probably wide enough for a fire engine or ambulance access. Request to be made that the gate be cleared of earth and reinstated before the fete and our safety inspection. The fir tree by the wooden gate to the allotments is restricting access so needs to be coppiced.
- 6.2 **Allotments** – AGM is to be attended by John Barrow and Geoffrey Sworder.
- 6.3 **Halls** – Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment Project: Saturday May 11th at 18.00 hours there was an opening event to celebrate completion of our kitchen refurbishment and storage extension. It was officially opened by Mr Charles Sumpter.
- 6.4 **School for Dunkeswell** – nothing further to report
- 6.5 **Blackdown Hills Parish Network** – AGM to be held on 24th May 2013 at 7.30pm at Culmstock Village Hall.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1	Receipts -	VAT reclaim 2012-13	£926.36
7.2	Cheque payments –	Came and Company Insurance	£585.13
		HMRC PAYE	£79.20
		Clerk Remuneration January – April	£1999.62
		Clerk expenses January – April	£226.12
		J Barrow salting	£85.00
		Dunkeswell Childrens Play & Leisure grant NCP	£1812.33
		Dunkeswell Youth Club grant	£2000.00
		Fields In Trust	£25.00
		Cut and Trim	£92.00

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/5/13 - £28223.04 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £1046.00 (after above cheques drawn)

- 7.3 **Offer to join fields in trust £10 per annum** – agreed to join.
- 7.4 **Annual Parish Meeting** – agenda, speaker and time 8PM
- 7.5 **Letter of thanks** received from Dunkeswell Preschool for donation

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

Members Remember! You must declare any personal or prejudicial interests at the start of the meeting (item number 3). Make sure you say the reason for your interest as this has to be included in the minutes. If your interest is prejudicial you must leave the room.

Dates for next meetings 2013 –

20th May 2013	Annual Parish Meeting (this to be held at 8pm) (at Community Hall)
10th June 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
17th June 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
8th July 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
15th July 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
12th August 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
19th August 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9th September 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm
9th SEPTEMBER 2013	WARD MEETING – 7.30pm Dunkeswell
16th September 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
7th October 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 8pm
14th October 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
11th November 2013	Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm
18th November 2013	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
9th December 2013	Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm