

Dunkeswell Annual Annual Report

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors appointed at the 2015 uncontested local election, those co-opted in the interim and the Parish Council Officers appointed at the election of Officers held at the Annual General Meeting of The Parish Council on 14th May 2018.

The Chairman: Cllr John Barrow (Also Footpaths P3 Representative, Tree & Snow Warden)
The Vice Chairman: Cllr Brendon Proctor
Planning Committee: All Parish Councillors (quorate at three)
Canine Matters: Cllr Tim Clewer
New Century Park: Cllr Philip Stevens, Churchill Playground: Brendon Proctor, Councillors: Kerri Webber, Tina Page, Andrew Luscombe, Andrew Maynard.

Parish Councils Year - Chairman

Cllr Barrow first thanked Tracey Bell for all her service to the Community and a bench was presented from all the Councillors. He then went on to report that the Bus shelters had been installed and that fencing had been repaired and replaced as necessary in the community with the fencing along the path by the sports field (bottom of Liberator Way) replaced and the path made wider. The Parish Council continue to comment on Planning & Tree Applications and hope to complete on the purchase of land for the Football Club in the coming year.

Community Policing - Darren England

Crimes Reported to the police from 01/05/2017 to 19/05/2018 for the Parish of Dunkeswell

Recorded crimes from 01/05/2017 to 14/05/2018 - **63**

Recorded crimes from 01/05/2016 to 14/05/2017 - **38**

There has been an increase of **65.8%**

| | <u>2017 to 2018</u> | <u>2016 to 2017</u> | <u>% crime difference</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Homicide | 0 | 1 | -100.0% |
| Violence with injury | 10 | 6 | 66.7% |
| Violence without injury | 20 | 8 | 150.0% |
| Burglary dwelling | 3 | 1 | 200.0% |
| Burglary non dwelling | 1 | 6 | -83.3% |
| Vehicle offences | 6 | 0 | - |
| Other Theft | 4 | 6 | -33.3% |
| Criminal damage | 8 | 7 | 14.3% |
| Public order | 7 | 2 | 250.0% |
| Possession of drugs | 2 | 1 | 100.0% |
| Other offences | 2 | 0 | - |
| TOTAL | 63 | 38 | 65.8% |

Incidents Recorded - 01/05/2017 to 19/05/2018

This will be calls made to the police on either 101 or 999 for the parish of Dunkeswell

| <u>Incident Closing Category</u> | <u>Incidents</u> | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Incidents</u> | <u>Incidents %</u> | <u>Difference</u> | |
| | 01/05/2017 to 05/05/2018 | 01/05/2016 to 05/05/2017 | |
| Anti Social Behaviour | 18 | 15 | 20.0% |
| Crime not Recorded | 3 | 1 | 200.0% |
| Crime Recorded | 16 | 13 | 32.1% |
| Public Safety | 112 | 102 | 9.8% |
| Transport | 32 | 26 | 23.1% |
| Total | 181 | 157 | 15.3%% |

Regarding the calls : Anti social behaviour is as it reads.

Crime recorded means from the call a crime was recorded without police attendance at the time.

Crime not recorded will be an action fraud type report.

Public safety is used for any other call except the other headings.

Transport is any report regarding the road (Flooding, Animals on the road/Trees down, Road traffic collisions)

So in total the system shows that there have been **63** crimes recorded the last 12 months compared to **38** the previous 12 months

There has been a **15.3%** increase on Calls made to the police.

As I am sure you are all aware the numbers of police and staff has been reduced in the area. I will continue to make sure the parish council gets reports when required. I also hope to come along to a few meetings when I am working. Over the next 18 months we will have a clearer picture of what Neighbourhood policing will look like and the numbers for each town and parishes.

I am still trying to get as many people signed up to DEVON ALERT. This can be done online. If you have a parish newsletter or magazine could I be added to the list as this might be a way of me getting reports out to your parish like DEVON ALERT

Thank you for your support

The Link to this page is <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/Join>

Youth Club - Anne Barrett

Dunkeswell Youth Club has now been running for 15 years. We have regular attendance figures on a Thursday evening of between 30 to 40 with a large register of members who join in other activities outside our regular Youth Club sessions.

Youth club is still run completely by our team of volunteers. Adult volunteer Jo resigned last July, after being a Young Volunteer followed by over 10 years of service as a voluntary Adult Youth Leader, for which we are most grateful. Adult volunteers Tracey, Paul and Tia

support our regular sessions and trips. We have the wonderful situation of welcoming five of our long standing Young Volunteers on to our Adult Volunteer Team as they each turn 18 this year. So, with the addition of our young volunteers we are currently well “staffed”.

