

Dunkeswell Annual Parish Meeting - Held at Throgmorton Hall 20th May 2019, 8pm

Parish Council

Parish Councillors appointed at the 2019 uncontested local election, those co-opted in the Interim and the Parish Council Officers appointed at the election of Officers held at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on 13th May 2019.

The Chairman:

John Barrow (Also Footpaths & Bridleways, P3 representative, Tree & Snow Warden)

The Vice Chairman: Brendon Proctor

Planning Committee: All Parish Councillors (quorate at three)

New Century Park: Philip Stevens

Churchill Playground: Brendon Proctor

MUGA/Sportsfield: John Barrow

Councillors: Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Andrew Maynard

Co-opted: Kerrie Webber - Co-opted on 13th May 2019

Could you help make a difference in our Community? - We currently have a vacancy for a Councillor, If this interests you and you would like to be part of making a difference in our Community please get in touch with either the Clerk - Kay Smith at clerk@dunkeswell.net or contact any of the Councillors for further information.

Present - John Barrow, Philip Stevens, Andrew Luscombe, Andrew Maynard, Tina Page, Kerrie Webber, District Councillors - Colin Brown & David Key and members of the Community

Apologies - Brendon Proctor

The Chairman opened the meeting and given that so much of the Councils activities were represented by speakers giving presentations during the evening, gave way to the first speaker.

Air Ambulance Trust - Night Landing Site

Toby Russell Kindly spoke to give more details regarding the Air Ambulance night landing site, proposed to be at the new football pitch, showing slides of other active sites with similar columns planned for Dunkeswell and explaining the processes and monitoring of sites. There are currently 120 active night landing sites across Devon and approximately the same again in development. This project has received positive support so far and we are currently awaiting the Planning Decision from EDDC for the Lighting Column before commencing further. The Parish Council would like to thank Toby for all his help so far and for securing the Grants available to cover all the labour costs associated with implementing this.

The plan and an information leaflet are on our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/dunkeswellparishcouncil/>

Or alternatively please contact the clerk at clerk@dunkeswell.net if you have any questions or would like any further information.

Dunkeswell Rovers Football Club

Members of the Football Club spoke in conjunction with the Air Ambulance regarding the site. They are busy planning for the future of the club and fund raising, preparing the pitch for the

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season and looking for sponsorship. The club has many new members, most of which are local people and has just won their league. The Football Club and Parish Council are working together to get services to the field to make the best use of any funding.

Finally the Parish Council would like to say thank you for the opportunity to purchase the land, without which the Football Club may have ceased to exist and Dunkeswell Parish Council would not have had the chance to provide an Air Ambulance Landing Site for the benefit of all whole Community.

Dunkeswell Rovers are actively supporting the Councils funding bid with Calor Rural Communities Funding at

<https://www.calor.co.uk/shop/communityfund/project/list/year/2019> - Please vote for our project if you can, it is much appreciated! Voting is open until June 17th.

Blackdown Practice

The Blackdown Practice currently has no GP vacancies they have just recruited a receptionist and looking to recruit a dispenser. They continue to provide physio, midwife and podiatrist services and in the next year will be looking into dispensing for the future to include robotic dispensing and medical ATM. A member of the community added that we are lucky here and have relatively short waiting times for appointments to see a GP in comparison to other surgeries; the Blackdown surgery is looking at appointment times in an effort to improve them further. A further question was asked regarding appointments at Musgrove & RD&E in relation to medical information not being shared/available to be viewed at both hospitals, they use different systems so are currently unable to view & share each others information, this hopefully may be reviewed at some point to provide a better service.

Blackdown Support Group

Based in the surgery at Hemyock, this service provides a wide range of help to a very wide range of people. Some of the services that can be accessed via them include, Transport to appointments, lunchclubs, shopping, carers groups, benefits help, befriending and many other services. Also available is a disabled access vehicle for hire or with a driver. The service relies on volunteers in conjunction with 3 Part-time staff and 10 trustees. Currently they support approximately 400 Individuals with about one quarter of these being in Dunkeswell. Plans for the coming year are to continue the service and reach more people. They are always looking for more volunteers, for more information please contact

<http://blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk/> or alternatively Kay Smith - clerk, for an information leaflet.

