

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 18th April 2005.

Present: Mr G Sworder (Chairman) Mr A Guest (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Russell, Messrs J Barrow, C Sumpter, M Stevens, B Procter, A Luscombe, District Councillor Mrs M Boote, PC Anning and thirteen members of the public.

Apologies: County Councillor Mr B Nicholson

- 1 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 21st March, 2005 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. Proposed by Mr Barrow, seconded by Mrs Russell and unanimously agreed.
- 2 **PLANNING**
 - 2.1 **EDDC Decisions - (for information)**

none

Applications - (for recommendation)
 - 2.2.1 **05/0793/FUL** James Stewart Motorsport, Unit H, Dunkeswell Industrial Estate – extension to unit. Mr procter declared an interest as he owns the right of way. Mr Sumpter proposed that the application be recommended for refusal, as the front bay outside of the unit is only for loading and unloading, therefore car parking will be reduced, not increased from 20 to 30 spaces as stated in the application. This was seconded by Mr Luscombe and unanimously agreed.
 - 2.2.2 **05/0795/FUL** Mr Jonas, Sheldon Grange Cottage – Alterations and extension to dwelling. Proposed for approval by Mr Procter, seconded by Mr Guest and unanimously agreed.
 - 2.2.3 **05/0851/OUT** Mr and Mrs Broom, The Old Forge – dwelling and vehicular access. Mr Sworder declared an interest and left the room, Mr Guest chaired the meeting in his absence. After some discussion it was resolved that a modest dwelling of two storeys, with a sensible road access, being positioned well back on the plot so as not to obstruct road visibility and with a finished ridge height not to exceed that of the neighbouring dwelling (The Old Forge) would be acceptable. It was agreed that this was just outline permission on a plot within the village limit which had had permission in the past, and as such finer details such as the external appearance, possibility of overlooking neighbours and so forth were issues to be addressed in the case of full permission being sought. Proposed for approval by Mr Stevens, seconded by Mr Procter and unanimously agreed.
 - 2.2.4 **05/0993/FUL** WIMS (UK) Ltd., Land at Highfield – 26 open market residential units, Land off Powells Way - 19 affordable dwellings, Provision of community facilities including recreational land off Liberator Way, associated works and parking. After adjourning the meeting for 15 minutes to hear the opinions of parishioners, it was decided that a meeting should be arranged with Mr Carmichael of EDDC prior to returning a decision.
 - 2.2.5 **05/0814/FUL** Tower Poultry unit, Long Lane – renewal of poultry farm buildings and provision of staff facilities. Proposed for approval by Mr Sumpter, seconded by Mr Barrow and unanimously agreed.
- 2.3 **Appeals;**
 - 2.3.1 Mrs J Allison, 6 Powells Way - close boarded timber fence.
 - 2.3.2 App/U1105/A/04/1169271 The Tower, Marcus Road – appeal dismissed.
- 2.4 Letter of complaint from Mrs Hornby that the Parish Council changed the date of their meeting and suggesting that the application was refused casually as no parish councillors house abuts the property. Clerk has checked all notices (one in the presence of Mrs Hornby) and none bear the wrong date, nor was the date of the meeting changed.
- 2.5 **The Rural Housing Trust (and EDDC)**– Affordable Village housing seminar, Wednesday 4th May 2005 10am-4pm The Mariners' Hall, Beer. HRH The Princess Royal will be in attendance. Mr Sumpter to attend.
- 2.6 East Devon Local Plan ; Inspectors report for Part 1 of the Inquiry received.

Outstanding planning matters/applications as at the 18th April 2005: (for information)

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| January 2004 | 04/P0078 British Light Aircraft Co. (awaiting highways new proposal) |
| November 2004 | 04/2642/FUL Land adjacent Royal Oak Inn – Two storey thatched house/garage |
| March 2005 | 05/0473/TRE 36 Louis Way – remove 12 ash trees. |
| | 05/0447/FUL Westerhope Farm – demolition and reconstruction of dwelling |
| | 05/0540/FUL Dunkeswell Kart Racing Club – formation of extended track |
| | 05/0510/AGR Higher Park Farm – agricultural access and track |
| | 05/0578/FUL Highfield Garage – MOT workshop |
| | 05/0610/FUL Airfield Industrial Estate – deletion of conditions 4 & 5 on planning permission 04/P0637 requiring removal of buildings. |
| | 05/0529/FUL Mr Pile, Higher Park Farm – conservatory |
| | 05/0656/FUL WIMS (UK) Ltd., Unit 1a Flightway – double garage |
| | 05/0722/FUL Mr and Mrs Wilson-Webb – replacement conservatory |

3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Traffic order Tower Way – in consultation. Two letters were received in connection with the Order and passed to PCSO Anning.

