

# Dunkirk Parish Council Planning Committee

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## Minutes of virtual meeting held via “Zoom” at 8.10pm on 6 April 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), Matthew Bullen (MB) clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council and Ward Councillor Alistair Gould.

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

The minutes of Planning Committee meeting 1 March 2021 were previously approved as a true record at the Full Council Meeting 15 March 2021.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Andrew Bowles was unable to attend due to a clash with another meeting
2. **Planning:**

### Received decisions:

#### (a) Received decisions:

- I. **20/505858/FULL** | Demolition of garage, greenhouse, side and rear porches. Erection of garage and single storey rear extension, as amended by drawings received 16th March 2021. | 49 Stoney Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9TN - **APPROVED**

#### (b) Consider applications:

- I. **21/501199/NMAMD** | Non Material Amendment Being Ground Floor Extension to be Set Away From Neighbouring Property, The Single Storey Flat Element Has Been Removed From The Plans. Subject to 19/506179/FULL. As amended by drawing no's. 21/11/15 Rev A and 21/11/21 Rev A. | 30 Courtenay Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9LH

The clerk provided an update to the Council to confirm that Swale Borough Council had since considered this to be **SATISFIED**

- II. **21/501460/LAWPRO** | Lawful Development Certificate for proposed demolition of existing chimney. Conversion of loft into habitable space with insertion of front rooflights and rear box dormer. | 49 Stoney Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9TN

A motion to offer no objection to the proposals was proposed by SH, seconded by JCL and agreed unanimously.

#### (c) Update regarding planning application reported to the Swale Borough Council Virtual Planning Committee for review 1 April 2021:

- 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, as amended by drawings 2011-PP01 Rev B, 2011-PP05 Rev A and 2011-PP09 Rev A. | 1 Rhode Common Cottages Rhode Common Dunkirk Kent ME13 9PT

JT advised the plans were approved unanimously by Swale Borough Council, principally on the basis that it was smaller in scale when compared to a similar development at a neighbouring property which had been approved previously.

### **3. To confirm the appointment of M. Bullen as clerk**

A motion to appoint the clerk on a permanent basis was proposed by JCL, seconded by DB and agreed unanimously.

### **4. Finance Item**

A motion to authorise payment of the Clerk's wages in advance of the next Full Council meeting, for duties undertaken in the prior month, as well as agreed expenses and reimbursement for a training course was considered as part of the same motion carried unanimously in point 3 above.

### **5. Consider renewal of "Action With Communities in Rural Kent" membership and authorise payment**

The clerk advised that this item was brought forward from the next Full Council meeting as the previous membership had expired and was on a temporary extension pending this meeting. It was also stated that the membership fee of £80 is unchanged from the prior year.

JT proposed a motion to renew the membership and authorise payment which was seconded by KK and agreed unanimously.

### **6. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)**

One member asked for an item to be added to the next meeting Agenda to discuss the matter of the police presence on Brenley Corner roundabout (M2 Junction 7). JT also commented that enquiries had been made with Highways Agency regarding this and would forward their response.

Another member queried what was happening with regards to drainage issues at Jezzards Lane, as raised in Council previously. The Clerk advised that an item had been raised on KCC fault-reporting website the previous week and that this would be followed up.

A member queried what would be happening going forward with regards Parish Council meetings taking place "virtually" in view of changing regulations regarding the Covid pandemic. JT offered to email KALC for clarification and also advised that he is due to discuss what plans the operators of the village hall have in view of the changing legislation.

A member queried the situation regarding the number of councillor vacancies on the Parish Council. The clerk advised there is currently one vacancy, to which an application had been received previously as members were aware. Since then a second enquiry had been received to which the Clerk had responded to ask for an "informal CV", as had been the approach with the previous enquiry and that this was still awaited before taking the process forward.

A member had read an article in the recent Parish Magazine which stated that Boughton Parish Council had donated £300 towards "part packs" for children at the Boughton Under Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Church and queried if Dunkirk Parish Council had also been approached, to which the Chair advised the Council had not.

The Chair asked for members to give due consideration to the Local Plan and consider their responses to it in a personal capacity, as part of Dunkirk Parish Council's response and as part of the Boughton & Courtenay Ward's wider response.

Date of next meeting:	Full Council:	19 April 2021
	Planning committee:	4 May 2021

Matthew Bullen,  
Clerk for Dunkirk Parish Council