

## Dunkirk Parish Council

### Minutes of meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Jeff Tutt (Chair), Phillippa Clarkson, Vaughan Howland, Daniel Brice, Peter Demery, Louise Blackshaw (Clerk), Andrew Bowles  
3 parishioners – Richard Mummery, Gary Tong, Carol Sharp (item 3)  
Ian Henderson

Declarations of Interest: None

1. **Apologies:** Steve Hitch, Julie Coleman, George Bobbin

2. **Notification of Additional Agenda Items:** None

3. **Battle of Bossenden/Courtenay**

Richard Mummery spoke on behalf of the History around Dunkirk Group who had spent some considerable time researching the history to verify the actual site where the Battle of Bossenden took place. It had since been agreed that the site would be marked by crossed swords on future OS maps. The group were proposing to install a memorial stone to mark the site in Bossenden Wood and had a stonemason lined up who could do the work. They were also proposing an unveiling of the stone ceremony to take place on 1 June which would mark the 181<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Initial conversations had taken place with landowner, RSPB, to obtain permission to install the memorial stone. The Group requested the support of the parish council in contacting RSPB and any financial support in the form of a donation would be gratefully received.

The parish council agreed that they would assist in contacting RSPB but stated that as the landowner was the RSPB pension fund (rather than RPSB itself) the approval process may take some time. The parish council agreed that they would be happy to make a donation once any required permissions were in place.

Richard Mummery, Gary Tong, Carol Sharp left the meeting.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21.1.19 were agreed and signed as an accurate record. The minutes of the planning committee held on 4.2.19 were agreed subject to an amendment stating that Jeff Tutt was discussing the BWH issues with Mark Radford & George Mynham.

5. **Matters for public concern**

(a) Highways Issues

Boughton Hill – safety rail near bus stop – to be chased up with KCC Highways.

Staplestreet Road – following an accident on the A2 HGV had again been using Staplestreet Road as a diversion which had caused further damage to the newly installed posts and kerbs as well as noise and disturbance to residents. This had again been reported back to KCC. The TRO 7.5 tonne restriction was due to be in place on 12 Feb however KCC had advised that they were waiting on the new lit signage before the signs could be installed.

(b) Footpaths, Verges & Hedges

The footways in Highview Close/St Pauls had been repaired and the resident who reported these had phoned to thank the parish council for getting it sorted.

It was noted that someone had been seen clearing rubbish from the verge around Gate Services but it was not known who it was. Spring litter pick to be discussed at the next meeting.

(c) Playing Field

A complaint had been received that brambles were growing into the access track to the field and also into the field from the two neighbouring properties. Both had been contacted to ask them to cut their respective areas back.

(d) TPOs

No further TPOs had been placed since the last meeting.

(e) Streetlights

The LED upgrades had not yet been completed but the contractor had confirmed that they would be installed in the next 2 weeks.

(f) Crime Update

Vaughan Howland reported on a recent burglary at this farm shop. The police were investigating.

## 6. **Planning**

(a) Receive Decisions:

18/506545/FULL - 25 Stoney Road - Single storey side extension. Approved.

19/500089/FULL - Gordon Cottage, London Road - First floor rear extension. Approved.

19/500137/FULL - 83 Courtenay Road - Demolition of existing detached garage/outbuilding, side and rear extension. Construction of single storey rear and side extensions. Approved.

16/505251/SUB - Land To The Rear Of 7 Horselees Road - Submission of details pursuant to planning condition for pp SW/13/0569. The condition relating to drainage had remained outstanding and SBC confirmed that they have now refused the application to discharge the conditions. They have advised the agent that a new full planning application should be submitted as the previous permission has lapsed due to the pre-commencement conditions not being approved.

In addition, during the recent rain a nearby property was in danger of flooding due to water backing up from the culvert through the building site and endangering their property. Flood Kent were due to visit to investigate.

(b) Consider Applications:

19/500282/ LDCEX - Jays Wood, Boughton Hill - Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for the retention of a single storey timber constructed storage shed and steel shipping container, both used for storing equipment and materials for forestry husbandry within Jays Wood.

The details were reviewed and after discussion it was agreed to object to the application. It was felt that the application would be a precursor to something much larger and once the units were lawfully permitted it would give the owners a basis to establish a business on the site. Caravans already on the site were believed to being used residentially and a business operating (without consent). There were also concerns about increased traffic being generated and access from the site was onto a very busy road.

Four were in favour of the objection with one abstention.

(c) Planning Enforcement:

Brotherhood Wood: Jeff Tutt was waiting for a response from Mark Radford requesting a meeting regarding Brotherhood Wood.

**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 proposed, seconded and approved:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount	VAT	Total
1365	L Blackshaw	Clerk wages/office allowance	£425.25	-	£425.25
1366	J Tutt	Polycarbonate sheet for noticeboard repair	41.98	£8.40	£50.38
1367	HMRC	PAYE for Clerk	£101.40	-	£101.40
1368	Prime One Maintenance	Streetlight maintenance	£149.45	£29.89	£179.34
1369	T Last	Churchyard maintenance	£650.00	-	£650.00
1370	KALC	Attendance at Planning Conference (Julie Coleman)	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
1371	G Doy	Grass cutting contract	£66.00	-	£66.00
1372	T Last	Ex gratia payment	£100.00	-	£100.00
	EDF	Streetlight Electricity (Jan)	£218.65	£43.73	£262.38
		TOTAL	£1,812.73	£94.02	£1,906.75

**8. Neighbourhood Plan**

The draft plan had been submitted to Swale. Following their feedback on the draft it will be available for the public to comment on.

**9. Correspondence**

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

21/1/19	KALC	Invitation to Lord Lieutenant's Civic Service – 12/3/19
28/1/19	KALC	KALC Annual Planning Conference – 15/3/19 – Julie Coleman & Dan Brice attending
31/1/19	James Freeman	Planning Application Notifications – withdrawal of hard copy plans. The clerk had responded setting out concerns and implications of this (unbudgeted costs and practical difficulties of only viewing plans etc online)
3/2/19	Andrew Bowles	January newsletter

**10. Matters not on the Agenda**

Brotherhood Wood – complaints about burning and smoke had been received. This had been reported to Environmental Health who had said they would only accept complaints from residents direct. Some residents were reluctant to do this as they were fearful of any repercussions. It was agreed to write to Environmental Health to explain the situation and ask that the burning complaints be accepted from the parish council in this instance. Andrew Bowles also agreed to follow this up.

Land at London Road – Quinn Estates had an alternative scheme that they wished to discuss. It was agreed that this should be done at a parish council meeting, rather than a separate meeting without all members present. It was agreed to invite them to attend the Planning Committee on 4 March.

Berkeley House – Ralph Noel had also been in touch regarding an alternative scheme and would be attending the Planning Committee on 4 March.

**Date of Next meetings:**

Monday 4 March 2019 – Planning Committee  
Monday 18 March 2019 – Full Council

L Blackshaw  
Clerk

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....