

Dunchideock Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st July 2013

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Swain (chairman), Dow, Goodchild, Eveleigh and Riddick. Five residents were present. Apologies presented by Cllr Ellis and TDC Cllr Lake. There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
2. **PC Alison Hooper**, Neighbourhood Beat Manager, was due to speak but was not present
3. **Mr. John Scott** from the Community Council Rural Enabling Team, working in association with TDC was looking into Local Housing needs. The Parish Council was interested to receive the information and will express an interest when it feels there is a need. Cllr. Scott was thanked for his attendance.
4. The meeting was declared open - No comments.
5. **Election of Officers** - Carried over from previous meeting. Cllr Swain asked if the Council wished to proceed in the absence of Cllr Ellis. Cllr Dow proposed and Cllr Riddick seconded proceeding with the elections. All agreed. Cllr Swain vacated the Chair and the Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman.

Cllr Dow proposed and Cllr Riddick seconded Cllr Swain. Cllr Swain highlighted differences of opinion between himself and Cllr Goodchild that had led to so much disruption in recent meetings and therefore proposed Cllr Goodchild. There was no seconder and Cllr Goodchild was not prepared to take the position. Cllr Dow's proposal stood and Cllr Swain was duly elected Chairman.

Cllrs Eveleigh proposed and Cllr Riddick seconded Cllr Goodchild be Vice-Chairman. Cllr Swain was not happy to be Chairman with Cllr Goodchild as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Goodchild disputes that would be a problem, no Chairman has to be in total tune with the Vice-Chairman. Cllr Swain proposed and Cllr Dow seconded Cllr Riddick for the post Cllr Riddick would prefer not to do the job. Therefore Cllr Goodchild was duly elected.

At Cllr Goodchild's suggestion, Cllr Riddick is eager to learn more about the Planning role and agreed to become an "Apprentice" and learn the job. He would also take on the responsibility for Footpaths and Neighbourhood Watch. Other responsibilities remaining unchanged, as follows:-
 Planning – Cllr Goodchild Environment and WI - Cllr Eveleigh
 TALC - Cllr Swain Village Hall and PCC - Cllr Dow
 Highways and Environment - Cllr Ellis
6. **Chairman's responsibilities.** Cllr Goodchild believes there is no need to take his proposals further.
7. **Planning Application: 13/01703/FUL.** - Single storey extension to North East elevation of Little Lyalls for Miss S Leech
The plans were discussed in the absence of the applicant. Cllr Goodchild reported to the Council on his site visit to Little Lyalls and recommended that it was a sound proposal. This was discussed and agreed upon by the council. Cllr Riddick proposed and Cllrs Eveleigh seconded responding "No Comment" to TDC. All approved.
8. **Minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2013** had been circulated. Acceptance proposed by Cllr Dow and seconded by Cllr Riddick. All approved.

9. **Matters arising :**

- 9.1 **Parking on Haldon** - There has been no further response from the Forestry - leave for the time being
- 9.2 **Passing Places** on Webberton Lane. No progress has been made largely because of funding issues. Mr McGregor regards it as a major problem. Cllr Swain suggested a number plate survey to identify if the Hotel or Stables could be approached for funding. This would entail a lot of work and need many helpers. Cllr Goodchild will liaise with Mr McGregor.
10. **Alan Connett's election comments.** Although it has been shown that the Chairman's support on Cllr Lake's election leaflets was legal Cllr Goodchild remains concerned about maintaining the political independence of the Parish Council. As the other Councillors did not share this concern, it was agreed to pursue the matter no further.
11. **Solar Farm.** Although the application at Shillingford has been withdrawn, Cllr Goodchild doesn't feel the matter is over yet and the Council should be on guard.
12. **Renovation of Notice boards.** Cllr Dow will need some help to repair the boards but it should not be an expensive job.
13. **Bus Stop Shelter.** This has been suggested to be located at Webberton Cross. Passenger numbers will be sought for both this location and the stop at Dunchideock bridge.
14. **Clerk's Correspondence**
- 14.1 **Casual Vacancy** - The Clerk reported that no election was necessary. Mrs Karen Robson expressed an interest in being co-opted. Cllr Swain proposed and Cllr Goodchild seconded accepting her offer. All agreed
- 14.2 **Illegal Raves** - Not a problem in this Parish. To respond thus to Kenn pc
- 14.3 **Weed Spraying** - Devon CC to be advised no areas identified in this parish.
- 14.4 **Elected Mayors** – A response to the survey was agreed, for the Clerk to forward.
- 14.5 **Good Councillors Guide** - Chairman highlighted to this be a good document worth reading; a hard copy will be sought for circulation.
15. **Clerk's IT and broadband expenses.** The Clerk reported that the cost of printing ink seems high and will add considerably to the cost of running the Council. Broadband costs to be deferred to next meeting.
16. **Chairman's Remarks.** Cllr Swain reported that the question of Travellers provision will be further discussed by TDC tomorrow (2/7/13). It seems other options for Traveller accommodation are coming to light.
17. **Next Meeting** Monday 2nd September 2013 (Coffee Rota - Cllr Dow)

The Meeting closed at 9:25

Chairman