

Dunchideock Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2014

Present: Cllrs. Swain (Chairman), Dow, Ellis, Eveleigh, Goodchild, Riddick & Robson. Three residents present. TDC Lake and TDC Goodey arrived during the meeting.

1. **Introduction of new clerk** - Cllr Swain welcomed Peter Richardson, the new permanent clerk, and confirmed that relevant paperwork had been signed and that the handover was in progress.
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest** - DCC Connett sends his apologies. Cllr Goodchild declared an interest in item 6 (Planning application 14/00933/COU)
3. **Open Meeting** - No comments were received.
4. **Minutes of previous meetings** - Cllr Ellis proposed and Cllr Eveleigh seconded that the minutes of the 01/09/2014 meeting were a correct record. Cllr Eveleigh proposed and Cllr Riddick seconded that the minutes of the 22/09/2014 meeting were a correct record. All approved and the Chair signed the minutes.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - 5.1 **Village Fire Hydrants** – Cllr Swain confirmed that Devon Fire Service have inspected all hydrants June 2013 and are satisfied with their function. Property names and locations and details of the low bridge have been updated with information provided. Further work to update markers will be conducted and all locations will be published on the website.
 - 5.2 **HMRC Potential Fine** – Nothing received from HMRC. Potential fine of £400 that would be appealed. Cllr Swain to continue working on this.
 - 5.3 **Village bench maintenance** – No progress. Work remains planned.
 - 5.4 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Robson had nothing to report on the possible handover.
 - 5.5 **BT Fibre Cabinet** – Cllr Swain reported that no updates have been received and that the third parties involved still need to meet. Focus remains on changes to improve safety and improving the visual appearance of the cabinet area.
6. **Planning Application** – Cllr Goodchild presented application 14/00933/COU (change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling). Cllr Goodchild left the room while the application was discussed. All supported the development as part of preserving the barn. Issues raised with regards to ecology of the area but agreed that this had already been raised by specialists. Access to the site was agreed to be a concern and that an entrance to the East of the barn would be more appropriate. Cllr Goodchild returned to the room and rejoined the meeting.
7. **County & District Council Reports** – TDC Lake noted the use of the rural skip service and encouraged its use. TDC Lake stated that he had strongly objected to the road warden scheme and it was agreed that maintenance of local highways was not something that the parish council wanted to undertake. Cllr Ellis raised the topic of the future of the Haldon travellers site.
8. **Clerk's Return of Records and Equipment** – Cllr Goodchild updated on conversations with the previous clerk. Some archive records have now been

received but there are several outstanding. Equipment has not been returned and is not acknowledged as being in the clerk's possession. Cllr Goodchild to continue to try to recover the property. Recovered documents to be sorted by the parish council and archived or destroyed as per recommendations.

9. **Electricity Monitors and Heat Detection** – Cllr Goodchild updated the meeting on the topic. It was agreed that the principle of sustainability and energy savings was important. Cllr Goodchild to continue investigations in this area with a view to presenting his findings and engaging further with those interested at a later date. He and Cllr Robson will organise a meeting for villagers interested in the topic.
10. **Elector's Fund 2014/15** – Elector's Fund is open for applications until the end of March 2015. Approximately £500 is available. Fund is for projects that will benefit more than one local community. Possibility of pooling resources and hiring the lengthsman with other local parishes considered. Clerk to investigate costs. Supporting the village hall works also considered. Councillors to consider projects and discuss at the next meeting.
11. **Village Hall Report** – Cllr Dow reported that a grant had been received for work to refurbish the sheds. Quotes have been received and the contract awarded. Work is currently being scheduled. Cllr Goodchild raised his concerns over the newly built shed adjacent to the existing storage sheds. Shed-owner was present and it was agreed that the structure is temporary while the refurbishment work is done. All agreed that there is no issue with the new shed at present.
12. **Rural Skip** - Confirmed that the rural skip will be in the village on 8th November. It has been advertised on the website, noticeboards and Country News. The parish council thanked TDC for once again making the service available.
13. **Finance** - The clerk reported the current balance is £3,413.08 and confirmed that this reconciles with the cash book and cheque book. Clerk will produce financial reconciliation at the end of each quarter. Handover of online banking and the update of the account signatories is in progress.
14. **Clerk's Correspondence** – Cllr Swain summarised the conferences attended and offered more details to those that required it. Active consultations for highways and electoral boundaries were highlighted.
15. **Open Meeting** – Cllr Eveleigh raised the topic of the South West Exeter development with TDC Lake and Goodey. Clerk to provide links to the development framework documents. TDC Goodey will inform the clerk of updates as they are available.
16. **Chairman's Remarks** – Cllr Goodchild raised possibility of putting key topics being discussed in the Country News. Clerk to investigate. Cllr Swain confirmed that following discussions with SWW and Devon Highways that water at Dunchideock Bridge is a natural spring and not a leak. Highways will not proactively resolve the problem. All agreed that would be a safety issue over winter. Clerk to write to Highways.
17. **Date of next meeting** - Monday 5th January 2015
The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Chairman