

**THE DUNTISBOURNES' PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL VILLAGES MEETING**

**Minutes of the 155th Meeting on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 at 7.30pm
At Well Hill, Duntisbourne Abbots.**

Present: Mr R. Lane, Mrs J.R. Edwards, Mr W.J. Eykyn, Mrs E. Whitaker,
Mr. J. Weston. Mrs C. Ling (Clerk)
Apologies: Mr. R. Bliss and Mr R. Carver

Also present: Mr R.Gittins and Mr. C. Maddock

The Meeting was unexpectedly held at Well Hill due to the Village Hall being unavailable, and the PC expressed thanks to Mr and Mrs J. Weston.

Minutes of the last Meeting – were approved.

Matters Arising: Cllr Paul Hodginson had written to JRE about the Air Balloon project. Having thought it was progressing with funding in place, it now seems uncertain, and a Development Consent Order is required, the application for which would be 2019 at the earliest. General dismay was expressed and it was decided to bring it up at the Annual Villages Meeting in May when the County and District Councillors will be present.

Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting – scheduled for 4th Feb - postponed to 9th March. JRE. to attend.

Planning Updates: Barn Cottage, D. Leer. RDL visited Mr and Mrs Knapp to hear their concerns. However, the planned height of the new roof falls within planning regulations and the plans have been approved. Grove Piece, D. Leer - raised concerns are being addressed and RDL has visited the site and met Mrs Barraclough.

Highways: The Grove flooding, - a drain thought to be the outlet was identified and cleared but unfortunately has not solved the problem. Also mentioned were the The wall collapse into the Grove, – the road edge to the south side of the Grove, the pothole in Crabtree Lane under the A417, Abbots Hill lane, the missing signpost at Sapperton Crossroads – all of which Highways are aware of. The verge subsidence on the Jackbarrow Road, leaving DA – is presently being repaired.

Highways visited Mrs Barraclough concerning the entrance to Grove Piece and she is happy to see that the entrance complies with the regulations so not yet finished.

A 'Give Way' sign is to be placed at the junction of Crabtree Lane and Longhill Rd and a 'bend in the road sign' on the other side.

RDL, JRE and CL met Richard Gray to show him the perennial problem of HGV vehicles getting stuck in DA and D.Leer. HGV signs are to be re-positioned near the Picket. It was felt little more could be done in DA where there are signs which are ignored.

The new village sign for Leer has arrived, and Highways have said where it is to be erected. Speed leaving the village and entering by Hailey Hill continues to be frequently excessive – and dangerous for residents and livestock, for whom little consideration is shown: two GCC ‘20 is Plenty’ signs will be positioned there.

Finances The Annual Report for 2015/16 and the proposed Budget for 2016/17 were approved. There were no project suggestions at this stage.

P.C. Transparency Code: By 2017 Parish Council information has to be posted on a Website. The Village Hall already has one and the Chairman is investigating with Mr Paul Smith to see how this could be combined to become the Duntisbourne Abbots and Leer Villages website.

Broadband: JRE reported that Elkstone is finished and will go live next month. Digging recently started in Winstone, and DA and Leer will follow. Engineering work should be finished by the end of May 2016 and houses connected to the Gigaclear Broadband service 6-8 weeks later. There is still some confusion regarding the Middle Duntisbourne postcodes who may be scheduled for 2017, and JRE is in touch with Gigaclear to clarify. *(Since the Meeting JRE has clarified that the postcodes GL7 7AR Middle Duntisbourne and GL7 7AP Duntisbourne Rous are scheduled to start in August 2016 to January 2017 and will be on Fastershire Cabinet 16).* Ealy Hill and Leer are mostly signed up – but not many in the centre of Abbots. The BT cabinet installed in error in DA will shortly be removed. We are not being upgraded by BT.

Rural Services Network: the cuts in the budget mean the 852 Bus service is under review and likely to be reduced.

Community Emergency Plan: CDC have asked all PC’s to provide contact details and to complete a form detailing possible emergencies. It was agreed RDL, JW and the Clerk should be the people contacted, and the Village Hall used as Emergency gathering point.

Any Other Business: The Chairman had received a letter from Mr Gittins concerning Highway matters in Leer, which are being dealt with. The question of the hole and missing stone by the Picket, previously raised but still unresolved, is in the hands of Mr Carver who had kindly offered to deal with the matter but has been away. RDL will be in contact on his return for a progress report, in the hope that the work will very soon be completed. EW reported a problem of spring water running down the road to Middle Duntisbourne from Dartley Farm, especially in freezing conditions, and she has been in touch with Jill Portlock – Highways.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 24th May – 7.00 pm - Annual Villages Meeting
District and County Councillors to attend.
Tuesday, 23rd August at 7.30pm.

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