

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a **Meeting** of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 19th February 2007.

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

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 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 15th January, 2007 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED

2 PLANNING

2.1 Decisions (for information)

06/3019/FUL 15 Azalea Close – permission granted for erection of 2m high close board fence.
06/3342/TRE 19 Potters Stile – permission granted to reduce crowns in group of beech/ ash trees
06/3515/COU The Old Mill - permission granted for conversion of barn to holiday let unit
06/3525/FUL The Old Mill – permission granted for double garage & single tractor shed
06/3526/FUL The Old Mill – permission granted for extension and improvements
06/3482/FUL 26 Simcoe Way – permission granted for conservatory

2.2 Applications (for recommendation)

07/0299/FUL Dunkeswell Air Centre – replacement and relocation of parachute club buildings. Mr Procter declared an interest and left the room while the application was discussed.

Recommendation: **APPROVAL**

07/0354/FUL Bowerhayes Farm – erection of agricultural storage building.

Recommendation: **APPROVAL**

07/0353/COU Garages Culme Way – alterations to previously approved dwelling (06/1806/COU). The Parish Council recommended refusal of this development, but if it is to be built, the design should fit with surrounding properties, the design alterations could be more sympathetic. We understand that the parking spaces to the shop side of the development in Culme Way are not adopted by Highways. If you are minded to grant this application permission the Parish Council feel that it should be a conditional that the parking spaces be offered to Highways for adoption to ensure that they do not get removed, as parking is a problem in this area. A letter from the Police to residents in Tower Way regarding parking problems will be attached to the recommendation and sent to the planners for information. Recommendation: **REFUSAL**

06/3398/FUL Rosemary Cottage – amended plans for removal of single storey extension and construction of two storey extension. Recommendation: **APPROVAL**

07/0434/FUL Dunkeswell Aerodrome – erection of two prefabricated hangars for storage of light aircraft. . Mr Procter declared an interest and left the room while the application was discussed.

Recommendation: **APPROVAL**

07/0427/TRE 1 Walden Road – crown reduce by 30% and reshape one ash tree/pollard two ash trees.

Recommendation: **APPROVAL** and applicant should be commended on already replanting replacement trees.

07/0350/TRE 1 Barrack Lodge – Fell one Ash tree Recommendation: **APPROVAL only provided** the stump is removed and in its place one field maple and one hazel tree are planted. It should be noted that in building a house too close to this tree and purposely destroying its roots the developer weakened this tree.

Dunkeswell Kart Circuit – copy letter from Enforcement asking for a retrospective application to be submitted for the mobile home, recently sited second storage container and timber store building/trailer unit. It appears that the toilet block may have been in position for a number of years, but there are issues surrounding this.

East Devon Quality Parishes and planning Issues – as requested EDDC have decided to allow parishes with Quality Status to handle tree applications and preservation orders and powers on the control of advertisements for a trial period. Further information is awaited and this would have to be approved by full council. The District Council would deal with all applications and grants/refusals, the District Councils officer would provide the Parish Council with their advice for their final decision. Clerk to write formally to Mark Williams and agree in principle, and await further details.

There is a new head of Development Control at EDDC – Stephen Belli, who has a proactive approach to working with parish councils. T was agreed to arrange a meeting with Andy Carmichael (the Eastern Area Planning Officer) to discuss the outstanding applications surrounding the shopping area on Highfield.

Outstanding planning matters/applications as at the 19th February 2007: (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	05/2721/FUL Brookside Farm – change of use to residential, educational centre, activity equipment.
February 2006	06/0043/FUL Lammasland – chemical store/workshop and hay barn
May 2006	06/0969/FUL Highfield Community Hall
August 2006	06/2038/COU Sheldon Grange –cross country course
October 2006	06/2607/FUL land off Culme Close – amendments to approved conservatory
November 2006	06/2607/FUL land rear of Culme Close – amendments to approved scheme 4no. dwellings including conservatory to each unit and extension to plot 1
	06/2760/FUL Lodge farm – retention of windows
December 2006	06/3398/FUL Rosemary Cottage – two storey extension.
January 2007	06/3353/FUL Dunkeswell Kart Circuit –widening of kart track extension
	06/3351/FUL Dunkeswell Kart Circuit –car parking and pits area