Footpaths & Bridleways, Tree Warden

Cllr Barrow reported that both benches have been removed for repair from The MUGA/Sportsfield and will be returned once repaired. There were no questions regarding Footpaths & Bridleways.

Churchill Playground

Cllr Barrow reported that the playground is being maintained and as with all play areas is inspected yearly.

New Century Park

Cllr Stevens reported that a new bench has been purchased for the junior area, the council are in the process of sourcing some replacement equipment to include a new climbing rope wall for the junior area, replacement seesaw for the junior area and possibly a new piece of equipment for the park, yet to be determined. This is due to us having a grant available from CIL, Community Infrastructure Levy. If there are funds available following the purchase of the replacement items, then the Parish Council will consult with Youth Club & Dunkeswell preschool for new equipment suggestions. Cllr Stevens thanked everyone who has helped to keep the park looking great and in good repair throughout year.

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Youth Club - Anne Barrett

DUNKESWELL YOUTH CLUB – MAY 2019

Our Youth club has been running now for sixteen years and it has developed in so many ways since then. With social changes we have adapted to needs and followed young people's interests assisting in projects as best we can.

This year I feel particularly proud that we have four eighteen-year-olds and a nineteen-year-old who are regular volunteers. To see young people grow up is a privilege, to see them grow into community volunteers is an absolute pleasure.

Without these shining examples, our youth club would truly have struggled this year. Paul and Tia, who have served our community as Youth Leaders for many years, haven't been able to come to Youth Club since January as Paul had a big operation. Happily, he is recovering well and we hope one, or both will once again join us, for our Thursday sessions.

Due to voting we have missed a couple of Thursday sessions so we try to open half terms to make up for this. Tracey, our treasurer, has been a gem increasing her volunteering hours to help replace Paul and Tia. We also facilitated a volunteer achieving his Duke of Edinburg Award.

Our attendance figures have stayed healthy with the usual fluctuations due to seasons, weather and exams.

Our regular activities include pool, table tennis, arts and crafts. Our Christmas party theme was Frozen, with Sean Moon's table magic, party food boxes and Tracey's stunning cakes!

This time last year we were pleased to report the fitting of the stage lighting. It was good see that the panto was able to use them in December. The young people have been asking for us to do another show, so we hope to put on another of our Big Shows, after Christmas.

There have also been requests for more camping trips. Last summer we went to Branscombe once, wild camping at Monkton twice and on a very wet Dunkeswell night, we did a special camp for one member, who couldn't make the other camps. I love our Summer Camps and I think the young people benefit from the experiences too.

We also enjoyed a beach trip to Sidmouth which included siblings and parents. We all enjoyed chips and BBQ food. In July, our Annual BBQ in the park was also very well attended, by members and their families.

We would all like to thank the Parish Council for constantly supporting our Youth Club. Without such support we wouldn't survive. We hope you will value the Youth Club in our community and that you will look favourably on us in the future.

Dunkeswell Preschool

A report for the parish council meeting on 20th of May 2019

Summer term 2018

We started the summer term with 39 children on the books and the children came back to a brand new climbing wall in the outside area.

We took the children to Olivia Luscombe's farm for a visit. The children really enjoy this morning out getting up close to the animals and sitting on a tractor.

We spend most of our time outside using the local park, walking around our community looking and listening to what's happening around us.

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We joined the toddler group to do a charity walk around the park for save the children charity.

We enjoyed a day out to Paignton zoo and hosted our sports day event in the local park.

In the summer term we liaise with five different schools in the area as children start the transition in to primary school.

We held a leavers party for the children going off to school with music and a picnic in the park.

The committee started the process of changing over for Dunkeswell Pre-school to Dunkeswell Pre-school C.I.O which is a new form of legal entity for non-profit organisations.

Autumn term 2018

Pre-school started the new school year with a brand new kitchen donated by M.K.M of Honiton and we employed a chef to supply hot meals to the children.

We started the autumn term with 33 children on the books. The children did lots of fun activities which you can now see on Facebook or read about what we get up to in the local parish magazine. The children performed a little nativity to a large audience and we had a Christmas dinner, party and a visit from Santa.

Autumn term is always a busy one for the committee organising lots for fund raising events. And this year changing to C.I.O meant Three People taking on the responsibility of running the Pre-school as Trustees and then having a fundraising committee.

