

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm,
Monday 16th November 2009.

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, PC Vickery 4783 and five members of the public.

Apologies: 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 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 12th October 2009 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED

2 PLANNING

2.1 **Decisions** (for information)

2.1.1 **09/1904/FUL Higher Park Farm** – permission granted for multipurpose agricultural building (phase A)

2.1.2 **09/1902/FUL Higher Park Farm** – permission granted for multipurpose agricultural building (phase B)

2.1.3 **09/1772/FUL Collard Hill Farm, Blackborough** – permission granted for 15kw wind turbine on 15m tower (amendment to permission 09/0036/FUL)

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

2.2.1 **09/1826/COU Brookside Farm** - change of use of premises from non-residential training establishment to residential family unit – amended plan for information – comments remain unchanged.

2.2.2 **09/1906/FUL Orchard Cottage (land to south of), Dunkeswell Abbey** – change of use of redundant barn to holiday cottage. COMMENTS: The Parish Council have no objections.

2.2.3 **09/1851/FUL Land to north of Old Highwood Farm** – renewal of permissions 04/P1737, 06/2103/FUL and 09/0582/VAR conversion of barn into four holiday units and owners/managers accommodation and formation of new vehicular access. COMMENTS: The Parish Council have no objections, but comment that the footpath crosses the proposed driveway and must remain open.

2.3 **Tree Applications** (for decision)

2.3.1 **09/2186/TRE 5 Walden Road** – 13 beech trees reduce crowns by 3m, remove side branches where they encroach on neighbours trees, crown lift to 5m above ground level. **Decision:**

2.4 **Parish Plan** – two parishioners attended the meeting on 9th November 2009 to decide how to proceed, it was agreed that the parish plan must be parishioner led with support and backing from the parish council, and that an official meeting should be held on Monday 11th January 2010 at 6pm in the Village Hall to confirm a series of consultation events designed to reach all parishioners. All parish organisations, larger employers and groups will have personal invitations, and anyone interested in being involved will be welcome to attend. (See draft letter and advert for magazine). AGREED.

2.5 **EDDC consultation on designation of Airfield as a Conservation Area** – Stephen Guy Principal Conservation Officer will attend the next meeting with maps and to answer questions. Please publicise this. Report to committee also received.

2.6 **EDDC** – reminder copy of ‘the role of councillors in planning propriety and good practice’ including material and non-material planning grounds.

2.7 **EDDC meetings** - to discuss Quality Councils and their role in advertisement and tree decisions – GNS attended, there will be twice annual meeting to discuss and review, also including training etc.

Planning matters/applications pending consideration as at the 16th November 2009:(for information)
http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx for details

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 to receive issues to report – the Hunters Cottage pothole has been repaired very well, but Green lane has only had a temporary repair, but still has white markings which have not been attended to.

3.2 DCC has met with Combe Raleigh as part of their parish plan, regarding the road from Honiton to Dunkeswell this

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was attended by DCCs Cllr Stuart Hughes, MP Angela Browning and Cllr Paul Diviani who will be writing a letter to explain the wellbeing issues and making a case for improvements.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Report from Mr Barrow – no report this time

4.2 P3 forms received for completion and return by 12th February 2010

5 ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Copy of the Blackdown Hills Management Plan received (for information)

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery - There were five crimes recorded during the past month 12/10/09 - 15/11/09 as follows: Theft of a trailer parked up in lane beside property stolen, door forced on wooden shed and four bottles of cider stolen both in the old village. Theft at a private location, two residents entered office area and stole money, both are currently on Police Bail. Entry was gained to a commercial premises, alarm activated and nothing stolen on the industrial estate. Criminal damage to a vehicle left parked and unattended and received scratched down each panel.

PC Vickery reminded the meeting that now the winter months are coming and darker nights - "Stop a Thief Scheme" operates in your area. This is where your local Police will lend you Security Alarms for your outbuildings and driveways. This is mainly aimed at Farm Locations due to the crimes we suffer and funding for the scheme from the N.F.U

"Community Messaging" is a scheme run by the Police to give the community Local Policing Information - crimes committed, scams taking place/missing persons/suspicious people/vehicles etc - You can get the information via phone messages/mobile or email. Contact PCSO Phil Anning or PC Clive Vickery for more details, or the clerk who can give you their contact information.

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field/ Allotments** – Contractors are all lined up to begin this week, the grand opening will be February 20th 2010. The gate needs a new spring or self closing hinges installed after vandals.

6.3 **Halls** – Throgmorton Hall Committee have invited a representative of the Parish Council to sit on their committee. It was agreed to write and thank the hall committee for their offer and that as Cllr Keitch was currently on the committee to ask that she be the conduit for information for the time being, but it was hoped that if further vacancies arise that the parish council will be asked again.

6.4 **Emergency Plan** – http://www.devon.gov.uk/model_plan.pdf agreed to circulate draft for consideration.

