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

**Minutes of the 154th Meeting on Tuesday 17th November, 2015 at 7.30pm
in Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall**

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

Also present: Mrs J. Peppiat, Mrs S. Field, Mr P. Thomas, Mr R. Gittins
and Mr. C. Maddock

Minutes of the last Meeting – were approved.

Matters Arising: Whether to have a Duntisbourne Leer Village sign had received mixed opinions but there was general approval. Therefore the Clerk was asked to order one, its position subject to Highways approval. HGVs continue to get stuck in Leer and DA, causing considerable damage and expense. It was suggested that the existing Road Signs are ambiguous, and are ignored by foreign drivers. Also the problem is the length of lorries, not just the weight and width. JRE to ask Nigel Robbins to take it up on our behalf. Also Andrea Shutt to be consulted about different signs such as 'No Long Vehicles'. Highways have agreed to repaint 'SLOW' on the road by Rectory Farm. It was decided that the Clerk should order two more '20 is Plenty' signs

Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting – 29th October was attended by RDL and JRE. RDL reported that roadside hedge trimming was up to P.C.s. It was suggested the hedges leaving DA for Jackbarrow needed attention – Rectory Farm owners to be approached and on future NCM agendas.

JRE reported on the current situation with FasterShire and suggested it should be on future Agendas. It was suggested that although the 'Open Floor' discussions are especially valuable for everyone to consider and discuss issues in different villages, meetings could be shorter if individual village representatives kept their contributions brief and to the point.

Planning Updates: Barn Cottage, D. Leer. Mrs Peppiat said they had consulted their Neighbours, who raised no objections, before the Application was submitted. Subsequently the position of the boiler vent and the height of a roof was raised by a neighbour and were discussed - the Chairman to comment to Planning.

Five Mile House: Approval for change of use to a dwelling.

Cotswold District Local Plan: Consultation from 6th Nov- 21st Dec.

JRE & RB attended on 6th Nov. They expressed concern at the scale of the Chesterton development, poor Rural Transport and the lack of suitable housing for young people.

Please see Notice Board for more details.

Highways: The Grove flooding has still not been addressed – the Clerk continues to be in touch with Highways, jetting having been promised a year ago. *(NB culvert was cleared shortly after the meeting)*. Highways concern with the safety aspect of new curb stones at the entrance to Grove Piece in Leer - resolved. Grit bins are full for the winter.

Finances It was agreed in February that we would request a Precept increase to £1,500 for next year. There is a slight increase in the Insurance premium

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 the possibility of the P.C. sharing it, an advantage for the community being able to find everything in one place. JRE said it could be useful to communicate Broadband updates.

Local Transport Plan: There are proposed changes to the 852 daily bus service with 2 options. The consultation period is from 20th Nov to 5th Feb with submissions regarding the bus route by 4th Jan. For further information go to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ltp3
Please see options on Notice Board.

Broadband: JRE reported that the current situation is that that Gigaclear agreed to supply a Superfast Broadband service to **all** the postcodes in the Duntisbourne villages by the end of June 2016. RDL expressed everyone's appreciation for all the work she has done on this.

Please see Notice Board for more detail.

Parishioners are warned to **BEWARE** of hoax callers impersonating Gigaclear, re-requesting Bank details

Rural Services Network: JRE reported that topics covered included rural transport, Broadband. Small Businesses Grants are available in the form of a voucher scheme to help with Broadband upgrade costs - £3000 per small business.

Any Other Business:

RDL raised the question of planning for P.C. Membership succession, suggesting the advantage of involving other people before the end of this 4 year term.

Details of Waste Collections over the Holiday period will be on the Notice Boards.

There has been a litter picking team working round the Centurion Garage, with good effect.

JE asked if the Air Balloon traffic solution had been put on hold or dropped since the plan and funding were announced in the spring. JRE said she would ask Nigel Robbins for the latest information. Considerable dismay was expressed by everyone if this is the case.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 23rd February - 7.30pm
Tuesday, 24th May – 7.00 pm.- Annual Villages Meeting.
Neighbourhood Co-Ordination Meeting – 4th Feb – JRE to attend