

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Swarder (Vice Chairman), Brendan Procter, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard County Councillor Paul Diviani, District Councillor Bob Buxton, PCSO Anning 30012 and two members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Vanetta Keitch, Donna Delamain, 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 Minutes of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 15th October 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. NONE

2 PLANNING

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

2.1 Decisions (for information)

2.1.1 12/1883/FUL unit 1 Highfield Community Hall, Unit 6 Culme Way – Permission granted for amendments to approval under application 10/1728/FUL to include raising of ridge height.

2.1.2 12/1071/FUL Land South Of The Old Forge Dunkeswell – permission refused for construction of new dwelling

2.1.3 12/2001/FUL Spar Stores Unit 5 Culme Way - retrospective approval (no conditions) for retention of ATM and 3 no. anti-ram bollards.

2.1.4 12/1562/FUL Unit 18 Flightway – refusal of application for retention of one bedroom flat at first floor level to form a live-work unit

2.2 Applications (for comment)

2.2.1 12/2225/FUL Land South Of Bowerhayes Cross - Livestock building to cover existing yard. COMMENTS: No objections.

2.2.2 12/2027/FUL Land adjacent the Royal Oak Inn - Construction of 3 no. dwellings. COMMENTS: The parish Council feel this is over development and not in keeping with the linear development of the village, Dunkeswell old village is a conservation area and this density and design of dwellings is not appropriate to the area, the houses are too high and need to be set down to the level of the surrounding buildings. If the district council are minded to accept any scheme, we consider that conditions the entrance bank should be splayed back to provide adequate visibility and the pedestrian footpath continued past the access to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians especially if it is to serve three houses. The houses should reflect the design common to the original parts of the old village with natural materials such as stone and thatch being incorporated. In addition it was decided to request that an arboricultural survey be conducted and a structural engineers report be produced to ensure the stability of the site.

2.2.3 12/2415/FUL Old Wolford Farm - Construction of extension to agricultural building. COMMENTS: no objections.

2.3 TREE & ADVERTISEMENT APPLICATIONS (for decision)

2.3.1 12/1976/TRE 44 Louis Way - T2, Ash – multi stemmed - Remove all branches overhanging the garden of 11C Powells Way. Decision; Refusal, the parish council were in agreement with the arboricultural officers report and would prefer to see these trees coppiced to ground level.

2.3.2 12/2002/FUL Spar Stores Unit 5 Culme Way - Retention of internally illuminated fascia sign DECISION: Approval.

2.3.3 12/2488/TRE 44 Louis Way - T1 - Ash - Coppice multi-stemmed tree DECISION: Approval

2.3.4 12/2493/TRE 57 Jenwood Road - T1, 2, 3 ,4, 7 and 10, Beech - Reduce overhanging branches up to a height of 12m by target pruning 1st/2nd order branches making pruning cut of up to 7.5cm. DECISION: will be made at the next meeting.

2.4 APPEALS

Land South Of Blossom Hill Park Powells Way Construction of 14 affordable dwellings

The above appeal is against the failure of the Council to determine the planning application within the statutory time limit. Copies of any representations made in respect of the application have been sent to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant and will be considered by the appointed Inspector when determining the appeal, unless the person who made the representations asks the Planning Inspectorate to disregard them.

The appeal is being dealt with by means of an Informal Hearing. **If wish your views to be put before the Inspector, please send 3 copies of any further written representations to the Planning Inspectorate, 3/09 Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN quoting ref.**

APP/U1105/A/12/2184679/NWF. The Planning Inspectorate will not acknowledge your letter unless you specifically ask them to do so. They will however ensure that your letter is passed on to the Inspector dealing with the appeal. Please ensure that any representations which you wish to make on this appeal are received by the Planning Inspectorate by 10 December 2012 otherwise there is a risk that your representations will not be considered. 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. The parish council would like to be invited to the hearing and speak.

East Devon Village – Planning Development Document – Site appraisal for completion and consultation with parishioners have been collected and summarised by GNS, response rate was very low. A short report setting out the consultation process we have followed and identifying the proposed sites/Built-up Area Boundary amendments will be produced by the end of November. This will then enable EDDC to collate the responses and report to the Development Management Committee in December.

The parish council agreed that E304 should be the area for the 35 dwellings in the local plan and should be included in the village limit, E162 should remain as agricultural land outside the village limit. E209 should be kept as a site for a primary school, Areas for special protection should include New Century playground, Churchill playground, tennis courts, bowling green and the sports field.

2.5 Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan – no further action at present.

2.6 Blackdown Hills Parish Network –meeting 10th November 2012 report from GNS & JB. Topic groups are being set up on transport and planning matters and so this is progressing well.

2.7 Publication of the East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026 East Devon District Council has prepared its Local Plan and proposes to submit it to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The local plan sets out strategic policy for development and development management policies across East Devon. It includes the full suite of policies for the seven main towns of the District (Axminster, Budleigh Salterton, Exmouth, Honiton, Ottery St. Mary, Seaton and Sidmouth) and the 'West End' and countryside areas. We will be doing further work on planning for our smaller settlements through a separate village Development Plan Document.

Parishes and public are invited to submit representations on the 'soundness' of the proposed plan from **Friday 16th November 2012 until 12 noon on Monday 14th January 2013**. Representations will be sent to the Inspector with the plan and only those representations received within this period have a statutory right to be considered by the Inspector at the subsequent examination.

The proposed submission document, a statement of representation procedure and other documents in support of the plan are available to view and download from the Council's website at: <http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/localplan> The plan is also available for inspection during normal opening hours at: East Devon District Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL and at public libraries in East Devon.

