

# **The Duntisbournes Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the 165<sup>th</sup> Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm**

### **Held at Well Hill House, Duntisbourne Abbots.**

**Present:** Mr R. Lane (Chairman), Mrs E. Whitaker, Mr R. Carver, Mrs J.R. Edwards, Mr J. Weston, Mr W.J. Eykyn, Mrs C. Cuthbert (outgoing Clerk), Stephanie Cavendish (incoming Clerk)

**Apologies:** Mr R. Bliss

**1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were approved by the PC.

**2. Matters arising:**

**Tractors:** Following discussions at the previous PC meeting, it was agreed that the problem of tractors being driven rather speedily through the village has been much improved, with thanks and acknowledgements being offered to Rectory Farm.

**Appointment of new Clerk:** Having been advertised locally, the role of Clerkship to the Parish Council is to be handed over to Stephanie Cavendish, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Thanks were given to the outgoing Clerk for her contributions to the PC.

**3. Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018:**

JRE attended the meeting on behalf of the PC and provided a detailed overview of topics covered. The main points covered were:

- The number of members receiving community alerts – more needed.
- Highways - (not represented) A436 tarmac works, A417 closure complaints, concern over uncollected road signs and ragwort.
- CDC Councillor Nick Parsons gave an overview of Council related subjects. CDC has joined forces with West Oxfordshire, Cheltenham and the Forest of Dean to share expertise. The new partnership is called Publica. This will save over 5 million pounds a year
- PC 2071 Mark Weedon gave a report on police matters. Crime is down in all areas of Cirencester Rural North.

**4. Planning:**

Duntisbourne Leer

- Alice's House - 18/01959/LBC – *Approved*
- Trustrams Cottage - 18/00639/FUL - *Approved*
- Full Application for Formation of Horse exercise area bounded by traditional post and rail fence at Land Parcel East Side Of Road Approximately 120 Metres North Of Ford Duntisbourne Leer Gloucestershire - 18/01450/FUL - *Approved*
- The Rectory - 18/01455/TCONR – *Approved*
- Shepherd Hut – CDC has not yet received a response from the owner of the hut, and will make further enquiries. Planning permission is required to operate the hut on a commercial basis. - *Ongoing*

Duntisbourne Abbots

- Elm Cottage - 18/02367/LBC - *Awaiting Decision*
- Field House - 18/02693/FUL - *Approved*
- Five Mile House Barn - 18/02095/LBC - *Approved*
- Spring Cottage - 18/00807/FUL - *Approved*
- The Laurels - 18/01370/FUL – *Approved*

Duntisbourne Rouse

- The River House - 18/00768/FUL – *Approved*

**5. Highways:**

**Grit Bin DL** – Peter and Chris Thomas have fitted the new grit bin. The PC thanks them both for undertaking this task. The council has not yet responded to the Clerk's request to advise on the removal of the old grit bin, and the refilling of all grit bins in the parish.

**Hedges** – The Clerk has written to the owner of Church Farm, who has arranged for the hedge on his boundary to be clipped again. A request will also be sent to the owner of hedges on the opposite side of the road.

**Manhole cover at the bottom of Ealy Hill** – Highways have made a site visit and established that this needs repairing, and have added it to their list of works to be undertaken. The Clerk is awaiting a response from Danny Taylor.

**Repair to Ford in Leer/road repairs near triangle** - The Clerk is awaiting a response from Danny Taylor at Highways.

**Flooding under the A417 Bridge** - The Clerk is awaiting a response from Danny Taylor at Highways.

**Wall Collapse at the bottom of Ealy Hill:** The Clerk has arranged for the collapsed wall to be repaired this autumn, with costs for repair being covered jointly by Highways and John Birchall, Cotswold Farm.

## **6. Finance:**

Defibrillator -The Clerk reported that donations for the defibrillator totaled £920. With a grant of £500 from the council, this left a £656 balance to be paid by the PC. This will be reduced by £300 if the PC successfully reclaims the VAT on the cost of purchasing the equipment.

The Clerk gave an account of current financial position, confirming that the PC is on budget for the financial year.

**7. Defibrillator Training:** JRE has organised a date for training in the use of the Defibrillator. The training is due to take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 in Duntisbourne Abbots village hall. It is offered free of charge, and notices will be put on the boards in due course inviting people to attend.

**8. Meetings:** Date of next meeting is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm, in Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall.