

**DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Apologies:** Vanetta Keitch, County Councillor Paul Diviani, 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011** were signed as a correct record of that meeting. **AGREED**

1.4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** To receive declarations of interest and to note any additional risks. **NONE**

1.5 **RESIGNATION** of Councillor Beth Russell has been tendered, the vacancy has been advertised and there has been one written application so far for the vacancy from Mr Andrew Palmer. Vacancy to be filled at the next meeting.

**2 PLANNING**

([http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application\\_searchform.aspx](http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx) )

2.1 **Decisions** (for information)

2.1.1 **11/1194/FUL land north east of Collards Hill Farm**, Blackborough – construction of 12.1kw turbine on 15m tower.

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

2.2.1 **11/2078/FUL Building adjacent Turbary** – extension to existing building. **COMMENTS:** No comments.

2.2.2 **11/2133/FUL 10 Simcoe Way** – construction of side extension in place of existing garage. **COMMENTS:** No objections

2.2.3 **11/2153/AGR land adjacent to Dunkeswell Airfield** - Proposed agricultural building under Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 Part 6 – Agricultural Buildings and Operations

The Council has received details of the above application which is classed as permitted development under the above Order. The application is for the consideration of the siting and appearance of the proposal *only* and the Council has 28 days to consider these issues. If you wish to make any comments on the application please do so within the next 14 days. **COMMENTS:** no comments

2.2.4 **11/2223/LBC Worfield House, Combe Raleigh – (neighbouring parish consultation)** Demolition of 2 x single storey wings off the north elevation; construction of orangery style extension and new chimney stacks/extension to open garage; further internal repairs and alterations **COMMENTS:** no comments

2.3 **Tree Applications**

2.3.1 **11/2044/TRE 60 Jenwood Road – permission sought to Fell** 4 x Ash trees T1, T7, T8 and T10

Fell 2 x Beech trees T4 and T6 Reduce by 25% 3 x Beech trees T2, T3 and T11 Reduce by 30% 1 x Beech tree T12. Decision: **THIS IS A SPLIT DECISION (a part of the application has been refused and a part approved).** The Council hereby **grants** permission for a 25% crown reduction of trees T2, T3, T4, T6, T9, T11 and T10 & the felling of four Ash trees T1, T7, T8 and T10

The Council hereby **refuses** permission to dismantle Beech trees T4 and T6. The tree T4 is healthy and although it has an asymmetric crown form, it none the less is an important part of the canopy structure of this group of trees. The consent for 25% crown reduction will reduce the significant over hang and lift the lower extremities of the canopy whilst retaining the tree as part of the overall canopy structure. Removal of the tree will be detrimental to the overall structure and amenity of the group of trees.

The tree T6 is healthy and the crown is part of the overall canopy structure of the group. No particular reason for the removal of the tree has been given and its removal will be detrimental to the overall structure of the canopy and amenity of the group of trees. The consent for 25% reduction will reduce the dominance and shading whilst retaining the tree as part of the overall canopy structure.

2.3.2 **11/2016/TRE 50 Louis Way** – reduce crown of two ash trees by approximately one third Decision: Approval.

2.4 **Old village of Dunkeswell Conservation Area** – no further update

2.5 **Local Development Framework/Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Sworder has written a response to EDDC regarding future development proposals,

2.6 **Boundaries Commission** – review of parliamentary constituencies in England consultation closes 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/> The 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries will introduce substantial changes. It will reduce the number of constituencies in England from 533 to 502 and make sure that each constituency has a similar number of registered electors.

2.7 **Invitation from EDDC on behalf of Cllr Graham Troman – localism and the Big Society Member Champion.**

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Two representatives of the Parish Council are invited to a Neighbourhood planning event on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 from 6-9pm at The Knowle Sidmouth. .Cllr Sworder and Barrow to attend

3 **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

3.1 To receive issues to report – Cllr Buxton reported that Windgate Hill is being cut back by landowners.

4 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – strimming is being done and new there are several gates to be installed.

5 **ENVIRONMENT**

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

5.2 **Best Kept Village** - Chairman attended a presentation at Sidmouth for the Baker Cup as a joint winner of the large village category this year. The parish were given a framed certificate and a cup to share with East Budleigh.

6 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery; Crimes during the last month were as follows; Resist Arrest - female offender prevented and resisted the arrest, theft of quantity of milk stolen from doorstep. Items stolen from insecure motor vehicle. Entry gained to secure unit and items stolen. A commercial van stolen from yard. Entry gained to two portacabins but nothing stolen. Common assault - domestic incident between offending daughter and aggrieved mother leading to mother being assaulted. Misuse of drugs act warrant executed at a unit on industrial estate and a quantity of cannabis plants and a hydroponic set up was located. Male renting the unit has been arrested.

6.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field** – a complaint has been received about the sportsfield signage, it was felt that this was adequate. The fence has been mended. The Youth Club have asked for the football goals and these will be ordered. There are weeds and brambles in New Century Park which will be treated and cut back.

6.2.1 **Allotments** – new head lease for the proposed extension to the existing allotment area received for discussion. Lease between Allotment Society and the Parish Council for agreement. There are currently three allotments vacant due to evictions.

6.3 **Halls** – the village hall have requested a donation towards the annual village firework display. It was agreed to grant £300 to help pay for fireworks.

6.4 **Queens Diamond Jubilee** – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 possible ways to mark the occasion including the lighting of beacons A letter was received from a parishioner and it is understood that several parishioners with ideas have now joined forces to plan village events.

6.5 **EDDC Environmental Health** carried out a Neighbourhood Assessment in Dunkeswell on 12<sup>th</sup> October and did a door to door survey to ask a number of residents about any issues that may concern them about their neighbourhood. There was also advice on energy grants, disabled assistance, Homesafeguard alarms and home security. At a drop in surgery in Throgmorton Community Hall from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm for any resident to call in to speak to an Environmental Health Officer for advice about many issues including: Dog fouling, noise, nuisance, ASB, crime, rats, traffic concerns, litter, fly tipping, fire prevention, pollution, waste, recycling, housing concerns, building control concerns etc. If there are any issues that you would like to raise with them call 01395 571570. After the survey they will produce a newsletter to feedback to residents what issues were raised and what has been done about them.

6.6 **Letter received from Hastoe Housing** - a tenant is moving out of a three bedroomed house in Powells Way Dunkeswell, if the parish council knows of any families in need of local rented accommodation they should be referred to the housing register at EDDC.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1	<b>Receipts -</b>	Surplus mugs	£36.00
7.2	<b>Cheque payments –</b>	Cut and Strim (grass cutting invs)	£32.00
		DALC – conference	£15.00
		CJ Keitch (Salt spreader)	£1050.00
		J Barrow (playing field)	£126.00
		Brookridge Timber	£50.93
		J Barrow Playing field)	£73.00
		J Howard (playing field)	£74.00
		Dunkeswell Village Hall (grant towards fireworks)	£300.00
		(cheques agreed)	

Account balances – Parish Account at 1/10/11 - £18614.39 includes the following:

P3 balance of funds - £672.00

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

7.6 **Surplus Royal Wedding mugs** – disposal of few remaining mugs to be agreed.

7.7 **EDDC Cllr Peter Halse** would like to attend the November meeting and meet the parish councillors (for information)

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

**Dates for next meetings –**

14th November 2011

21st November 2011

Planning Meeting 7 - 8pm

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