Paper copies of the plan (black and white text book and colour maps booklet) can also be purchased at a cost of £5 plus £2.50 postage and packaging. And we will be sending paper copies free of charge to town and parish Councils in East Devon.

For more information please contact the Planning Policy team on 01395 - 571533, or at the above address or email localplan@eastdevon.gov.uk.

Representations can be made in the following ways: All comments made should use the Ref Points (Reference Points) in the document to pinpoint the place in the document to which the comment refers.

ONLINE – by clicking on a RefPoint (Reference Points) in the document at the point in the text on which you wish to comment (Online submission will be available from 1 December 2012)

Via email By sending a completed representation form to localplan@eastdevon.gov.uk

Via post By sending a completed representation form to Planning Policy, East Devon District Council, Knowle, Sidmouth EX10 8HL

Once your Comments are received you will receive an acknowledgement. However, they will not appear on the list of Representations (which can be viewed online from 1 December) until they have been processed.

Whilst we will consider all representations made within the consultation period completion of the representation form is our preferred method of receiving comments because it will help us to handle your representation quickly and efficiently.

2.8 ENFORCEMENT – hammerhead by High Dunscoth has recently been cleared of earth (this was placed there as a remedy for an enforcement ten years ago, when it should have been removed. This may have been in existence but has not been exposed so the parish council feel is the creation of a new highway and not revelation of an existing.

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 To receive issues to report – Streetlamp 4 outside Connetts Farm is turning on and off randomly, potholes outside Connetts Farm, many have been filled in the village.

3.2 Lengthsman – List for visit two days (two men) Tue 13/11/12 Wed 14/11/12, it was reported that they seem to have made little impact during the visit. Moorhayes hill (Madford Cross to Collards Hill) the water is running down the road, the ditch needs clearing before it freezes as this is causing a river approx 400 yards on a 1:6 hill which could obviously cause a lethal accident. Percy Hill was not touched and there was very little action seen. Ewins Ash fingerpost sign is knocked over. There was also a further accident at Wolford Cross – the promised warning signs further back from the legally correct signs have still not been installed.

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- 3.3 Richard Hosgood has replaced Mike Brown as our area officer.
3.4 DCC Definitive Map review – clerk has confirm that no alterations to the footpath network were required when the review was carried out.

4 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

- 4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – footpaths have been strimmed.

5 **ENVIRONMENT**

- 5.1 Emergency planning – receive any new items for consideration - none

6 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

- 6.1 **Community policing report** – PCSO Anning - reported that there were no crimes this month
6.1.1 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – two parishioners have contact the parish council asking if a wooden half pipe could be erected on the sports field – for action. New Century Park the gates are installed.
6.2 **Allotments** – nothing to report
6.3 **Halls** – nothing to report
6.4 **School for Dunkeswell** – nothing to report

7 **FINANCE**

- 7.1 **Receipts -** none
7.2 **Cheque payments –**
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| clerk pay | £1663.06 |
| Clerk expenses | £211.12 |
| Cut and strim (November) | £26.00 |
| John Barrow Footpaths | £162.00 |
| John Howard playing field | £60.00 |
| John Barrow playing field | £226.00 |
| (Cheques agreed) | |

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/11/12 - £22,308.01 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £841.00 (after above cheques drawn)

- 7.3 **Bank signatory forms** for completion – change of signatory form to be completed removing cllrs and adding new.
- 7.4 **Viridor Funding for the Village Hall** – Agreement for funding terms was signed and it was agreed to engage a valuer to provide a written valuation for the hall, this has been quoted at £150 plus VAT. AGREED.
- 7.5 **Parishes together fund** – Honiton town council have been working with the Youth Service, the Town Council would like to use the funding to develop “grab boxes” of equipment for youth groups in the area. These would be metal crates each containing a full set of equipment for an activity :
1. Film making : screen, projector, laptop, printer, camera
 2. Arts and crafts
 3. Sports
 4. Circus skills
 5. Possibly music, depending on money available
- In addition there would be a training event to publicise the equipment and an event to bring together young people from Honiton and the surrounding area. This would promote greater co-operation and allow groups who are not currently part of the Local Youth Network to find out more about what else is on offer. The equipment would be booked by local groups/organisations for a half term at a time and it is envisaged that it would be permanently out to save on storage, although the Youth Service have storage that could be used if necessary. This makes it far more practical across our large rural area.
- This proposal would update equipment and encourage groups to work together to plan what they're doing. Events that bring young people from a large area such as Upottery to Dunkeswell would encourage students to mix with others they might not ordinarily come into contact with. If a group in an outlying area booked some equipment for a term it could act as a hub for others in the near vicinity to access it, encouraging further collaboration and the ability for very small voluntary groups to have access to equipment which they would not be able to afford to buy. This equipment would go into a central pool and would benefit all groups, not just those who are part of the bid. AGREED.
- 7.6 Dunkeswell Memorial Museum – this had to temporarily close due to losing their building, however they are looking to reopen and it was suggested that they speak with the Blackdown Hills AONB office first with regard to funding and the parish council will support them in any bid they might make.

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

Dates for next meetings 2012/13 –

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| 10th December 2012 | Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm and Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm |
| 14th January 2013 | Planning Meeting 7 – 8pm (clerk away on 14 th sorry!) |
| 21st January 2013 | Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm |
| 11 th February 2013 | Planning Meeting 7 – 8 pm |
| 18th February 2013 | Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm |
| 11th March 2013 | Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm |
| (11th March 2013 | 7.30pm WARD MEETING – Combe Raleigh?) |
| 18th March 2013 | Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm |
| 8th April 2013 | Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm |
| 15th April 2013 | Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm |