

Dunkirk Parish Council Planning Committee

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Minutes of virtual meeting held via “Zoom” at 7.30pm on 4 January 2021.

Present: Councillors Jeff Tuff (JT) Chair, Julie Coleman (JC) Vice Chair, Steve Hitch (SH), Daniel Brice (DB), Kevin Kemp (KK) and Jason Clifford (JCL) and Matthew Bullen (MB) clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council.

Declarations: Any Declarations of Interest by members present to be made at the commencement of the meeting: None declared

Apologies for absence: Apologies received from Ward Councillor Alastair Gould.

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising: The minutes of Planning Committee meeting 7 December 2020 were approved as a true record at the Full Council Meeting 21 December 2020.

Planning:

Received decisions: None.

Consider applications:

- i. **20/505884/FULL** | Partial demolition of existing extension. Erection of part single storey, part two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and part ground floor, part first floor side extension with balcony. Erection of a detached double garage. | 1 Rhode Common Cottages Rhode Common Dunkirk Kent ME13 9PT

Members expressed concerns as to the lack of sufficient eco-friendly credentials offered by the scheme, bearing in mind a previous application for the site was granted on the basis it would meet certain standards, which this application does not appear to satisfy and therefore objected to it on this basis.

It was also noted that neighbours of the proposed site haven't received notification of the application and it is felt that Swale Borough Council should ensure that all interested parties noted from the previous application are fully consulted - and extend the deadline for their views to be considered.

A motion in two parts a) to object to the application, on the basis there is a lack of eco-friendly credentials offered to supersede those stipulated by the consent previously given and b) subject to Swale Borough Council ensuring all relevant parties are consulted and allow further time to do so was proposed by JC, seconded by SH and agreed unanimously. **ACTION MB** – to contact Swale Borough Council.

- ii. **20/506024/TPOA** | TPO application for recurring woodland ride maintenance as detailed in full in description of works/management plan on application form. | Blean Wood Hernhill Kent

Members are concerned as to the overall woodland management of the site and that the application appeared to seek an indefinite approval for the proposal. However, one member was unable to look at the application in detail due to a computer glitch. The clerk advised the deadline for Council to provide comment is 14 January, which is prior to the next Council meeting. Members therefore unanimously agreed that a 7 day extension to the current deadline should be sought with Swale Borough Council, to allow for the application to be given further consideration. **ACTION MB** – to seek extension to deadline from Swale Borough Council.

Parish Council Insurance renewal

Members confirmed they had reviewed the alternative quotations received from the insurance advisors' Came and Co as prepared by the Clerk. The Chair noted that the quotations appeared similar to one another and that the Council had historically been pleased with the service received from the existing insurer, Zurich.

A motion was proposed by JT to renew the existing Zurich policy on a 3 year basis in view of the premium saving, which was seconded by JCL and agreed unanimously.

Finance Item

The Chair sought approval for payment of the Clerk's wages in advance of the next Full Council meeting, for duties undertaken in the prior month so as to ensure the clerk is remunerated as concurrently as possible to the hours worked.

A motion was proposed by SH, seconded by DB and agreed unanimously.

Matters not on Agenda (for information only)

A member advised that the recent field fire had continued to burn but was now much smaller and thankfully the wind had changed direction and was now blowing smoke away from local residents. Contact details for the Environment Agency have been provided, should they need to be contacted again.

Date of next meeting:	Full Council:	18 January 2021
	Planning committee:	1 February 2021

Matthew Bullen
Clerk for Dunkirk Parish Council