

# Minutes of the Meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council 06/12/2021

## Minutes of the Meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs John Barrow (Chairman), Andrew Luscombe, Philip Stevens, Andrew Maynard, John Sipple & District Councillor David Key

**Apologies:** Cllr's Brendan Procter (Vice Chairman), Kerri Webber, Tina Page, Councillor Iain Chubb, District Councillor Colin Brown

*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** - apologies were received and accepted by full council  
Cllr Webber - injury, Cllr Procter & Cllr Page - work commitments
- 1.2 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held on **Monday 15th November 2021** to be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.  
**Comments** - The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and the minutes were signed.
- 1.3 **Declarations of Interest and Risk Assessment:** To receive declarations of interest and to note any additional risks. There were no declarations made

**Public Open Session** (15 Minutes) no members of the public attended the meeting

### 2 Planning

<https://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/online-applications/>

**Decisions** (for information)

- 2.1 **21/2169/FUL Dunkeswell Airfield Dunkeswell Industrial Estate Devon** - Resubmission- Installation of a battery storage power plant up to a 6.5MW with associated works. **Approval with Conditions**
- 2.2 **21/2628/FUL High Dunscomb Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4QQ** - Rear and side single-storey extensions and alterations. **Approval with Conditions**

**Planning Applications** (for comment and Information)

- 2.3 **21/2865/FUL Orchard Cottage Dunkeswell Abbey Honiton EX14 4RP** - (*Rebuild new outbuilding on the footprint of previous outbuilding.*) Amended application, Proposal description amended to: Demolition and replacement of outbuilding **(for comment)**

**Comments** - The councillors would like to be assured the building will not increase in size and the replacement building will be on the same footprint as the one being demolished/removed.

- 2.4 **21/2431/FUL Cob Blocks Dunkeswell Airfield Dunkeswell EX14 4LJ** - Erection of a work-live unit. Amended Application, **amendments relate to:** Revisions to siting and external appearance of work-live unit and addition of noise assessment report. **(for comment)**

**Comments** - No further comments to add

**Appeals** - None Received

### 3 Tree Applications

**Decisions** (for information) - None received

**Applications**(for information/comment)

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- 3.1 **21/3085/TRE 46 Louis Way Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4XW - T1, Beech : Pollard** because of excessive shading, excessive height and diameter. T2, Beech : Pollard because of excessive shading, and excessive height. T3, Ash : Pollard because of excessive shading, height and diameter. All three trees have over hanging branches onto neighbours property. **(for comment)**

**Comments** - Councillors support this application

### 4 Highways

- 4.1 **Lengthsman/Highways Issues to report.** - Clerk to continue reporting any known potholes  
Potholes to be reported - Email sent to highways officer to report potholes on Windgate Hill

### 5 Footpaths and Bridleways -

### 6 Environment

### 7 Community and Governance

- 7.1 **Police Reports** - Email received from PCSO to say that "Meet the Police" event had been a success, with comments made directly to them, regarding speeding thought the whole of Dunkeswell, the state of the road between Limers & Combe Raleigh and the lack of white lining between Airfield & Stentwood. PCSO to follow up the concerns with other agencies and will report back to the Council.  
**Comments** - Councillors were pleased that the event was a success and were pleased that the PCSO is taking forward some of the issues.
- 7.1.1 **Neighbourhood Watch/Community Watch** - Information emailed to councillors 1.12.21 following the event above about trying to revive the watch scheme in Dunkeswell.  
**Comments** - Clerk read and source further information and this will an agenda item in February.
- 7.2 **Parks - MUGA** - Preparation of the ground for the Pre School allotment has started, Fencing quote has been received by Pre-School, work will commence in earnest in Springtime
- 7.3 **Village Hall Wifi/broadband** - To consider which option to proceed with fixed line or mobile signal **(for agreement)**  
**Comments** - deferred to the January Meeting
- 7.4 **Planning Application Comments** - To consider "delegation to the clerk" to allow commenting only on Applications that have an expiry date, before the next meeting of full council meeting. To ensure that comments are received before any decision is taken by EDDC. Cllr Brown is following up with EDDC to see if anything can be done to improve this situation from that end.  
**Comments** - Councillors agreed that delegation to the clerk be made, for planning application that have an expiry date for commenting, before the next meeting. Comments will be made by the clerk in this instance following a conversation with chair and or councillors and the comments submitted will be recorded and ratified at the next council meeting. Clerk to update scheme of delegation statement to reflect this, and it will be formally adopted at the January meeting.
- 7.5 **Village Hall Door replacement** - Cllr Barrow to update the council.  
**Comments** - The new door has been fitted and ensures the safety of users and security of the building. The invoice was presented and council agreed this should be paid, clerk added it to payment list.
- 7.6 **Budget & Precept 22/23** - to review and approve the Precept 22/23 Deadline for EDDC is Wednesday 19th January 2022 **(For comment & agreement)**  
**Comments** - Council resolved to set the precept for 2022/2023 at £36000.00, a rise of £405 on 21/22 figures. Clerk to submit the demand.

### 8 Finance (For information/agreement)

- 8.1 **Grants** - £
- 8.2 **Receipts** - £

8.3 Cheque Payments	
Cut & Strim gardening service	£ 28.00
Clerk Remuneration	£ 935.77

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8.3 Cheque Payments	
DPC HMRC PAYE	£ 0.00
Clerk Expenses, Stationery, Stamps	£ 21.10
Select Windows - Village Hall Door	£. 1100.00

(Cheques to be Agreed)

Account balances – Parish Account - at 29th October 2021, statement number 149 Closing Balance £53781.61 (This is a reconciled balance at 10th November 2021) - No statement received. - **This was noted by councillors**

**Business at the Chairman's discretion** (no decision making during this item)

**i) Draft Local Plan - Housing development** To discuss the proposals associated (Documents sent to councillors 5.11.21)

**Comments** - This was discussed at length by the councillors, Whilst they understand there is a shortage of housing and the need for new development, they don't believe that Dunkeswell is the right place for this. They believe there is much to be concerned about. Within the plan information it states that Dunkeswell has a school, this is incorrect and makes Dunkeswell significantly less sustainable. There are concerns about the traffic impact, the state of the Windgate Hill, currently, the fact that Dunkeswell is within the AONB, Sewers, that only just/don't cope well currently. It has been identified as being a good location because of employment opportunities, when clearly the majority of working people work outside of Dunkeswell (stated by the report). The councillors will be writing to EDDC to point out their concerns before the meeting on December 14th. The council are of the opinion that Dunkeswell has sustained more than enough development in the past years and feel that adding 80+ homes would be over development of an agricultural/rural area. Councillors have requested that a post be added to the Facebook page, Clerk to arrange this. They had noted the comments from residents on the Everything Dunkeswell page, which indicated that most residents (that commented) did not wish to see more development here, and would like to hear from the community to gauge opinion. This will be a regular item on the agenda from January and for the foreseeable future to ensure the community can be kept up to date regarding this.

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 meetings 2021 - 2022 can be found at <https://www.dunkeswell-pc.gov.uk/>

Next meeting - 17th January 2022, Dunkeswell Village Hall, 7.30pm