

Dunkirk Parish Council - Extraordinary Meeting

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 2 October 2023 at 7.00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Cllr K. Kemp (Chair of Parish Council), Cllr N. Smith (Vice Chair), Cllr J. Tutt , Cllr P. Barkaway, Cllr J. Clifford and Cllr G. Hewett

Rebecca Parr (Clerk).

7 members of the public.

Declaration: Any Declarations of Interest by members present to be made at the commencement of the meeting: Non-pecuniary interest received from Cllr Smith due to close proximity of the site to her home address.

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Cllr D. Brice

2. **Planning:**

a) **Consider applications:**

i) **23/503564/FULL Location: Manor House Orchard Gate Berkeley Close Dunkirk Faversham Proposal: Change of use of and conversion of existing shed into Air B and B overnight holiday let (retrospective) – Additional information provided.**

Dunkirk Parish Council listened to an updated from the applicant and neighbours of the applicant in support of the application as well as the online objections and correspondence from parishioners raising concerns about parking . The Council also noted the revised plans in respect of parking and SBC Supplementary Parking Standards. Following a discussion, the Council voted to object to the application with four in favour of the objections. Two councillors voted to support the application. Therefore the motion was carried to object in that the site is overdeveloped and does not meet the required SBC parking standards of a minimum 2.7m for cars - Abutting hard boundary on one side for 2 of the places. The parking plans also fail to take into account the additional width needs for potential disabled AirBnB customer that may attend.

ii) **23/503967/FULL | Change of Use of residential garden land to permit the siting and all-year occupation of a mobile home (Retrospective). | Courtenay Gardens (formerly Deja View) London Road Dunkirk Kent ME13 9LF**

The Parish Council listened to the concerns raised by the attendance of a number of parishioners. Additional information had been received by the Parish Council from SBC Planning following the initial discussion at the full council meeting on the 18th September 2023. The discussion focused on concerns and questions over a number of areas including prior planning history, access, enforcement, relationship of the land with Flat A Courtenay House. The council discussed and voted to unanimously object to the application. The consultee response to SBC planning is attached in Appendix 1.

iii) **23/503812/SUB | Submission of Details to Discharge condition 3 - Battery Safety, Phase 2 | Land At Cleve Hill Graveney Kent ME13 9EE**

The Council discussed the application. Dunkirk Parish Council then voted unanimously to object to the application also noting the detailed comments provided by CPRE and the Faversham Society raising concerns of any accidents on its parishioners. The objection is due to there being insufficient detail backed up by technical reports and responses in relation to a safety plan. For a battery facility of this size, there also needs to be a detailed evacuation plan which would require involvement from KCC and Highways for which there currently do not appear to be any responses. There is also potentially a flooding impact due to the amount of water that would be required to mitigate and fire, which required addressing.

The Meeting was closed at 8.00pm

Date of next meetings: Full Council:

16 October 2023

Rebecca Parr,
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed
Chair
Date

Signed
Vice-Chair
Date

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