

Minutes of the Meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall, on Monday 16th January 2023 from 7.30pm

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mrs Kay Smith and one member of the community.

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).

22/125 Receive apologies - There were no apologies

22/126 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022 to be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

Resolution: The minutes of the meeting on 13th December 2022 were agreed as correct record and duly signed.

22/127 Declarations of Interest and Risk Assessment: To receive declarations of interest and to note any additional risks. - Cllr Webber agenda item 22/130, a,

22/128 Public Open Session (15 minutes).

Planning

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

22/129 Decisions (for information)

Approval with Conditions - 22/1855/FUL Old Highwood Dunkeswell EX14 4SZ - Open-air horse training arena with a permeable surface. - **noted**

22/130 Planning Applications (to be considered)

a) **22/2773/FUL Bowling Green Culme Way Dunkeswell** - Construction of 4 x 1 bed dwelling and 2 x 2 bed dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.

Resolution: There were no objections to this application. Cllr Webber left the room whilst this item was discussed.

b) **23/0019/FUL Stentwood Farm Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4RW** - Erection of a two storey, partially steel framed, partially masonry agricultural shed, for the purpose of farm machine storage/workshop and vegetable storage. (For discussion, comments to be made using Scheme of Delegation.)

Resolution: In consultation with the Parish Council and utilising the Scheme of Delegation to the clerk, the following was submitted to Planning Online on 16.1.23 -
The council object to this application and would request more information/explanation of why a first floor WC is required with none on the ground floor? They feel as the application stands, the first floor could easily be converted to become living accommodation. They ask that if the officers are minded to approve this application that consideration be given to adding a clause that retains both floors for storage only.

22/131 Tree Decisions (for information)

a) **Split Decision** - 22/2550/TRE 16 Potters Stile Dunkeswell EX14 4XA - **Ash (T1):**

Option 1: Pollard at approximately 5 metres above ground level or Option 2: Fell.

- noted

22/132 Tree Applications (for consideration)

a) **23/0011/TRE 4 Royal Oak Close Dunkeswell Devon EX14 4AE** - G1, Sycamore, Hazel, Willow and Holly along the NW boundary : coppice various stems on the SE aspect and reduce the remaining crowns to a height varying between 3 and 5 metres.

Resolution: The Council support this application

22/133 Highways

a) **Flooding Abbey Road/Chapel Hill** - to agree a route forward with this issue, following the reply from Highways. Suggestions made to the clerk contacting District and County Councillors in the first instance to see if they help suggest a way forward.

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Resolution: The ongoing issues at Abbey Road/Chapel Corner with flooding and road water run off were discussed with County and District Councillors, Cllr Chubb has kindly agreed to arrange a meeting, on site, with Officers, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Brown and Parish Councillors to see if a permanent solution can be found. Cllr Chubb will liaise with the clerk and arrange a convenient date for all.

b) Issues to report - Councillors discussed the state of the roads in and around Dunkeswell and would encourage the community to report issues online at...

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

22/134 Footpaths and Bridleways - Due to the weather! Slower progress than would be liked has been made, but with the weather being forecast as cold but a bit better this week, hopefully progress will be made.

22/135 Environment

22/136 Community and Governance

a) Parks

i) **MUGA** - Over the Christmas break Graffiti on the half pipe, to agree what action to take.

Resolution: Council agreed to leave cleaning the graffiti off of the equipment at the MUGA and look again in spring, in the hope it weathers off in the meantime.

ii) **New Century Park** - Closing the DCPLG due to lack of members, to approve and sign the letters to be sent and agree clerk to submit online as per guidelines.

Resolution: The letters were signed and full council agreed that dissolving the DCPLG committee and closing all accounts, with responsibility for the Park being transferred to the Parish Council would be the best option. Clerk to submit online.

b) Local Plan - Update

i) Response to the draft Local Plan - Letter emailed to EDDC 12th January 2023. Confirmation of Receipt received. - noted

22/137 Finance (For information/agreement)

a) Grants Received -

£

b) Receipts -

£

£

c) Cheque Payments - January were agreed	
Staffing Remuneration	£ 924.49
DPC HMRC PAYE - refund	£ 0.00
Clerk - Expenses, Stationery, Stamps, Printer ink	£ 19.80

(Cheques were Agreed)

22/138 Account balances - at 30th December 2022, statement number 164, Closing Balance £ 55447.45 (This is a reconciled balance at 11th January 2023) - noted

22/139 Clerks update/Report

a) Village Hall - Deed Query, appointment with Solicitor is arranged in January via phone - noted

b) Civility & Respect - To be on the February agenda - noted

c) Internet Banking - Application sent off. - noted

22/140 Business at the Chairman's discretion (no decision making during this item)

No Items were discussed

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.

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Next meeting - Monday 20th February 2023, Dunkeswell Village Hall, 7.30pm