

Dunkirk Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 21 July 2014

Present: John Peto, Jeff Tutt, Vaughan Howland, Don Coles, Sandra May, Paul Mellett,
Phillippa Clarkson, George Bobbin, Andrew Bowles
Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)
2 members of the public

Declarations of Interest: None.

1. **Apologies** None
2. **Notification of Additional Agenda Items:** None.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 23.6.14 and the Planning Committee on 7.7.14 had been previously circulated and were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

- (a) Village Sign

There had been no further progress with discussing this with the headteacher and it was agreed to look at alternative designs. It was also suggested looking at signs in neighbouring villages especially those with newly erected signs. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to proceed with submitting a planning application based on the already agreed dimensions and location for the sign.

- (b) Dunkirk Football Field

The Trustees had offered a 2 year extension by memorandum rather than a new lease. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept this offer. The Clerk to ask Courtenay Rangers to commit to a further 2 years and remind them about lagging the pipes and tidying the site.

- (c) Builder's Yard, Horselees Road

Waiting for report from KCC Highways regarding agreement with developer on measures to be put in place to help avoid flooding and additional inspection chambers to aid maintenance.

- (d) Drainage Issues

Boughton Hill - Unfortunately during the heavy rain at the weekend flooding had again occurred on Boughton Hill and it appeared that the recent work undertaken had not resolved the problem. Manholes were seen to be lifted during the heavy rain with water flowing out of them and there is a manhole in the middle of the roadway near the Stoney Road steps which is still sitting proud.

Lion Hill/London Road - again this area flooded due to blocked culverts which have not yet been cleared.

The clerk to report both issues to Alastair Coleman and request a further site meeting.

- (e) Tree Preservation Orders

Paul Hegley had apologised for the length of time taken to look into the application for a TPO on Poundfall Wood and hoped to complete this by the Autumn. The clerk to inform him that two oak trees had been removed in the last 2 years and smaller trees more recently.

5. Matters for public concern

(a) Enforcement Cases

Further information had been sent to Jo Millard regarding several of the sites previously discussed. This included GoogleEarth images showing how the sites had developed over the years and areas marked where it was believed that planning consent had not been authorised.

(b) Hedge Cutting

A complaint had been received by a member of the public regarding the hedge outside Pottery Cottage which was overgrown and felt to be causing a danger due to it being on a blind bend. Don Coles agreed to speak to the owner.

The hedge at Manor House was also overgrown and needs cutting back for safety reasons. The clerk to write to the owner.

(c) Salt Bins

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to order two new salt bins, to be located in Berkeley Close and Potters Corner. The clerk to arrange.

6. Planning

(a) Receive Decisions

SW/14/0416 & 0417 Dunkirk School House and SW14/0418 & 0419 Dunkirk School – Approved.

SW/13/1250 New Bungalow & SW/14/0397 – Manor House: Both had been approved at the Planning Committee on 26 June though the decision notice had not yet been made available. Phillipa Clarkson said that the nearby residents were very disappointed that despite all our efforts and a site meeting taking place, that both applications had been approved. She asked whether S106 money or funding from new homes bonus could be requested from SBC to make improvements to the road.

(b) Consider Applications

14/500339/FULL - 10 Berkeley Close - Demolition of conservatory and single storey rear extension. Proposed, seconded and agreed to support this application as it was felt to be an enhancement to the property.

SW/14/0541 - Dunkirk Road South – there was some confusion regarding a letter which had been sent to some residents asking them to resubmit their comments due to the problems with the new planning system. The clerk to get clarification from Graham Thomas.

7. Finance

(a) Finance Report: The report and monthly cash account had previously been circulated and were taken as read.

(b) Payments: The following payments were approved.

Cheque 1093	HMRC	PAYE for Clerk	£114.00
Cheque 1094	L Blackshaw	Clerk wages & office allowance	£191.65
Cheque 1095	Five Arrows Business Finance	Repair to damaged streetlight at Woodside	£732.00
DDR	EDF	Electricity Bill	£249.58
Total			£1287.23

8. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence had been received, and had been previously circulated by email:

26/06/2014	KALC	2015 Birthday Honours List (deadline for nominations 4 August)
02/07/2014	Kent PCC	Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter
10/07/2014	Swale BC	Draft Statement of Intent - notes of meeting 2/7/14
16/07/2014	KCC	Kent Community Transport Forum 14/8/14
15/07/2014	KALC	Lower Thames Crossing Announcement
14/07/2014	KCC	Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plan Consultation (consultation period 31/7/14 - 12/9/14)
14/07/2014	Swale BC	DCMS War Memorial Announcement
14/07/2014	ACRK	New support for social enterprise in rural communities/Village SOS Newsletter

9. Matters not on Agenda (for information only):

Dangerous Parking:

Two separate incidents of dangerous parking were brought to the attention of the Parish Council by members of the public.

- (1) Junction of Horselees Road/The Street – vehicles are regularly parking opposite Woodmans Hall causing restricted sightlines for vehicles both travelling along Boughton Hill and turning from Horselees Road.
- (2) London Road – two vans partially blocking access to Agricare which was causing problems accessing the site.

The clerk to report both incidents to the Police.

Mast Site: Even though the grass has been cut, the overgrown brambles have still not been cut back and continue to grow into neighbouring gardens. A reminder to be sent to the contact at Woodlands Investment Management.

Neighbourhood Plan: The comments from the questionnaire are currently being analysed and reduced down to identify the key issues.

Public Rights of Way: Updated maps have been received from KCC.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date of Next meeting: Monday 18 August

Louise Blackshaw
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed

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Chairman

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