

Dunchideock Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2015

Present: Cllrs. Swain (Chairman), Dow, Goodchild, Eveleigh, Riddick and Robson. 3 residents present. TDC Lake arrived during the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest** - Cllr Ellis sent his apologies. No declarations of interest were made.
2. **Open Meeting** – Interest was noted in the Highways and Clapham Holiday Park agenda items.
3. **Minutes of previous meetings** - Cllr Riddick proposed and Cllr Eveleigh seconded that the minutes of the 05/01/2015 meeting were a correct record. All approved and the Chairman signed the minutes.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 **Village Fire Hydrants** – Cllr Swain to progress when weather permits.
 - 4.2 **Village Bench Maintenance** – One bench is in progress. Work to progress when the weather permits.
 - 4.3 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Robson had nothing to report on the possible handover, it will stay on the agenda.
 - 4.4 **BT Fibre Cabinet** – Connecting Devon project manager sends apologies for lack of updates. CD will take to their Board the request for financial support to improve the stone work near the box. The issue of protecting the box remains. CD has asked DPC to be a case study for the benefits of superfast broadband. All agreed.
 - 4.5 **Highways** – Damage at Manstree Cross has been logged. Highways will fill the damaged area if it becomes a safety risk. Cllr Goodchild raised the issue of large vehicles damaging the wall along Clapham Lane. There is no change on the issue of parking at Thornes Meadow. Cllr Swain proposed that the PC approach Cllr Ellis to place rocks in the area to protect the underground services. All agreed.
5. **Finance Report** - The clerk reported the balance at the end of February was £3,423.08 and confirmed that this reconciles with the cashbook and chequebook. A payment of £10 had been received in return for placing a small advert on our website. Cllr Swain proposed and Cllr Eveleigh seconded the payment of £375.00 and £41.47 to the clerk for salary and home office allowance from November 2014 to March 2015. All agreed. Cllr Swain confirmed that TDC had accepted the Precept request.
6. **Return of the Council's Records from Previous Clerk** – The clerk reported that all parish documents had been returned by the previous clerk. The parish council thanked the previous clerk for preserving and storing these important parish records. The topic is closed.
7. **DCC Bus Service Cut Proposals and Impact on Local Services** – DCC is proposing cuts to the 360 bus service. The parish council agreed that no comment was required from the parish council and that the proposal was reasonable. Notices will be placed in Country News and residents are encouraged to submit their personal comments.
8. **Planning Application in Kenn Parish** – Discussed application 14/03756/COU. Members were concerned about the history of ignoring planning permission, caravans in the lanes, view from Haldon Belvedere and

the lack of detail in the application about space and scale of the site. It was agreed to submit a letter objecting to the application.

9. **Annual Litter Pick in the Lanes** – Cllr Eveleigh suggested Saturday 11th April at 10am. Clerk to arrange attendance by TDC. Cllr Eveleigh to coordinate. All agreed that this should be advertised in Country News.
10. **Clerks' Training** – There is a June date for New Clerk's training but the clerk is unable to attend on this date and there are no other suitable dates/locations at present. Opportunities will be considered when they appear.
11. **Local Elections** – Councillor nomination forms have been received and distributed to members that wish to stand again. Notes have been placed in Country News regarding the election and will also be placed in the April issue. The key period for submitting nomination papers will be March 30th until April 9th. Nomination papers available from the Clerk or from TDC.
12. **County & District Councillors Reports** – TDC Lake highlighted new Travellers sites in Exminster and Ide parishes. TDC and DCC have been notified and enforcement officers are aware. TDC Lake reported on the impact of the bus service proposal in the area and action being held in neighbouring parishes. The old Travellers site has been cleared. TDC Lake noted the comments from the parish council that the new site is not operating as intended and looks overfull and insecure.
13. **Village Hall Report** – Cllrs Dow and Riddick reported that the roof tiles are being repaired and that work on the shed is waiting for better weather. The new bar is also nearing completion. The VH are reviewing the recent survey into hall usage and activities.
14. **Clerk's Correspondence** – Various emails have been received and distributed. The parish council has written to support TDC Lake and a grant application for work on Haldon Belvedere.
15. **Open Meeting** – Cllr Riddick asked that the key topics also be included in the 3Ds magazine.
16. **Chairman's Remarks** – Cllr Swain reported that the Haldon Hotel will be setting off fireworks on the 21st March at 20:45 for 5 minutes. Since this is the final ordinary meeting of this council prior to the election, Cllr Swain thanked the councillors for their service during this term. Cllr Swain was thanked for his contribution as Chairman during this term.
17. **Date of next meeting** – Annual Parish and Annual Council meetings will be held on Monday 18th May 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman