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## THE DUNTISBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the 147<sup>th</sup> Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at 7.30 In Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall

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

Mr R. Gittins was also present.

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

**Matters Arising:** JRE gave a report on the **Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting** on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, a copy of which was circulated.

JRE reported that regarding the **Daglingworth flood**, Jenny Phelps of the Environment Agency is awaiting a research report so no meeting is fixed. RB and EW reported that there will not be a dam, the river has been cleaned out and as a result problems last year have been much less.

**Planning:** **Ashgrove Farm** – application re-submitted with a wooden structure.

There was no objection but the question of vehicular access seemed unaddressed - RDL to write asking for clarification.

A letter to the P.C. from **Mrs Alison Lott of The Old Cottage** had been received and had been previously circulated. After some discussion it was felt no further action was necessary.

Continuing concern was expressed regarding the unfinished state of **Highfield House** after such a long period, and the effect on the appearance of the village.

**Highways:** **Crabtree Lane** now resurfaced and very good. Flood water still collects under the bridge **A417/Leer** junction – clerk to re-report. Mrs R. Knapp had written regarding the risk of damage to cars from **stones on verges** – particularly by **Brewers Cottage**. There was considerable discussion of various options and it was agreed (as in the past) that the verges and greens need protecting from cars and lorries, - parking and passing, by **Pound Cottage** and the lane down to the church as well as by **Brewers Cottage**. It was generally felt the pros and cons balance out, since there are adequate gateways and passing places and it was agreed to leave things as they are. RDL to write to Mrs Knapp.

GCC had sent details of a **Missing Link** solution.

After a lively discussion it was agreed fair to support the proposal in general.

**Finance:** The accounts for 2013/14 and the budget for 2014/15 were circulated and approved.

**Any Other Business:** There is concern that flooding in **The Grove** could undermine the road – the Clerk to write to Highways about unblocking the drain.

WJE had reported an **abandoned car** on the A417 slip-road. He and Mrs Eykyn cleared the **litter** from the slip-roads as far as the garage and visited the garage to suggest they did the remaining verges up to the the dual carriageway. Serving fast food is a cause of littering and more litter bins on the forecourt might help.

JRE said Mrs. Pierce thanked the PC for the temporary **dog fouling** signs which had a good result. A repeat of the exercise in the summer was suggested.

Mr Gittins expressed dismay at dogs fouling in his drive.

JRE has spoken to the owners of the overhanging trees in Leer, and they will cut them back.

Mr Gittins was concerned about damaged drains on The Bantry Hill, and a broken trough on the Common. It was decided the PC would look at these before the next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Annual Villages Meeting – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm  
County and District Councillors will attend.  
Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Provisional dates – 19<sup>th</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> November.