

DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Kerri Webber, Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, John Sipple, County Councillor Iain Chubb, District Councillor's Colin Brown & David Key, Bob Nelson - AONB Management Partnership

Apologies: Kerrie Webber

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.**

1.2 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on **Monday 9th December 2019** to be signed as a correct record of that meeting. Minutes were signed as a correct record.

1.3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** To receive declarations of interest and to note any additional risks. No declarations

1.4 AONB Management Group - Bob Nelson - presentation on how this group represents Parishes. The Councillors wish to thank Bob for attending our meeting and explaining more about what the AONB Partnership does and how it helps with different long term projects. Funded by grants from DEFRA and Councils in both Devon and Somerset (to name but a few) the AONB Partnership is able to run projects such as the archeological explorations at Dunkeswell Abbey and the Connecting the Culm, a project to make the floodplain more resilient to drought and flooding. In addition to this they also fund projects looking at sustainability, bio-diversity and Land Management. More information can be found at <https://blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk/project/field-boundaries-linear-landscape-features/> or <https://blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk/project/connecting-the-culm/>

2 **PLANNING**

<https://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/online-applications/>
DECISIONS(for information)

2.1 **19/1653/FUL Stentwood Farm Dunkeswell EX14 4RW - Construction of firewood storage shed. (Approved)**

2.2 **19/2288/FUL Unit 24B Flightway Dunkeswell Business Park Dunkeswell EX14 4RD - Change of use from light industrial (B1) to Doggie Day Care Centre. (Approved)**

APPLICATIONS (for comment/Information)

2.3 **19/2621/FUL & 19/2622/LBC Autumn Cottage Dunkeswell EX14 4RE - (FUL) Retention of summerhouse and carport and raising of chimney pots. (LBC) Retention of raised chimney pots, replacement of woodburning stoves and relocation of boiler. Extension to Comment agreed to 21st January 2020 (for comment & agreement)**

Comments - No Objections

2.4 **19/2687/FUL Land Adjacent Old Wolford Farm Dunkeswell EX14 4SQ - Erection of an agricultural building to house cattle. Extension to comment agreed to 21st January 2020. (for comment & agreement).**

Comments - No Objections

2.5 **19/2757/FUL Land North Of Louis Way Dunkeswell - Erection of 9 no. bungalows (6 affordable and 3 open market) and associated works (revised layout following approval of 18/0089/FUL) (for comment & agreement)**

Comments - Councillors prefer the layout as agreed in 18/0089/FUL and wonder whether this layout could be altered to accommodate a turning area for the refuse lorry/other large vehicles by altering the landscaping at the top of the development and turning this into a turning "T".

Regarding the large green spaces at the front of the amended layout for the development, there were serious concerns regarding the pond, especially in respect of children and it's proximity to the play area & future residents.

Councillors feel that the pond/drainage pond could potentially be a high risk to young children using the park area as well as families living in the new development. The application does not indicate whether the pond is covered and fenced, its depth and who will be responsible for the maintenance of this and the green space opposite. Councillors would like more information and detail regarding this.

Council would like to have an assurance that these green spaces will remain as is shown on the plan (should the application be written up for approval) and that no other building application would be considered at a later date.

- 2.6 **19/2467/FUL High Dunscoth Dunkeswell EX14 4QQ - Erection of new detached dwelling house in place of approved detached annexe. (for comment & agreement)**

Comments - No Objections

- 3 **TREE APPLICATIONS**
DECISIONS(for information) None Received

APPLICATIONS(for information/comment) None Received

4 **HIGHWAYS**

- 4.1 **Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report.** - Potholes to be reported - Long Lane between junction and the footpath and also middle road by footpath. Limers to Springfield, Opposite Turbury - Verges, Musgrove Farm & Madford Bridge, Bowerhayes Hayes - 1st 200 yards,

5 **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

- 5.1 **P3 Budget** - Forms received from DCC to be returned by 17th February 2020. **(for Information/ action)**

Comments - P3 forms taken by P3 Warden for completion, Clerk and chair to meet and agree this

6 **ENVIRONMENT**

7 **COMMUNITY & GOVERNANCE**

- 7.1 **Community policing report –**

- 7.2 **Playgrounds/Sports field/Allotments/Halls** - It was agreed that both the seesaw and the net will be replaced, the seesaw using the grant monies and the net from precept. 2 additional quotes to be sourced before proceeding further.

- 7.2.1 **Permission requested to take a chipper into the NCP Park** - This has been requested by residents in Simcoe Way, who have gained permission to crown and thin the trees on their properties backing onto the Park. Residents require a letter from the PC. **(for comment & agreement).**

Comments - Came & Company Insurance provider advise that the company name and address should be supplied in advance of work starting along with their certificate of Public Liability and that the service provider should arrange risk assessment. Clerk to compose a letter to the residents, for Council approval to include the following - All of the above (from Insurance Company) and to include times this can take place to minimise risk, dates, to allow grassy area to dry out, Indemnity for repairs to the grassy area/park if damaged.

- 7.2 **Playground Inspections** - Inspections reports received 4.12.19 and emailed to all Councillors. Clerk has emailed a list of the "High Priority" repairs to councillors as agreed at the December meeting. **(for discussion & agreement)**

Comments - All Park Wardens have had the list of high priority tasks, it was agreed as soon as the weather improves work will begin on repairs, including power washing of the equipment. The replacement play equipment for the NCP has been sourced and are awaiting 2 x quotes before the grant can be applied for.

7.3 **Lease Football Field** - Football Club request a read through of the lease to be arranged. **(For Information/action)**

Comments - Clerk to arrange a meeting with Football Club as soon as possible.

7.4 **Village Hall Roof, Ceiling & Heating** - Clerk to contact more Electricians for quotes, given the lack of interest in quoting. **(for information)**

7.5 **Precept** - Revised Precept proposal emailed to councillors 10.12.19 for approval **(for discussion & approval)**.

Comments - The Precept was approved and is to be scanned to EDDC immediately, The precept for 2020/2021 will be as agreed at the December meeting - the same as last year Plus 2% to allow for inflationary rises, the amount precepted is £35595.00

7.6 **HAGS Quote playground replacement Equipment** - HAGS quote has now been revised to show the individual prices, an additional 2, like for like quotes to be sourced.

7.7 **Small Grants** - To consider the remaining balance. **(for discussion & agreement)** postponed until February Meeting

7.8 **Employee Pension Scheme** - Letter to employee to be signed to conform with Legislation. The Letter was signed.

8 **FINANCE** (For information/Agreement)

Grants –

8.2	Receipts -	Reclaim of costs purchase of Night Landing Site	£ 1284.37
		VAT Reclaim	£ 1243.32

8.3	Cheque payments –	Clerk Remuneration	£ 1077.30
		DPC HMRC PAYE	£ 48.86
		Clerk expenses	£ 71.09
		Village Hall Hire 2019/2020 April - Mar	£ 378.00
		Consumer Unit Air Ambulance ***	£ 561.67

*** Council agreed to pay for consumer unit at October meeting cost estimated at between £200 & £300. Actual cost is 468.06 + VAT 93.61. Council agreed to pay the full cost £561.67.

Village Hall Ins. Donation	£ 575.00
(Cheques to be Agreed)	

Account balances – Parish Account - at 31st December 2019, statement number 127 Closing Balance £33774.03. (This is a reconciled balance at 8th January 2020)

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

Email, web and social media enquiries have been responded to and councillors copied in, councillors are asked to consider if further action or correspondence is necessary.

Dates for next meetings 2019 – Monday 10th February 2020 - Planning Meeting 7.00pm **
Monday 17th February 2020 - Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

**If you are intending to attend the planning meeting please check with the clerk that this meeting will go ahead, due to new arrangements in place.