

## Dunkirk Parish Council Planning Committee

### Minutes of virtual meeting held via "Zoom" at 7.30pm on 2 November 2020.

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

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

#### Apologies for absence

Apologies from Ward Councillor Tim Valentine and Andrew Bowles, KCC. Councillor Steve Hitch was also unable to attend the meeting due to a family bereavement and the Chair passed on his condolences and best wishes to him and his family from everyone associated with the Parish Council.

#### Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of Planning Committee meeting 2 November 2020 were approved as a true record at the Full Council Meeting 16 November 2020.

#### Planning

##### Received decisions:

- i. **20/504229/FULL** | Conversion of existing garage with a single storey rear extension to create annexe accommodation | 1 Berkeley Close Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9TR – **GRANTED** subject to 3 conditions
- ii. **20/505216/NMAMD** | Non Material Amendment being removal of chimneys, replacement of decking with paving slabs, first floor bedroom ashlar walls widened, small brick return to ground floor lounge side glazing. Subject to 19/501493/FULL | New Bungalow Staplestreet Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9TJ – Swale BC confirmed it is **SATISFIED** that the amendments to the relevant planning permissions are not material
- iii. **20/504842/TPOA** | TPO Application - To cut back tree branches overhanging the pathway and encroaching the building/building roof by 2 meters around the perimeter of the site. Reason: Pinecones falling onto members of the public. | Travelodge Canterbury West London Road Dunkirk ME13 9LN - **GRANTED**

##### Consider applications:

- i. **20/505357/FULL** and **20/505358/LBC** | Extension to existing link including alterations to fenestration and internal alterations. | Jull Cottage Rhode Common Dunkirk Kent ME13 9PU – together with associated Listed Building Consent

Members noted that the application had followed the pre-planning advice and was generally considered to be an improvement on the existing building. One member queried if the Council's response would be to recommend approval of the application or to offer no objection instead. It was then stated that the proposed works would help ensure the property meets current building regulations as well as other benefits and that the application should be positively supported. The proposal was raised by JCL, seconded by KK and passed unanimously.

- ii. **20/505406/FULL** | Creation of a wildlife pond for Great Crested Newts. | Highwood Lodge Boughton Hill Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9LE

The applicant was noted as being both familiar with and a proactive supporter of conservation matters and the application was considered favourably. A motion to support the proposal was raised by DB, seconded by JC and passed unanimously.

Planning Enforcement – none

Previous application for further review

**20/504822/FULL** | Retrospective application for the retention of an existing mobile home for 5 years. | Denstead Stud Denstead Lane Dunkirk Canterbury Kent CT4 7NL

This application was originally discussed at Planning Committee meeting 2 November 2020, in which the request for retrospective agreement for the retention of an existing mobile home for 5 years was rejected. Instead, a proposal was suggested to allow the retention of the home for 12 months - subject to a full planning application for the site, together with a detailed financial plan for the business being operated from the site, being submitted within this timeframe.

Swale Borough Council have since advised that the applicants have not provided any further information requested and do not appear to be making any attempts to move the planning application forward. There are, apparently, also inconsistencies between the application made and what planning officers have discovered. In view of this, Swale Borough Council are now looking to proceed with enforcement action but sought to clarify the Parish Council's view on this, given its original approach.

Members noted that the original 12 month proposal was considered to be a generous one and was made in recognition of some difficulties the applicant's had encountered in prior years, though the application itself and planning issues in the past, had not necessarily merited this approach.

The Chair noted all Councillors except one agreed to revise their original decision in order for Swale Borough Council to proceed as they deem appropriate, based on the information they have to hand. The Chair advised a response would be given to Swale Borough Council to this effect. One councillor objected on the basis they felt the original decision should be maintained.

1. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)

Members discussed the new website and where it was appearing on search engine lists. Whilst it's still not appearing as high up the search list as we would like, it is slowly getting higher and hopefully will continue to do so as the old website becomes more obsolete. Everyone was reminded of the need to continue to keep looking at the website to help raise its profile.

Date of next meeting:	Full Council:	21 December 2020
	Planning committee:	4 January 2021

Matthew Bullen  
Clerk for Dunkirk Parish Council