Our committee is strong with much discussion and a real sense of ownership for the young people. All very encouraging for our development and continuity.

Anna, a long-term member, volunteer and performer in all our shows, has recently been accepted in the prestigious Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts. It is wonderful seeing our young people grow and blossom.

We were fortunate with the weather holding out for our Annual BBQ last July which was well attended by both members and their families.

During August we usually close for the holidays, but this last year we ran three wild camping trips to Monkton which were each quite different experiences with progressively wetter weather!

The planned show in the autumn was postponed until March to give more rehearsal time.

So alternate weeks to camping throughout the summer we had two hour dance classes, which started ideas for our Big Show 2018.

We went on our biannual panto trip to Luppit which went very well with 35 going. We give a massive thanks to Kevin Crudge for giving us the coach free of charge!

Our usual sessions took place throughout the year including Halloween cakes and our Polar Express themed Christmas party.

From the New Year we set to working on the show. It entailed numerous rehearsals every Sunday afternoon and on many evenings. I'm really proud of how everyone developed and became part of a supportive team. Thanks to all the performers and all the front of house and backstage technical helpers.

We were pleased Dunkeswell Pre School performed in our show, making it a true variety showcase for our community performers from 2 to 60 years olds!

The stage lights we raised so much money for are now in the hall and we will use them when we next do a show.

Equipment wise, our ancient table tennis tables finally gave up on us so we have a lovely new table which is easier to move and hopefully will serve us for many years to come.

Coming up soon we have our annual BBQ and we're planning a camping trip to Branscombe this Bank Holiday weekend for our young volunteers who are turning 18 this year. Then during the summer holidays we plan to go wild camping in Monkton again.

I thank the Parish Council for supporting Youth Club, especially assisting with our hall hire throughout the year. I can't let this opportunity pass without giving a special thank you to Tracey for all her encouragement and support over so many years serving as the Parish Council's secretary.

And of course, we welcome Kay to her new position as the Parish Council secretary.

We plan to continue running Youth Club at the Throgmorton Hall, running camps and beach trips and getting 11 CRB/DBS police checks done, renewing for current adult volunteers, and including Jo and Dan for occasional and show related voluntary work as well as the previously mentioned 5 young people turning 18 who wish to become adult youth leaders.

I hope everyone will continue supporting Dunkeswell's Youth Club and helping younger members take a more active role in our community.

Thank you everyone, from all youth club members, Young Volunteers and Youth Leaders.

Footpaths & Bridleways/Tree & Snow Warden- John Barrow

The Snow this winter caused a few issues, the estate and village roads were salted but due to the conditions, this prevented the salt from working as well as had been anticipated and the freezing conditions have not helped the pothole situation. The footpath at Gypsy cross was recommended as a lovely walk by John and should anyone want further information on footpaths in Dunkeswell please feel free to ask. The paths and bridleways continue to be maintained.

Canine Matters - Tim Clewer

It was acknowledged that owning a dog/dogs can be a contentious issue and urged all Dog owners to continue picking up. A new Dog waste bin has been ordered and will be located near the bus stop at the first entrance to Highfield.

Sports Field - John Barrow

Cllr Barrow reported That the Sports field was well used and continues to be maintained regularly and that the new fencing has been put up. There is a problem with the bench being moved around the play area Parish Council to look into ways of securing it in one place.

Churchill Playground - Brendon Proctor

Cllr Proctor reported that the upgrades had been done, the park was well used and thanked Ollie Starr for the continuing maintenance work.

Throgmorton Hall - Update from Paul Lapping

The hall has been running well this year and this is shown in the fact that we have funds in the bank and have had to do very little fundraising ourselves.

The hall was repainted this year which was a huge task undertaken mostly by people on this committee and some friends and volunteers. This was probably our most costly endeavour this year but we do have plenty of paint left to do touching up as and when needed.

There have been quite a few minor maintenance issues with things breaking but this was bound to happen at some stage as things have got older.

The Parish Council have kindly provided us with a projector and a wall mounted screen which we hope to have installed shortly.

I would like to thank all the people on the committee for their hard work and hope that this next year the hall continues to run seamlessly with no major hiccups

Allotments - Update from Paul Lapping

The Allotments are running well again this year and we have our AGM on Friday 8th June at Highfield Sports & Social Club. This past year with the help of John Barrow we have been able to install more water stations. We have a new composting system for the use of all allotment holders. We do have two spare allotments and are advertising these and hope to be full again shortly.

The only problems we have at present are the ever increasing rabbit numbers which have meant that individual allotments have been needed to be fenced to save

the produce and the weather which was unkind last year but hopefully better this year!

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their ongoing support and welcome any Parish Councillors who wish to come and visit.

New Century Park - Philip Stevens

Cllr Stevens reported that there had been work to remove barbed wire and cutting back of over hanging branches in the Park and thanked Ollie Starr for carrying this out. A new Eco Bench is to be purchased for the toddler area in the near future. He went on the also thank Michelle & Mike Reene for carrying out the routine maintenance.

Finance - Kay Smith (Clerk)

As you may be aware I am new to this role and hope to follow in the very large footsteps of Tracey, I'd like to thank Tracey for all her help during this transition period and am sure I'll be bothering her on & off for a while to come!

In the last year amongst other things the pc have been involved with several projects including new bus shelters and the adoption of the two phone boxes in the Village. A New Defibriliator has been purchased and will be located on The village Hall wall ensuring one is available in both Highfield and the Village and a further Dog Waste Bin is in the process of being be ordered.

In this year we hope to complete on the purchase of Land for use by the Football club (this money is not coming from precept) and gain funding to repair the village hall roof, insulate it, replace the false ceiling & update the heating system.

Dunkeswell Preschool

Summer Term 2017

We started the summer term back with a nice surprise Ollie Starr had made and donated an upgraded mud kitchen for us. The Parish Council donated £300 and a new laptop. The Children are very good with their ICT skills and they enjoying not having to wait so long for a turn now we have two laptops. The £300 will go towards new equipment for the new room. During the Summer term we spent most of our time outside using the local park, walking around our community, looking & listening to what's happening around us. Visiting local a farm (which we are visiting tomorrow and we are all looking forward to this outing), meeting involved in the church fete organising sports, lucky dip & pick a stick. The children entered the local flower shows twice a year and Renee invited all the children to a party to celebrate the Queens Sapphire Anniversary.

We enjoyed a day out at the World of Countrylife in Exmouth and hosted our sports day event in the local park.

We host Parents evenings every term. In Summer term we liaise with five different schools in the area as children start the transition in to Primary Schools. We hold a

leavers party with the theme being Pirates and Princesses, playing games like walk the plank and pop the balloon.

The Children broke up on the 20th July 2017 and the builders moved in to transfer our large office into a cosy new room for the children and Ollie built a made to fit playhouse and slide in the outside play area.

Autumn Term 2017

We started a new school year with 25 children on the books and a new room and playhouse, extended our opening hours to accommodate working families who can now access 30 hours funding for working parents. We also employed an administrator to help with the ever increasing paperwork needed to do with running a business. Autumn term the committee have have a busy time fund raising. The Dunkeswell Village Hall committee very Kindly let us run a stall at the local bonfire night which is a very busy and enjoyable night. Thank you very much for letting us do this, it is much appreciated. We host our Christmas Bazaar and the children perform a little nativity play which is always favoured in our calendar. Annie & Ann organised carol singing around the village in aid of Pre-school this is always an enjoyable evening young & old coming together to sing to our community, thanks to everyone involved. Dunkeswell pantomime use the Pre-school to change and provide the village with good entertainment and give Pre-school a donation, thanks to them.

Spring Term 2017

Spring term is the quietest of the three terms. Although this year it seemed a little longer as the weather affected us, having to close three days due to the snow, but always a learning opportunity, as the children had to be council workers with tractors & trailers, buckets & spades moving snow in our play area play road before they could get the bikes, great fun.

Ann from Youth Club approached us to ask if we would like to preform a little number at the Youth Clubs "Big Show" I asked the children what they would like to do and they came up with "Peter Hammers". So the children performed on Friday night & Saturday afternoon and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it. I thought it was absolutely brilliant, Lovely to see the children that had been through Pre-school up on a stage singing, dancing or telling a story. Thanks Ann for letting us be part of the show and for all the hard work you put into it and then giving us a donation as well it is very much appreciated.

We now have 39 children on the books and are busy continuing to improve our setting to provide a safe, secure and happy environment for our children.

Thank you to everybody in the Community who helps support us in anyway it really does make a difference if we all pull together to make our Community a safe, happy environment for our children to grow up in.

I am very proud of what our young families achieve with running Pre-school and I hope it continues for many years to come.