

Dunkirk Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 18th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Jeff Tutt, Steve Hitch, Julie Coleman, Daniel Brice, Kevin Kemp, Peter Demery
Andrew Bowles joined the meeting at 7.45

Declarations of interest: None

1. Apologies

Alistair Gould

2. Notification of Additional Agenda Items

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

The minutes for the planning committee held on 2.9.19 were agreed and signed as true and accurate record. No matters arising not covered by current agenda.

4. Matters for public concern

(a) Highways

SH – Scoggers Hill – lorry stuck had to be pulled out, big drop behind hedge- needs clearing.

Tree down between Jezzards Lane and Dunkirk Rd Sth - now cleared. Thanks to KCC.
More fly tipping Courtenay Rd, Donkey Bob Rd, down into Dargate - reported.

(b) Footpaths, Verges and hedges

Clearing ongoing on Boughton Hill

Vegetation in Woodside has been cleared

Salt bins will be filled – one way or another

(c) TPO's

No more notifications

(d) Streetlights

Email sent to EDF with Certificates from UK Power networks. Hopefully we can negotiate a new fixed price tariff

(e) Crime update

Nothing notified

5. Planning

(a) Receive decisions

41 Berkeley Close, and Ethelberga both approved

(b) Consider applications

19/505034/TPOA Brotherhood Wood, Gate Hill Dunkirk ME13 9LN
TPO application to fell group of trees in area marked on sketch plan
Application from Mr. Carruthers (not the landowner).
Unanimous decision to object.

72 Courtenay Rd, awaiting decision

Staplestreet footpath – 505287 KCC officer has visited site and met with DB

Red Lion – awaiting decision

Berkeley House – awaiting new plans

(c) Planning enforcement

Brotherhood (see below)
Goddens Corner – JT has chased
Mobile at Courtenay House.

(d) Appeals

Brotherhood Wood EN was withdrawn, redrafting taking place.
School house DPC objected – awaiting decision

6. Finance

(a) Finance report

Cheques signed as per JTs attached sheet
Bank statements signed as correct
Ongoing cash balances although JT had a concern about streetlight maintenance payments, possible double entry.
No invoice from EDF as they will not issue until contract renewed.

(b) Approve payments

Cheq	Payee	Description	Amount	VAT	Total
1426	G. Doy	Grass cutting	66.00		66.00
1427	Prime One	Street light maintenance	179.34	29.89	149.45
		TOTAL	£245.34	£29.89	£215.45

Unanimously agreed.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

A parishioner in Hickmans Green has offered to give assistance, and awaiting response from Catherine who did much of the early work.

8. Clerk Vacancy

One expression of interest sent details, no response to date.

Could put advertisement in local paper, would need to set a budget

Preferable to have someone known to us – Clerk at Selling may be able to take on another clerk position in due course

9. Correspondence

Already circulated to DP councillors to read.

10. Matters not on agenda

Pylon Lights still off. Owners say unlikely to repair until routine maintenance.

Mopeds in Boughton Street, not roadworthy, no number plates – Peter to report on line.

A parishioner wished us to minute their thanks to SH for replacing the notice board.

Duly noted; SH had been congratulated by members at a previous meeting, but great that the public appreciate it as well.

KCC Parish seminar on 28.12.19 JT and JC to attend and meet Simon Jones re TRO's.

KALC AGM meeting on 30.12.19 JT to attend.

Need to make progress on making website compliant.

JT attended a meeting about lorry parking at Gate services – SBC and police seem unable to do anything. Most of the problem has been solved (at gate Services) by the bollards but no enforcement re other sites.

Ashford has put up enforcement signs at Westwell which worked well, but only for one year so not a solution. DfT will not enable long term, so this has stopped. Needs to be County and Country wide initiative.

Phillipa reported (via chair) that she has three recipients for Apsley Trust.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next meetings:

Monday 2nd December – Planning

Monday 16th December – Full Council meeting