

Dunkirk Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held:

At Dunkirk Village Hall at 7.30 pm
On Monday 21 October 2019
Minutes of the meeting

Any Declarations of Interest by members present to be made at the commencement of the meeting.

One minutes silence was held while members of the council remembered Councillor Vaughan Howland who passed away on Saturday 19th October.

1. Apologies for absence. Andrew Bowles, Alastair Gould

Present – Jeff Tutt (JT) Chair, Julie Coleman (JC) Vice Chair, Daniel Brice (DB) Steve Hitch (SH)
Peter Demery (DP)

Philippa Clarkson attended to give an update on the Apsley Trust

Two members of the public – representatives of Faversham Town Council

JT introduced Dunkirk Councillors and the visitors introduced themselves

2. Berkeley House – Ralph Noel attending

– Ralph has asked to come to the next planning committee meeting in two weeks' time

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Were accepted as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting

4. Matters for public concern

JT has written to ask the owner of an overgrown hedge - to please cut it back

5. Highways Issues:

- a. Ongoing Traffic Issues in Dunkirk and Boughton

JT had meetings and sent emails to highways regarding traffic diversions through the village. The council has been working with Boughton PC and it was decided to add weight to the PCs arguments to start a petition for Dunkirk residents to sign
Alistair has informed the Joint Transport Board that this is happening
The petition was circulated to council members to sign

- b. Footpaths, Verges & Hedges

DB met with Maria McCloughlin (MC) to discuss the footpath from Berkeley Close to Horselees Rd.
MC asked when the bollards at the end of the path had been put in place. She needs to investigate the full history of use. There may be some information previously collected from residents that DPC can pass on.

- c. Streetlights

JC is liaising with UK Power Networks to get paperwork so that EDF energy bill can be reduced following upgrade to LED streetlights

- d. TPO's

TPOs have been removed from land at the rear of properties in Berkeley Close as this has been incorporated into gardens

6. Planning

Receive decisions

New Bungalow Approved

33 Stoney Road Approved

DPC had objected to New Bungalow planning application and JT pointed out that due to a last minute change of date for the SBC planning committee no one from DPC had been able to attend to speak against the application which was regrettable.

JT explained that 18 previous conditions had been ignored and that DPC is unable to do much more. JT will write to SBC to express our concerns and suggested the neighbours should contact the ombudsman.

Consider applications

19/504879/FULL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of 1no. new rear conservatory.
St Ethelburga 1 Staplestreet Road Boughton Under Blean Faversham Kent ME13 9TJ

DPC voted unanimously to support this application as it is a visual amenity which will presumably be more modern than the existing structure

19/504886/FULL Conversion of garage into habitable space.
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side and rear extension.
41 Berkeley Close Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9TR

While in principle DPC is opposed to conversion of garages, due to the location of this house and the available off street parking the council voted unanimously to register no objection to this plan

Appeal 19/501668/FULL Old Schoolhouse London Road. Appeal against refusal for 6 dwellings.
Comments by 4th November to PINS

This was discussed and it was decided that we could get more information before the next planning meeting. DB to speak with the owners of the schoolhouse to find their view.

Red Lion Application to sell Firearms
DPC have commented as have the police. We now await the decision

Planning Enforcement

Brotherhood Wood
29th October is the appeal against Brotherhood Wood
It was felt that the paperwork was written in legalese and difficult to follow.
JT will attend and make representation on behalf of DPC and will have security on the day.

Garden at Goddens Corner – gates and new access need to be removed
Denstead Lane and others still outstanding

JT suggested that all PCs need to get together in Swale so that enforcement can be coordinated

7. Finance

a. Finance report

A cheque has been returned by KALC as previous clerk didn't attend a course.
DPC retrospectively approved a cheque for £11.99 for Namesco re councillors email addresses.
JT and JC had signed this as overdue payment may have resulted in loss of councillor emails

b. Approve payments

Payments were approved and signed as per the finance report
It was noted the 2nd half year precept had been received

8. Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report

9. Appointment of new clerk

JT and JC reported that they had interviewed one applicant who they were pleased with but that she had withdrawn her application for reasons unknown to us

10. Reports from Ward Councillors

Not in attendance

11. Correspondence

JT reported that this was not up to date due to the lack of a clerk

12. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)

Remembrance day. Service at Dunkirk on 10/11/19 at 11.am
Jean Burrows will not be attending but Graham Whittlesea will stand in.
Wreaths have been purchased and are at the farm shop

Pop up Café

This is currently being held at Boughton Village Hall on the first Friday each month sponsored by the Council for Rural England and others

It was decided that DPC would put in an expression of interest with a view to following this up next spring.

Phillipa reported on the Apsley trust which still has money available.

There are four nominees so far, DB said he would investigate one other he knows of in Dunkirk

AOB

There are now two vacancies for Parish Councillors. There have been several expressions of interest only one of which had been followed up.

It was agreed to invite Kevin Kemp from the Red Lion to join the council

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Dates of next meetings

Planning Committee 4th November

Full Council 18th November