

The Duntisbournes Parish Council

Minutes of the 166th Meeting on Tuesday 20th Nov 2018 at 7pm

In Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall

Present Councillors: Mr R Lane (Chairman), Mr R Carver, Mrs J R Edwards, Mr J Weston, Mr W J Eykyn, Mr R Bliss, Ms S Cavendish (Clerk)

Residents: Mr R Edwards (NW Co-ordinator), Mr G Fellows, Mrs K Parker, Mr J Taylor, Mr D Biem

Apologies: Mrs E Whitaker

- 1) **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were approved by the PC.
- 2) **Matters arising:** The Defibrillator training on 24/10/2018 was well attended by residents. The Parish Council thanks everyone who contributed to the purchase of the defibrillator and Jane Edwards for the considerable amount of work she put into organising the purchase, installation and training. ***Residents are reminded that the machine will give step by step instructions when it is in use, including placement of the pads. A 999 operator will also talk you through operating the machine.*** A refresher course may be available in future.
- 3) **Village Security:** The Parish Council received a letter regarding burglaries in the village and notified residents that there would be a discussion on village security at the meeting. A lengthy discussion offered suggestions and advice. Thanks to those who attended.

Personal Security: The most determined thieves carry equipment for breaking and entering in their vehicles. Other thieves steal tools from unlocked sheds and use these to enter buildings. Outbuildings should be secured. Residents can purchase items of police-recommended security equipment from Cirencester Police Station at a relatively low cost. Details are available from Neighbourhood Watch.

“Smart Water” kits could help in recovering stolen possessions. These have proved particularly useful for vehicles, horseboxes and machinery.

Community Awareness and Vigilance: Recent break-ins and online or telephone ‘scams’ have caused significant damage to property and distress to residents. *Community vigilance is the key* to keeping the village safe for all residents. Richard Edwards co-ordinates The Duntisbournes Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This is a valuable resource that enables local police and villages to share information about suspicious vehicles and behaviour. Information about local criminal activity is also shared which increases community awareness and can help residents identify suspicious activity. Many residents are not yet members. To join Neighbourhood Watch and help to improve our village security, please email Richard duntisbournewatch@gmail.com.

NB Local police will visit residences and suggest security measures. This service is free of charge.

4) Planning:

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Elm Cottage – 18/02367/LBC – Approved

Orchard Cottage – 18/03634/TCONR – tree works - Approved (No Objection)

Grove Cottage – 18/04038/TCONR – tree works – Approved (No Objection)

Long Furlong Barn – 18/03494/NONMAT Basement - Pending

Well Hill – (Abbots) 18/04438/TCONR – Tree Works – Pending

5) Highways:

Grit Bins: The officially numbered Grit Bins have been filled. Note that no matter how harsh the winter, CDC will not replenish them. For this reason, some piles of additional grit have been deposited on verges and potentially hazardous locations throughout the village.

Old Grit Bin, Duntisbourne Leer: The Clerk has requested that Highways remove this.

Overhanging Hedges: The PC has arranged for these to be cut back this winter.

Manhole Cover at the bottom of Ealy Hill: Highways have confirmed that this repair work has been authorised. The condition of the cover has deteriorated significantly and is now a dangerous hazard for cyclists and motorcyclists. The Clerk has written to Highways again to stress increased danger, requesting a date for repair.

Wall collapse at the bottom of Ealy Hill: The wall has been repaired.

Repair to Ford in Leer: The sets in this area have been restored.

Repairs to the road in Duntisbourne Leer: The area around the 'triangle' has already been discussed with Highways. The Clerk has written again, mentioning the poor condition of the road through the length of Duntisbourne Leer, in particular, the edging of the road and the potholes around the Ford. The PC is awaiting a reply.

Leer Bridge Signs: The road signs are damaged. The Clerk will contact Highways.

Flooding under A417 Bridge (Leer): The Clerk has requested a review of this area.

Flooding under A417 Bridge (Abbots): The Clerk has requested a review of this area.

6) Finance:

It was decided that it is now possible to donate an additional £100 each to the Village Hall and the PCC which will restore the donation level to that of previous years.

It was agreed to request a 5% increase in the level of the Precept for next year.

7) Any Other Business:

Parish Council Elections. There will be elections in May 2019. Anyone interested in joining the PC is invited to contact the Clerk at DuntisbourneParish@gmail.com.

Recycling Centre. Note that Fosse Cross is now closed on Tuesdays.

A419 Noise Action Group. The PC had received a letter requesting support as part of the ongoing 'Missing Link' consultations regarding noise reduction along the A417/419. The PC agreed to support.

A419 Road Closures. Mr J Eykyn mentioned the frequent road closures along the A419 in recent months. The diversion signs for alternative routes are inadequate, as are motorway notifications. Since the A419 is such a major artery, this should be addressed. The Chairman mentioned there have also been layby closures along the A419 which prevent people from taking rests when needed. The Clerk will write to Highways about these problems.

8) Meetings

Date of next meeting is Wed 27th February at 7pm in the Village Hall

Proposed date of AGM is Tues 21st May at 7pm In the Village Hall

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