

The Duntisbournes Parish Council

Minutes of the 174th Meeting on 3rd December 2020 at 7pm Online

Present Councillors: Mr R Lane (Chairman), Mrs J R Edwards, Mr W J Eykyn, Mr E Cuthbert, Mr J Weston, Ms S Cavendish (Clerk). **Also Present:** Cllr J Judd, Mrs I Birchall, Mrs C Ling, Mr P Ling, Mr & Mrs R Carver, Mr R Edwards, Mr C Russell. **Apologies:** Mr R Bliss

- 1) **Minutes of the Last Meeting** were approved and will be signed in due course.
- 2) **District Councillor Julia Judd** provided her latest report (see website). She has discussed the recurring issue of motorbike nuisance with Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP. He is combining it with other local nuisance issues. The cause is an 'App' recommending routes for motorcyclists, cyclists, horseriders, walkers etc, some of which even go straight through peoples' gardens! The MP is dealing with this.

3) Sundry Other Business

Yew Hedges on Common Land – Yew Hedges have been placed outside Elm Cottage on Common Land. The PC has received many objections and has requested removal verbally and in writing. Any further comments for the owners should be forwarded via the Clerk. It is thought that the boundary wall was also extended onto Common Land and the PC is considering this.

Replacement Water Trough – A resident has donated a new Water Trough to the Parish. The original design has been replicated. The PC and residents are most grateful for this generosity.

Parish Connections – Hard copy deliveries should resume in January. If this is not possible, residents may sign up to Neighbourhood Watch who send links to view online copies.

Parish Email List/ Neighbourhood Watch – When the pandemic broke out, the Parish Council needed to compile a list of residents and their contact details very quickly. The PC guaranteed confidentiality for all details provided. There is no 'Community Email List', but residents have complained about lack of information. Those wishing to receive community messages about Police Notices, Road Closures/Accidents, Events, Lost & Found etc, should join the Neighbourhood Watch email list. Contact Richard Edwards: duntisbournewatch@gmail.com.

4) Matters arising

Items on Hold Due to Covid 19: Parish Plan – Community Design Statement, Parish Emergency Plan, Dog Waste Bins – DA & DL.

Litter near Centurion Garage/Cotswold Farm – Cllr Judd organised a successful community litter pick near Centurion. **The Parish Council would like to Minute and Thank The Smail Family (DA) for all the time and effort they put into their regular litter picks in that area.** The PC hopes the community collection has helped their consistently repeated efforts.

Noticeboard in Leer – The PC discussed options for a new noticeboard with an enclosed front.

The Grove Culvert & Flooding – In contact with Highways. Discussions with landowners continue.

Police Community Group – All Police Notices are now sent out via Neighbourhood Watch.

New Snow Wardens – The PC is looking for new snow plough operators and snow wardens.

Duntisbourne Rouse Councillor Needed – Rouse requires a new Councillor to represent their area.

DAPC Parish Clerk Needed – The PC requires a new Clerk. Contact rdl.344@btinternet.com

Motorcycles speeding through lanes - JE has erected speed signs in the area as agreed with PC. The MP is looking into this issue and the police are attending with a speed gun.

JW wished it to be noted that he does not support any campaign to have Byways shut down, though he supports speed restrictions for all vehicles.

Local Signage. The local signs are in a poor state of repair. This is an ongoing matter.

Historic England – This is ongoing and covers various areas of the Parish. JW to advise.

Park Corner – The Path (By Way number is RB BDR10) has a green Restricted Byways sign. Use is confirmed as a Restricted Byway, No Motorised Traffic including motorcycles. This was discussed with Sapperton PC, it has always been restricted.

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Village Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/theduntisbournes> (For Minutes with links)

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Planning Training – Attended by Councillors, the Clerk and J Judd. It emerged that high numbers of objections do not count unless the objections mention specific **material planning** issues. Cllr Judd has prepared a document to help with formatting planning comments, see village website.

Defibrillator – Checked daily, weekly & monthly by JRE/RDL. Readings sent to the SW Ambulance Trust. The new pads have arrived. Cardiac Science is now 'ZOLL', same maintenance package.

5) Highways

Notch Road/Ealy Hill: (pointing to A417) Installed.

Lorries in Leer – Cllr J Judd has raised this with MP Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown. It was thought that lorries were using car satnavs. JW stated that it is illegal to use a car satnav in an HGV truck.

Long Ford Collapse – Ongoing. JW to advise further at a later date.

6) Planning Updates

Approved

Land Adjacent to Crabtree Lane (Leer) 20/01361/FUL – Erection of a storage barn. 18/04/2020
Multiple Objections – **Approved with conditions 29/10/2020**

The Old Rectory (Abbots) 20/01626/FUL Erection of outdoor swimming pool **Approved 15/10/2020**

Yew Tree Farm (Abbots) 20/03024/TCONR Tree works **Approved 24/10/2020**

Church Farm (Abbots) 20/03149/TPO – Tree Works **Approved 10/11/20**

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Millstone House (Leer) 19/01100/FUL - Construction of garage & store, retention of use as builder's yard & storage – **20/02236/CLEUD Approved**. New Submission 13/08/19 Multiple Objections – **Approved with conditions 02/12/2020**

Current

Old School Cottage (Abbots) 20/02355/FUL Plans for Extension re-submitted. Objections 25/09/2020 **Awaiting Decision**

Centurion Garage (Abbots) 20/02740/FUL Replacement of car repairs bay with extended café, creation of separate access to cottages, provision of additional parking spaces and other external alterations/landscaping. 01/09/20 **Awaiting Decision** (NB Parish boundary with Winstone)

Tallet Yard (Leer) 20/02280/FUL Demolition of existing lawful accommodation and erection of a replacement dwelling **08/07/2020 Awaiting Decision (PC requires agreements)**

Tomb Green House (Leer) 20/03763/FUL – Rear extension and garages/workshop building. 10/11/2020 **Awaiting Decision**

Old Barnfield (Leer) 20/03951/TCONR – Tree Works 05/11/2020 **Awaiting Decision**

Cotswold Farm (Abbots) 20/03479/FUL – Variation of Condition 2 to allow for changes to doors, windows and raising of lower roof. 22/10/2020 **Awaiting Decision**

Cotswold Farm (Abbots) 20/03468/LBC – Variation of Condition 2 to allow for changes to doors, windows and raising of lower roof. 22/10/2020 **Awaiting Decision**

Well Hill (Abbots) 20/03504/LBC – Replacement Windows 29/09/20. **Awaiting Decision**

Spring Cottage (Abbots) 20/03654/FUL – Full Application for pergola (Retrospective) – 05/11/2020 **Awaiting Decision [Approved since meeting]**

Land at Audley House (Abbots) 20/03351/FUL – Erection of new self-build live work dwelling. 19/09/2020 Multiple Objections **Awaiting Decision**

7) Finance

Current Financial Position

A budget was proposed for 20-21. The PC will request an additional £1000 in the Precept to cover part of the cost of a salary for the new Clerk.

Expenditure since last Minutes: Clerk Expenses £150, Mowing £162.50, Defibrillator pads £50.70.

Imminent: A new noticeboard for Leer may be purchased.

Applications for the post of Parish Clerk to The Duntisbournes should be sent to Mr Rupert Lane, Chairman at rdl.344@btinternet.com

Meetings: Date of next meeting: Thursday 27th February 2021 at 7pm (Probably Online)

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