

Dunkeswell Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held in The Throgmorton Community Hall at 8pm on Monday 21st May 2018 - 30 Members of the public attended.

1. Introduction of the 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 and appointment of chair for this meeting.

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.

Apologies - Tina Page, Darren England PCSO, Colin Brown (District Councillor), Iain Chubb (County Councillor)

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018 were signed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Community Policing - Update from 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 % 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>

3.2 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.

3.3 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 Dunkswell'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.

3.4 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.

3.5 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.

3.6 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.

3.7 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.

3.8 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

3.8a 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.

3.9 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.

3.10 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 Defribiliator 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.

3.13 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 his 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 t

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.

4. Cheques for Signing	- Insurance	£504.97
<small>Cheques agreed at 14th May Meeting to be ratified at meeting 18th June</small>	- Purchase of Dog Waste Bin	£ 85.00
	- Cut & Strim	£104.00

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mrs Pymm asked if the Parish Council would be willing to give a donation to the Throgmorton Hall Committee each year to enable them to help Hall users to continue using the hall, for example the Market and the Bowls Club & wanted to ensure that the needs of all ages were taken into account when deciding where money is spent.

The Parish Council have and do support local Community groups, but also have a limited budget to work with, within the precept.

Cllr Clewer asked for a show of hands to see who would be in in favour of the Council raising the precept in order that it would then be able to support more groups, the result was not in favour of a precept rise.

The Bowls club added that they were struggling and in need of more equipment, they themselves have raised the membership cost by £10 per person and have previously been turned down by the Parish Council for help. The Parish Council are happy to look again at this matter and it will be added to agenda for the meeting June 18th 2018 as it would be inappropriate to make a decision today.

A Thank you letter to two residents who pick up litter in the New Century Park each day was requested, this to be added to agenda June 18th 2018.

There was a report from the Public of some barbed wire on a post at the end of Louis Way. Cllr Barrow to remove it.

Resident of property on the side of New Century Park reported her concerns regarding the children in the park.

She has experienced bad language, balls being thrown into her garden - hitting her shed roof and landing in her vegetable patch, children laughing and passing wind, Kicking balls into the fence, kicking balls at the basketball hoop and children entering her garden to retrieve lost balls.

The resident has recently moved from Exeter and wanted to be clear she had no issues with children playing in the park but would like children to be considerate. The resident provided a letter with some suggestions for solutions and believes that Dunkeswell is lucky to have 3 play areas. She would also like the PCSO to visit.

The Parish Council will be putting up the nets for football and cricket on the Sports Field (Liberator Way) and this may help by providing an alternative area for the children to play.

Other Residents voiced that children/teenagers need a space of their own where they are free to be independent, experiment with being responsible for themselves. They were worried about children being alienated and then not wanting to use the Green space. Another resident agreed with both and has been hit by balls but also didn't wish to alienate the children.

Parish Council to discuss and see if solutions can be found at next meeting June 18th 2018, to be added to agenda.

Councillors reiterated that everyone is welcome at all meetings and encouraged people to attend.

Potholes were reported in Powells Way, Clerk to also report these.

The Parish Council were asked about a possible housing development in the Percy Farm area, to date the Parish Council are unaware of any such application.

An owner of one of the Lodges at Lakeview attended the meeting to voice his concerns regarding the Application for more static Lodges at Lakeview and the possibility of it ending up as holiday park and taking away from everything that makes it such a beautiful place. Offered help if required (Planning Application 18/0152/FUL).

The Parish Council confirmed it had felt unable to support the Application and this is minuted in the meeting 14th May 2018.

There was a query regarding who our PCSO is. Darren England is our PCSO but as in the report above, there are only 2 x PCSO for the area and they are unable to visit as often currently but this under review.

There was a query regarding the housing survey that we have all received this month. This survey was not commissioned by Parish Council and the cost is not

the Parish Councils. It is as the result of a Planning Application that cannot be considered without a Housing Needs Survey.

Bungalows North of Louis Way, (Planning Application 18/0089/FUL) there was a query related to this Application regarding the age restriction and future selling of these bungalows if approved.

These are for over 55 year olds and the Parish Council believes that this will apply to them permanently.

Mr Cunningham Kindly offered the Youth Club some Table Tennis coaching, Anne Barrett to contact him.

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan - The Parish Council have a small amount of funding left from the creation of the neighbourhood plan & this will be used to have some copies printed, Unfortunately there is not enough money to afford one book per household but once printed these will be available at the Shop and Highfield Garage to be picked up and also it is on the website site.

<https://dunkeswell.net/>