

## DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Geoffrey Sworder (Vice Chairman), Vanetta Keitch, Brendan Procter, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard District Councillor Bob Buxton, PC Vickery 4783, and no members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Donna Delamain, County Councillor Paul Diviani, 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 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](http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx) )

### 2.1 Decisions (for information)

2.1.1 **12/2594/FUL Greenlands** – permission granted for construction of timber building for hobbies/workshop

2.1.2 **12/2563/FUL 1 Barrack Lodge Louis Way** – permission granted for conservatory on side elevation

### 2.2 Applications

2.2.1 **12/2654/FUL Land to The North Of Old Highwood Farm** - Renewal of application 09/1851/FUL for 'conversion of barn to four units of holiday accommodation and owner/manager's accommodation, and formation of new vehicular access'. COMMENTS: Although there are no objections in principle, The Parish Council suggest a site visit to ensure the fabric of the building is still safe and would also like it noted that the proposed driveway crosses a public footpath and this must be left accessible and unobstructed by any fencing.

2.2.2 **Amendment to application 12/2027/FUL - Land Adjacent to Royal Oak Inn** - Revision to layout (from three detached) to 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings and 1 detached dwelling. COMMENTS: The parish council reiterate their comments that the existing access is dangerous and the visibility splay is completely inadequate. We would like clarification that permission will only be granted if the splay can be brought up to Highways regulations as we understand that this will become a highways adopted road should the development become four houses in total (three plus the existing pub) and should therefore be completely safe and accessible. The Parish Council have grave concerns over the dispersal of ground water from the site and ask that EDDC require that the builder prove how the existing water from the site and additional flow found through excavation will be channelled to the leat, as well as indemnify the surrounding properties against the channelling of water down hill.

2.2.3 **13/0091/LBC & 13/0096/FUL Abbey Cottage** – Demolition of 1980s lean to and replacement with a new lean to extension, internal alterations to replace existing kitchen with new bathroom, and creation of a green oak sunroom/conservatory. COMMENTS: no objections

### 2.3 TREE & ADVERTISEMENT APPLICATIONS (for Decision)

2.3.1 **12/2488/TRE 44 Louis Way** - T1 - Ash - Coppice multi-stemmed tree - APPROVAL

2.3.2 **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 - APPROVAL

2.3.3 **12/2605/TRE 2 Bluebell Road** - G1 - Ash, coppice to ground level. Beech, reduce to 20' in height - APPROVAL

2.3.4 **12/2602/TRE 4 Powells Way** - G1 Ash, coppice to ground level. Beech, reduce to 20' in height - APPROVAL

### 2.4 APPEALS

2.4.1 **Land South of Blossom Hill Park Powells Way Construction of 14 affordable dwellings** the hearing for the appeal will start at 10am on Tuesday 12 March 2013. GNS & JB to attend.

2.5 **Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Buxton was asked when the District Council would be doing further consultation with the villages, this was not known. **Clerk to check.**

## 3 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 **To receive issues to report** – pothole near Stentwood. Fishponds Lane still needs the water taking off the road surface and then repairs.

3.2 **Lengthsman** – Two drains on Percy Hill have still not been cleared and this has resulted in sheet ice down the hill. Verge ploughing was done very well recently.

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- 3.3 **DCC spotlight review highways** – clerk attended at DCC on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012 – report circulated. Outcomes include a conference in the summer, enabling self-help and parish contact direct with lengthsman reinstated.
- 3.4 **Grit Bins** – request from The Laurels, Flightway & at Riverside for grit bins. Clerk to contact highways. Each bin on Highfield estate is now in need of refilling – clerk to ask for refill or bags to Highwood Farm.
- 3.5 **Blackdown Hills Parish Network** – traffic questionnaire for completion – JB to complete.

**FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

- 4.1 Report from Cllr Barrow – nothing to report this time.

**5 ENVIRONMENT**

- 5.1 Emergency planning – receive any new items for consideration
- 5.2 Letter received from solicitors on behalf of Paul Bromham or DKRC & Mansell Raceway giving formal notice of practice dates for 2013. There are 33 days and fall on 24 weekends of the year (approximately half are two day events).
- 5.3 Best Kept Village – Entry form received. Agreed to submit entry.

**6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

- 6.1 **Community policing report** – PC Vickery/PCSO Anning - Break to an outbuilding, damage to an aircraft and theft of purse.
- 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 – quotes are still being gathered and funding being sought. Churchill playground needs a good clean, Cllr Procter offered to steam clean the equipment and do some necessary routine maintenance. The BMX track will also require top dressing and this was agreed.
- 6.1.2 **Allotments** – nothing to report.
- 6.2 **Halls** – nothing to report.
- 6.3 **School for Dunkeswell** – nothing to report.
- 6.4 **EDDC licensing** - Every three years licensing authorities are required to prepare and publish a licensing policy and statement of principles that they propose to apply when exercising their functions under the Gambling Act 2005. This Licensing Authority consulted with a wide range of stakeholders and interested parties between 31 July and 17 September 2012 and wishes to inform you that East Devon District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy has now been published and is available to view on [http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/gambling\\_three\\_year\\_licensing\\_policy.pdf](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/gambling_three_year_licensing_policy.pdf) . East Devon District Council's policy for 2013 – 2016 was approved by full council on 5 December 2012 and will be effective from 31 January 2013. The Policy document includes a statement of principles.

**7 FINANCE**

- 7.1 **Receipts** - none
- 7.2 **Cheque payments** – Dunkeswell and Sheldon Parish Magazine £414.00  
(Cheques for agreement)
- Account balances – Parish Account at 1/1/13 - £18629.53 includes the following:  
P3 balance of funds - £246.00 (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 **Parishes together fund** – nothing further to report.
- 7.5 **Dispensation for Members and Co-Opted Members of Dunkeswell Parish Council 2013/2014** - In accordance with powers delegated to the Responsible Financial Officer I confirm that, for the period 1 December 2012 to 30 April 2015, all Members and Co-opted Members of the Council shall not be regarded as having a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the Council's Code of Conduct and have been granted a dispensation to permit them to speak and vote at meetings of the Council if the matter relates to the setting of the Precept. AGREED.
- 7.6 **To agree precept for 2013-2014** – After much debate it was agreed that it was important to maintain the new assets that the community has and not allow them to degrade, as well as to seek to enhance and maintain services being cut by District and County Councils at a local level wherever practical and desirable, it was therefore agreed to set a precept of £27,000 for the forthcoming year.

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

**Members Remember!** You must declare any personal or prejudicial interests at the start of the meeting (item number 3). Make sure you say the reason for your interest as this has to be included in the minutes. If your interest is prejudicial you must leave the room.

**Dates for next meetings 2013 –**

- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Planning Meeting 7 – 8 pm  
18th February 2013 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm  
11th March 2013 Planning Meeting 7 – 7.30pm