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THE DUNTISBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL VILLAGES MEETING

Minutes of the 149<sup>th</sup> Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 8.30pm  
In Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall

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

Also present: Mr R. Gittins, Mrs. S. Field and Mr. R. Towill

**Minutes of the last Meeting** - were approved.

**Matters Arising:** JRE reported on the Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting, of 5<sup>th</sup> June, at which it was suggested the Minutes be put on the village notice board. One of the most important parts of the meeting was the announcement of possible Social Care budget cuts 'Meeting The Challenge'-- Together we can. Social Care is unsustainable there will be a 40% increase in the numbers of people over 65 in coming years. It costs £250,000 to keep one child in care a year. The speaker was Peter Clark - Local Engagement Officer CDC---they wish to get some idea of the kind of provision we provide to people in our communities needing extra care. Proposals favour more help from volunteers with Social Services liaising and coming in to assist or take over care, in the event of needs becoming greater. JRE's response was:- 'In our community we already support individuals needing extra help. Whereas we are happy to do so on an informal basis, these proposals assume that the volunteers are committed, available and can sustain such care. Obviously there would be a network of people overseeing this, but I feel it is so open to ultimately very difficult scenarios occurring, at a time when people are at their most vulnerable'.

X **Dog Fouling** continues to be a problem and a letter from Mrs Lott was read out regarding fouling on Hailey Hill. It was agreed that a sign be put there, but that the signs should not be permanent but put up at periodic intervals to maintain awareness.

Mr R. Towill had asked previously if he could bring up the matter of **Village Signs** on entering Abbots and Leer. After discussion it was felt that one up near Rectory Farm might be useful for cars coming off the A417 – the clerk to look into it before further discussion.

He also raised the question of **speeding in the village**, particularly down Ealy Hill. After discussion, it was generally felt that more signs could spoil the village and the problem is not severe. Individual efforts and occasional, temporary signs in gardens might be more effective.

Mrs S. Field asked about the missing **signpost at the Crabtree Lane/Edgeworth/Sapperton junction** – Clerk to contact Highways.

Mrs. Field also asked if a **Village Notice Board in Leer** could be provided, and attached to their newly painted Barn door, where signs have previously been posted. The new one on DA Village Hall made by Mr Paul Smith was commended and a similar one suggested for Leer, to be paid for by the PC. Mr Smith to be approached by Mr Towill and the Clerk to investigate other suppliers.

The question by Mr Gittins of overhanging **trees in Leer**, with resulting damage to the surface of the road by lorries, was again raised. Mr Gittins thought the trees belong to

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the Fields but as there is some doubt, this point to be investigated before the next meeting. (Mr Carver later established that this is Common Land, and will deal with the Problem)

**Planning:** No outstanding planning applications at present. JW had asked Nick Parsons at the last meeting to clarify a point on inconsistency in granting planning applications and a reply had subsequently been received.

**Highways: Flooding in the Grove** - the Clerk has again been in contact with Highways, and is waiting to hear the date of a site meeting between them and Mr A. Smail regarding clearing the culverts. There was some discussion on the cause of the problem.

**Finance:** Donations were made, as previously agreed, to the PCC, Cirencester CAB,, CPRE, and the Village Hall.

**Rural Services Network:** JRE said there was little report but the problem of Broadband remains the main point of concern. The situation is acute in Leer and DA, and on hearing that the Miserden cabinet is to be upgraded, we may not benefit, and it was felt important to investigate. RDL to enquire locally. The subsequent response to JRE's enquiry is pasted below.

"Dear Jane,

Thanks for getting in touch with us at Fastershire, and sorry that we weren't able to reply before your Parish Council meeting on the 19th. We can't confirm exactly what speed properties will get until the cabinet that they are on has been upgraded however, a property with a line length of 1km from the cabinet could be expected to receive 30Mbs. This will reduce the further from the cabinet the property is. This speed is also dependant on a number of additional factors like the line quality and the equipment and internal wiring within your premises.

Our plans are constantly evolving as we carry out detailed survey and planning work across Herefordshire and Gloucestershire. There may be some properties that will not be upgraded to fibre broadband. However all homes and businesses in the project area will receive a minimum of 2Mbps, and the majority of homes and businesses are expected to be able to get over 30Mbps.

If you haven't already done so, you can join our mailing list by registering your interest on [www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com). We will then send you the latest news on the project, and will also email you when fibre broadband is available in your area to let you know that you can upgrade your broadband line. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook, where we share live updates on the project..

Thank you again for your enquiry.

Regards,

Fastershire Broadband Project Team

For more information on the Fastershire Broadband Project visit [www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com)

On 14 August 2014 at 16:18 Fastershire <[info@fastershire.com](mailto:info@fastershire.com)> wrote:

Name: Jane Edwards

Email address: [jre2@btinternet.com](mailto:jre2@btinternet.com)

Hello, I am a Parish Councillor for The Duntisbournes- we are pleased to know that the cabinet 1 is being upgraded however have heard that it might not make much difference to our internet speed here in the villages as we are at the end of the line. I have had many enquiries regarding the current broadband speed from exasperated BT customers . Please can you give us some assurances that the upgrade of the Miserden cabinet will improve our service . I have a PC meeting next Tues Aug19th and would very much appreciate a detailed reply to our concerns. If the upgrade is completed and we do not have improved service our worry ois that it will be too late for further improvements. Yours sincerely Jane Edwards Duntisbourne Parish Council."

**Any Other Business: The Daglingworth Flood Meeting** was attended by JRE. The flooding has much improved as a result of intervention. It is hoped there may be future funding for a map of the main problem areas choke points for our area in the Duntisbournes, as a lot of such historical knowledge has been lost.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at North Cerney Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm. JW to attend.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 (*note change of date*)