

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 10th April 2006.

Present: Mr G Sworder (Chairman), Mr A Guest (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Russell, Messrs J Barrow, Mr C Sumpter
B Procter, A Luscombe, District Councillor Mrs M Boote and eleven members of the public.
Apologies: Cllr M Stevens, County Councillor Mr Roger Boote, PC Vickery 4783, PCSO Anning 30012

- 1 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 20th March, 2006 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. **AGREED**

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).

2 **PLANNING**

2.1 **Decisions** (for information)

06/0264/FUL 16 Kennedy Way – permission granted for single storey extension.

2.2 **Applications** (for recommendation)

06/0241/FUL Dunkeswell Kart Circuit – race control tower

06/0319/MFUL Dunkeswell Kart Racing Circuit – newpits, workshops and visitors/user facilities.

Also amended plans for comment received 14th March 2006 – 14 days for comment.

Copy letter from Civil Aviation Authority stating that the height of the proposed building, fences and entrance arch would compromise the use of runway 17 on Dunkeswell Airfield. Letter from Air Westward Ltd raising a strong objection to the application due to this infringement to their glide paths.

Sheldon parishioners have instructed a planning consultant from Foot, Anstey, Sargent solicitors. A twelve page report has been produced for submission to EDDC. Two separate noise consultants have been engaged and both conclude that the noise projections are inaccurate, and monitoring should take place. Highways have asked for further information on the traffic projections and realise there is a major potential traffic consideration. Overall the application does conflict with the objectives of the AONB, and there will be an objection from the AONB Partnership based on the impact of the building, traffic and noise. A meeting with the planners is still awaited as soon as all the information is collated.

It was agreed to write to EDDC asking that noise measurements be taken over a variety of weather conditions, and in several locations, as well as requesting an Environmental Impact Assessment as air, light and noise pollution are all yet to be addressed adequately. It has still not been established of the exact permissions which stand at present as past permissions have been unclear. There are also ambiguities in the application which need clarification. A prediction of just how this application will benefit the local economy is required and it will be stressed that we disagree with any suggestion that a quick decision can be made on this application as has been suggested by EDDC.

One letter of objection (written to The Parish News) has been copied to the Parish Council for information. A gentleman asked that a public meeting should be held to hear all the facts as soon as they are collated (this should include Highways and EDDC as well as the applicant if they wish). Another gentleman asked that the noise control barrier be extended to the north, and also why the track width has not been subject to enforcement action. The Chairman replied that noise complaints had only so far come from the west, and that the planners were visiting the track today to assess the situation. A Gentleman explained that a meeting of fifty residents of Blackborough was held recently and that those who had never previously complained will now be doing so. It is often argued that the practice days (which could be every Saturday) are often louder than the race days.

Recommendation: AWAIT FURTHER INFORMATION

06/0715/FUL Rosemary Cottage – removal of single storey extension and construction of two storey extension
Recommendation: APPROVAL

05/2475/FUL Land at The Old Forge – amended plans, the roof height is now level with Garden Cottage and thatched, with a two metre public footpath around the corner.
Recommendation: APPROVAL

2.3 Enforcement

Windwhistle Farm - Enforcement have now visited the site and made a full inspection, there is no evidence of anyone living there. Visits will be repeated every two weeks as a matter of course to ensure no reoccupation.

Unit 2 Westerhope units, new storage barn – Mr Fisher has confirmed that the slight variance in building size was due to his purchase of a second hand building (the final size is five metres shorter, but five metres wider and half a metre higher) . The additional fee for a new application would be £4,240, are the parish council intent on a new application or will they support Enforcement in recommending a revised application? **Inspection to be arranged before comment returned.**

2.4 Housing Needs Survey – nothing to report at present.

2.5 EDDC Local Plan 1995-2011 proposed modifications received.

Outstanding planning matters/applications as at the 10th April 2006: (for information)

January 2004	04/P0078 British Light Aircraft Co. (awaiting highways new proposal)
April 2005	05/0993/FUL Land at Highfield – 26 open market units, Land off Powells Way - 19 affordable dwellings, community facilities recreational land off Liberator Way
October 2005	05/2475/FUL The Old Forge – new dwelling. 05/2721/FUL Brookside Farm – change of use to residential, educational centre, activity equipment.
December 2005	05/2475/FUL The Old Forge – revised drawings
January 2006	06/0051/CPE Westerhope Units, Long Lane - use as dwelling
February 2006	06/0043/FUL Lammasland – chemical store/workshop and hay barn 06/0241/FUL Dunkeswell Kart Circuit – race control tower 06/0319/MFUL Dunkeswell Kart Racing Circuit – pits/workshops/visitors facilities. 06/0430/FUL units 4a and 3b Marcus Road – renew 01/P0351 car breakers yard
March 2006	06/0430/FUL units 4a and 3b Marcus Road – renewal of permission of 01/P0351 06/0490/FUL Beechwood Farm, Long Lane – extension to house pigs. 06/0499/FUL unit 18G Flightway – retention of work live unit. 06/0497/FUL unit 18D Flightway – retention of work live unit 06/0588/TRE 10 Le Marchant Close – reduce height of four beech trees 06/0715/FUL Rosemary Cottage –construction of two storey extension

4 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Royal Oak pavement – Nothing to report

Manley's Lane adoption – Letter from Meg Booth. The survey of the drains showed that there are a number of problems – from 35 Manley's Lane to the junction with the main road, this section of the drainage system needs to be entirely reconstructed as the pipe is sagging and cracked, as well as out of alignment. There is also need for a manhole at the junction, DCC Highways are currently in discussions with EDDC as they appear to be the owners of this sewer to seek their agreement. These problems will delay works as previously forecast by a couple of weeks.

Abbey Road Gulleys – EDDC are adamant that this is simply road surface water and will not resolve the situation The Chair proposed an approach from Angela Browning if no conclusion is reached, Mr Sumpter to have one final attempt.

Speedwatch -Traffic census now complete and the reports on the traffic speed watch experiment are being prepared. It is suggested that we await this prior to deciding on purchasing equipment or settling on engineered solutions.

Clerk to write letter to Highways about pedestrian struck in village – high visibility jacket, but walking on the wrong side of the road.

Potholes Long Lane and Percy Hill, Stentwood, SWW cover outside Quinains and lack of tar in tarmac laid beside road to Gypsy Cross. Mr Barrow asked for the road to be resurfaced between Green Lane and Highwood Farm.

5 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Nothing to report.

6 ENVIRONMENT

Otter Rotters – Bridget Moss from Otter Rotters a not-for-profit community enterprise that provides garden waste collection services for residents across East Devon gave an insight into the five year old project which is soon to extend to Dunkeswell and the surrounding areas. Tags will be available to purchase from the Spar shop, these will then be left under a stone next to your green waste bags and be collected fortnightly. All garden waste

