

**Dunchideock Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

- 1 **Present** Cllrs. Swain (Chairman), Baker, Goodchild, Dow and Eveleigh plus 3 residents.
- 2 **Apologies** were received from Cllr. Riddick and Cllr. Lake who would attend the second half of the meeting.
- 3 There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.
- 4 **Open meeting:** No comments.
- 5 **Planning Application: 13/00558/FUL** – To build a two bay oak framed garage at The Old Forge for Mr D Banks. The applicant had expressed the desire for his proposal to fit into the locality; he was not present at the meeting. Mr Dow proposed and Mr Baker seconded supporting the application. All approved
- 6 **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2013.** These had been previously circulated. Councillors accepted all the changes proposed by the chairman. Acceptance proposed by Mrs Eveleigh and seconded by Mr Baker; all approved
- 7 **Minutes of the special meeting held on 21st January 2013.** These had been previously circulated. Changes were proposed by the chairman but these led to considerable debate and none were accepted. Mr Dow proposed and Mr Baker seconded that the minutes be accepted but no agreement was reached.
- 8 **Matters arising:**
  - 8.1 Sewage leak at Webberton Cross. Mr Baker reported that there is a continuing discharge from a pipe, just under the trough, which has an unpleasant smell. Planning application for a replacement treatment plant has been approved by TDC.
  - 8.2 Country News donation. The clerk confirmed that Country News is happy with the level of contribution made by the parish council.
  - 8.3 Parking on Haldon. There has been no further response from the Forestry – leave for the time being.
  - 8.4 Neighbourhood Plan. Training has been arranged for 3 councillors on 7th March 2013. Mr Goodchild explained that unfortunately he was no longer able to attend. Mr Dow said he would take up that place and accompany Mr Baker and Mr Swain.
  - 8.5 Bowhay Farm Solar Array. The applicant has withdrawn the application. A letter from the residents most affected was circulated. It expressed appreciation for assistance in opposing the proposal.
  - 8.6 Haldon Ridge Travellers site update. No further information at the moment.
- 9 **District Councillor's Report** –Cllr Lake reported that Lightsource had withdrawn its application for a solar array at Bowhay Farm. He also expressed his view that the Travellers on Haldon should have been evicted long ago. He does not support the present application; it is an incorrect site. He explained the potential planning enforcement action at the Clapham Caravan Site.
- 10 **Clerk's IT Update** – Mr Baker has reinstalled 'Windows XP', bought appropriate adaptors so the computer connects with the internet and bought cartridges for the printer. The computer seems OK at the moment but is very slow and perhaps on the next budget provision could be made for a new machine.

The Clerk mentioned she had been introduced to Cllr Goodchild's speech recognition program which had seemed OK. However, Cllr Baker said the council's computer is unsuitable to cope with a voice recognition program.

Cllr Goodchild said the Council can't go back to being a paper-based Council.

Cllr Goodchild queried why the Council's response to the Haldon Travellers Site application had not been submitted to TDC by the closing date. The Clerk had not understood the email sent to her by the chairman.

- 11 **Budget 2012/13** – Chairman tabled the current situation. Cllr Baker had incurred costs of £55.08 in setting up the computer. Cllr Goodchild proposed and Mr Dow seconded payment; all approved.
- 12 **Broadband** - Cllr Baker reported that you can have fast broadband if you're prepared to pay for it individually but it does cost a lot, either satellite, microwave or bonded line. Fibre to a cabinet is unlikely. Kennford exchange is being updated for BT's benefit. Ide's fibre has not been implemented. Mr Baker will attend a meeting to raise the name of the village for improving broadband speed – Cllr Swain commented that the same message was being forwarded by DALC and TALC.
- 13 **Open meeting:** No comments.
- 14 **Chairman's Remarks:** After hearing Cllr Lake's comments about Neighbourhood Planning being lengthy, costly and complex procedure, all agreed it is not appropriate for this parish. Clerk to cancel places reserved at the training. The Clerk will seek information from Mr Neil Blaney of Teignbridge, perhaps inviting him to a Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm. The next meeting will be on 7 May 2013 along with the annual parish meeting and the AGM. Coffee Rota – Cllr Ellis

Cheque – Cllr Baker (computer equipment) - £55.08

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Chairman