Mr Guest is to raise the profile of the footpath link between the two parts of the village through a petition to Highways, where villagers sign to hold DCC Highways department and EDDC Planning department responsible for any accident that may happen as a result of this dangerous road, which has no footpath and continually increasing traffic due to industrial permissions being granted.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Mr Barrow reported that DCC has surpassed its target of 90% of footpaths being clear to walk for this year. Mr Sumpter gave a vote of thanks to Mr Barrow on behalf of the Parish for all his hard work in ensuring 100% of Dunkeswells paths are completely clear to walk.

5 ENVIRONMENT

South West Regional Assembly – Consultation on the Future of Exeter and its surrounding area to 2026.

6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

6.1 Community policing report – Four crimes reported, one damage to padlocked containers on Flightway, two burglaries on Flightway and one criminal damage to the fences in the Play area (possibly linked with another attempt on the Spar shop). A complaint was made that the driver for HRH the Princess Royal on 11th April 2005 was exceeding the speed limit through the village (Clerk instructed to establish who the offender is and make a complaint). Volunteers are now being sought for the community speedwatch programme and may contact PC Lea or PCSO Anning to discuss training.

6.2 Quality Parish Status – reception was held on Thursday 7th April 2005 for various working partners (authorities, local, district and county levels). The clerk would like to thank the Chairman and Parish Councillors for their kindness and generosity, and acknowledge that the whole process was only achievable with the high level of support from within the council and coming into a system which had been run so well by the previous clerk.

7 FINANCE

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| 7.1 | Receipts – | Devon County Council Footpaths Account P3 (Supplementary Grant) | £300.00 |
| | | EDDC Precept April 2005- September 2005 | £5125.00 |
| 7.2 | Cheque payments - | Grant to DP&LG grass cutting | £1038.00 |
| | | Reimburse Chairman for Quality Parish reception expenses | £72.10 |
| | | Brian and Mike's Cut and Trim (grass cutting) | £15.00 |
| | | J L Barrow (footpaths account) | £210.00 |
| | | J Howard (footpaths account) | £168.00 |
| | Payment deducted precept - | Devon Association of Parish Council membership | £232.00 |
| | Payment by direct debit - | Virgin Broadband (Public Access Computer) | £24.99 |
| | | BT monthly payment (Public Access Computer) | £30.36 |

(Cheques/direct debits proposed for agreement by Mr Sumpter, seconded by Mr Luscombe and unanimously agreed).

Account balances - at 1/4/05 Paths Account £431.78
 Parish Account £4798.89

7.3 Rural Aid work extension granted – invoices need to be submitted and work completed by end of June 2005.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting was closed for questions from the public)

There were various questions regarding the proposed affordable housing on the dog walking area and the definition of affordable. Mr Sworder explained that houses may be shared equity these would then be available in perpetuity or rented by a housing association, these would then be available to people from Dunkeswell and the surrounding area. It has been proved that there is a need for affordable housing and the last permission (which was granted) for the development of Highfield centre included 40% affordable housing within the development. Members of the public questioned the need for a split development, especially outside of the village limit (under an exceptions policy). It was also discussed that the development should be moved so it was not so closely situated to the rear of Powells Way and some asked that it be moved elsewhere altogether. It was agreed that these concerns would all be voiced to the District Council on behalf of those objecting.

Dates for next meetings – **Planning Applications: Monday 9th May, 2005 7pm - 7.30pm - Village Hall**
 Parish Council AGM: Monday 9th May, 2005 7.30pm - Village Hall
 Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 16th May 2005 7.30pm – Community Hall