Spring term 2019

We started the spring term with 39 children on the books. We had to close one day for snow. The children have enjoyed new equipment this term for example two new tepees, new bikes and ipads. Olive brought in some frogspawn which the children are enjoying watching them change into frogs. We did lots of activities around Easter, spring and the children entered the spring flower show with a flower on a plate.

The Trustees and fundraising committee hosted a tea party for all the local businesses, organisations and people in our community who continue to support us year after year.

Pre-school started running a tea and toast morning on Friday and a luncheon club once a month. These events are proving very popular with 37 people attending the last lunch club.

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Thank-you to everybody in the community who helps support us in anyway it really does make a difference and we very much appreciated all the support we get from local businesses, organisations and people in our community.

Allotment Association

Take up has been better this year and at present we only have one spare allotment. We have had to have repairs to the fencing and to the water troughs but otherwise everything has been running smoothly.

Throgmorton Hall

It has been a good year again for the hall this year which is remaining financially secure with little fundraising. There has been a lot of maintenance needed this year mainly due to the age of the equipment.

Notably the roller shutter broke and was fixed by Delves which did take a few days and a couple of visits from them. The fire escape has unfortunately still not been fixed. I obtained a quote from a local tradesman (who had previously fixed the front double door) which was £1,642.00. I then approached Stewart Smith, builder for Carl Throgmorton who has obtained the part we need for £85. He was going to undertake the work in September which included putting the new projector screen on the wall. Unfortunately, due to my own personal problems at that time this was delayed. The sound system broke again during the year and was kindly fixed by Brian Eastell with no charge being made.

We have now secured the part for the fire door and have approached Meads Builders to fit this and the projector screen.

Bookings have been good, we had a successful wedding in September and have another one booked for June 2020. We now have regular bookings on all days of the week with various different bookings on most weekends through the pre-school, flying club, John Finch Racing, Bingos and private parties/functions.

Both the Allotment Association & Throgmorton Hall would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support.

Police report -

Crimes Recorded - 01/03/2018 to 28/02/2019 - KH2F

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/03/2018 to 28/02/2019	Recorded Crime 01/03/2017 to 28/02/2018	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	8	8	0.0%
Violence without Injury	17	15	13.3%
Other Sexual Offences	3	0	-
Robbery	1	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	3	2	50.0%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	2	4	-50.0%
Vehicle Offences	4	4	0.0%
Shoplifting	1	0	-

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Other Theft	8	2	300.0%
Criminal Damage	13	7	85.7%
Public Order Offences	4	5	-20.0%
Trafficking of Drugs	1	0	-
Possession of Drugs	1	3	-66.7%
Other Offences	1	2	-50.0%
Total	67	52	28.8%

Non Notifiable Offences	7	10	-30.0%
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Incidents Recorded - 01/03/2018 to 28/02/2019 - KH2F

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/03/2018 to 28/02/2019	Incidents - 01/03/2017 to 28/02/2018	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	8	21	-61.9%
Crime Not Recorded	2	2	0.0%
Crime Recorded	26	14	85.7%
Public Safety	90	93	-3.2%
Transport	24	32	-25.0%
Total	150	162	-7.4%

Public & Other Questions

Defibrillator Village Hall

Cllr Barrow - The defibrillator at the Village was "taken" in an emergency and ended up at Honiton Surgery, this was not noticed by anyone and 10 days later it was reported to the clerk by another Clerk who happened to be at Honiton Surgery.

The Parish Council check the box at least monthly and in between if anyone is at the hall, it is also checked by another clerk approx. monthly as part of agreement when purchasing it.

The Parish Council will discuss other methods of checking it more regularly and also try to put an identifying tag on it somewhere with contact details to prevent delays in it being returned. This to be an agenda Item for 17th June 2019 meeting.

Dog & Litter Bins

There is an ongoing problem with the collection of the Dog Bins and Litter bins, this was raised by a resident who had reported one bin several times, as had two councillors and the clerk! The clerk has provided a map indicating where all Dog & Litters are located and is still in contact with EDDC regarding this, trying to determine why some are collected and others not and why this varies with different bins not being collected in what appears to be a random pattern.