4 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

- 4.1 The police have circulated a letter to all residents in Tower Way detailing the possible implications of obstructive parking (£30 fixed penalty ticket or removal of vehicle £120 plus £12 per night). It is suggested in the letter that all residents co-operate with one another and park on the outer curve to avoid a problem arising.
- 4.2 There are potholes opposite the old Police house from Honiton direction – from garage to Police house, entrance to Flightway there is a crater. 30mph flashing sign is not working (but has been reported twice). Clerk to report.
- 4.3 Lengthsman was praised in the last return.
- 4.4 Entrance to Liberator Way there is a pool of water that gathers, Steve Tucker has been to the site. Clerk to contact Highways to see what Highways intend to do.

5 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- 5.1 Report from Mr Barrow.
- 5.2 Uffculme Environmental Landfill Grants- clerk has contacted the company and the bridge on footpath 12 could be an eligible project, although there is no guarantee an application would be successful as the board will prioritise the various applications made within their available budget (about £200k per annum). A third party sponsor must be found to pay 10% of the project cost. They will not fund a project which is a councils statutory duty to fulfil.

6 ENVIRONMENT

7 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 7.1 Community policing report – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning – There have been 11 crimes in the last month (two are 'non crime' child protection issues, one instance of glue in locks, car fuel and a bicycle were stolen (bicycle found), attempted burglary, possession of a shotgun without a licence, theft by employee and a non crime domestic and four criminal damages to peoples windows (petty damage, stones thrown to damage not to gain entry). A car has been loitering in Catalina Close. There is a problem with transport for the PCSOs and the parish council will be writing to the D&CC to Inspector Gail, at Sidmouth Police Station to complain about the lack of transport provision. A reply has been received from the Chief Constables Office regarding speeding and the provision of cameras and this has been passed to the Mobile Camera Unit.
- 7.2 Playground safety inspections – WIMS have planted a hedge along the new fence at New Century Park.
- 7.3 Sports field - it has been requested that allotments be part of the plan for the new sports – nothing can be progressed until the transfer of land has been finalised, but 20 families have already expressed an interest. Funding for allotments will come from annual rental (possibly in the region of £30 per year) and the committee when it is formed may seek larger funding from other sources for initial expenses.
- 7.4 Halls – Approved a grant towards building insurance £250
- 7.5 Dog bins – Mr Barrow has installed these and collection had begun weekly from 1st February 2007.

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7.6 Litter bins – Andrew Hancock of Streetscene has asked that we monitor the bins we have to ensure that Sita are fulfilling their contract in emptying them before they provide more – they have promised to review the situation in a month or so when we have reported when any bins are overflowing. A letter of complain regarding litter in the village has been received; a campaign is to be planned.

7.7 Housing needs survey – Nothing to report, clerk to write to the Registered Social Landlord to ask what stage the purchase of the land is at.

8 FINANCE

8.1 **Receipts –**

NONE

8.2 **Cheque payments -**

Community Hall (Grant towards running costs) £250.00

J Barrow (fixing dog bins) £45.00

Signal Signs (new sign notice board) £64.63

Payment by direct debit -

Virgin Broadband (Public Access Computer) monthly £24.99

BT Quarterly payment (Public Access Computer) September, December, March and June £32.99

(Cheques and direct debits AGREED).

Account balances - at 1/2/07

Paths Account £138.70

Parish Account £6179.62

8.3 **WARD MEETING** – Dunkeswell Village Hall, 7.30pm on Monday 5th March 2007 – all parish councillors are asked to attend if possible. It was suggested that the new head of development control Stephen Belli was invited to the ward meeting to speak, and that maybe a joint ward meeting with Otterhead may be better on this occasion to make his trip worthwhile.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (The meeting to be closed before questions from the public).

Dates for next meetings –

Planning Applications: Monday 12th March, 2007 7pm – 8pm

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Parish Council: Monday 19th March, 2007 7.30pm

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