6.5 **Proposed Bus Shelter Manleys Lane** – meeting with Peter Barnes scheduled for Tuesday 24th November 2009

6.6 **BT Payphone Kiosk** – BT is inviting you to adopt the kiosks at the old village and Abbey for £1 each – the kiosk can then be used for other purposes, but the structure will be allowed to remain where it is, alternatively for £300 per year the parish council can keep the telephone connected and box maintained, by sponsoring the box. Applications by 19th December 2009. Very reluctantly the parish council agreed to pay to keep the telephones connected as they felt they were an important facilities.

6.7 **DCC** – invitation to meet the Leader – Thursday 12th November 2009 from 6.30pm John Hart Leader of DCC has attended Honiton Town Council building, New Street, Honiton as part of a countywide listening exercise. It will be a chance for you to speak with him about the future of your area and priorities over the coming years. There will also be a county priorities questionnaire for you to complete on the night or online at www.tinyurl.com/devon-budget

7 FINANCE

7.1 Funding application forms for approval – see below (apologies DCC whose locality budget application format the clerk has adopted!) agreed to adopt the form with the addition of requesting a financial statement and how long the organisation has been running.

7.2 **Receipts -**

none

7.3 **Cheque payments -** (Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9&10)

Cut and trim (inv's)

£69.00

Clerks remuneration September – November 2009

£866.18

Clerk reimburse expenses September – November 2009

£197.86

(cheques agreed)

Account balances –

P3 balance of funds - £0 Parish Account at 1/11/09 - £12079.50

7.4 **Power of Well-being training sessions** – 12th November 2009 6.30pm at Luppitt village hall – reminder!

7.5 **Blackdown Hills Community Statement for the rural parishes of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.**

Meeting of chairmen 13th October 2009 – GNS reported that he had attended and that the trial would include a feasibility study for the setting up of a community board which could be carried out by a doctoral student from Exeter University.

7.6 **DAPC vacancy for county committee** – choice of two candidates – agreed to vote for Mr David Miller

7.7 **Clerk gave the keys for the parish council archive cabinets to Mr Buxton to be kept with the cabinets.**

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting was closed before questions from the public). It was commented by a resident that the bond was now released on Manleys Lane and work to resurface is anticipated.

Dates for next meetings –

Planning Applications: 14th December 2009

Planning Meeting 7 – 8pm **Dunkeswell Village Hall**

Parish Council: 14th December 2009

Parish Council Meeting 7pm **Dunkeswell Village Hall**

Dunkeswell Parish Council
Grant application for completion by Non-profit making Club/Groups/Associations

Name, address and contact details of organisation, full Bank Account details for electronic banking transfer	
How long has your organisation been running?	
Name of activity or project	
Nature of activity and how it will benefit local people	
What is the timing of the project (start and end dates if applicable)?	
When will the grant be required?	
What is the total cost of the project or activity?	£
What other funding do you have confirmed (if any)? From what sources? How will the balance of any gap in funding be filled?	
Amount of funding requested from the Parish Council?	£
Please note that a payment does not commit the Parish Council to ongoing funding	
I confirm that I am authorised to sign on behalf of my organisation and that any funding will not benefit any individual or private business.	
Signed or emailed by :	
Date:	
NB An actual signature is not required if sent by email	

Please return this completed form to the Clerk to Dunkeswell Parish Council by email clerk@dunkeswell.net or post: The Old Kennels, Stentwood, Dunkeswell, Devon, EX14 4RW together with a copy of your most recent end of year financial statements

The Parish Council will make a decision at their next full council meeting (third Monday in every month), but applications must be submitted by the second Monday in the month in order to be put on the agenda. We will then write to you confirming if you have been successful on this occasion or not.

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Monday 30th November 2009

Dear

A PLAN FOR DUNKESWELL PARISH

We would like to invite you or representatives of your organisation to a meeting in **Dunkeswell Village Hall** on **Monday 11th January 2010 at 6pm** to discuss how best to reach every person in our community and ask them these four simple questions:

- *What is it that makes Dunkeswell a special place*
- *What is it that people value and don't want to change?*
- *What do people dislike and want to see changed?*
- *How do we want Dunkeswell to develop over the next 10-20 years, if at all?*

The parish council have an initial budget of £3000 (much of which is grant funding) to carry out the consultation events (including hospitality and catering at parish venues), produce a comprehensive questionnaire for every householder, business and the employed community and then present this as a fully printed document to the district and county councils for adoption.

The plan obviously doesn't stop there – whatever the outcomes, these will form the basis for actions, ideas and positive change in our community.

Members of the public are welcome and we hope to have a good attendance as this process is such an important opportunity to voice your opinion and make real changes in our community. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone else who should be involved.

Geoffrey Sworder
Chairman

Letter to:

youth club
pub / fishponds
shop
tower
social club
aircentre
halls
parish mag
supacat
perrys
vigo
preschool
toddler Group
doctors
allotments
garden club
farms and small outlying settlements (Abbey, Stentwood, Wolford etc)
Churches
Police
Mansells/x-c course/parachute school
All businesses via email chain
Phil and Clive – also use community messaging system to get people along
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Richard Jones
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