

Dunkirk Parish Council

Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 2 June 2014

Present: John Peto, Jeff Tutt, Sandra May, Don Coles, Vaughan Howland, Phillippa Clarkson
Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)
3 members of the public

Declarations of Interest: Jeff Tutt declared an interest in planning application SW/14/0541 - Land at Dunkirk Road South, to be discussed under item 3.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Paul Mellett,
2. **Notification of Additional Agenda Items:** Land to the west of Courtenay Road (Radar Farm)

3. Consider Applications

SW/14/0601 - Red Lion Bungalow

Removal of condition 2 which restricts the use of a unit to a managers only dwelling. Jeff Tutt proposed, Don Coles seconded and it was unanimously agreed to support the application. The site is well kept and well managed and it was agreed there was no longer a need to retain a manager's only dwelling.

SW/14/0541 - Land at Dunkirk Road South

Change of use of agricultural land to a gypsy site with the stationing of two residential mobile homes, 2 touring caravans, 2 utility blocks + hardstanding

Jeff Tutt declared an interest in the application and did not take part in the discussion.

Three members of the public were present to discuss this application. The application was reviewed and discussed in detail. There were concerns regarding the suitability of the site for the proposed use, including difficult access, lack of services on the site such as water, electricity, gas, sewage. The detail in the application was also found to be incorrect in that the site had never obtained permission as a woodyard, as stated in the application, and was in fact the subject of an enforcement order to return it to agricultural use. It didn't fit the guidelines for provision of G&T sites – there are vacant pitches at a nearby site and it is not close to local amenities. It was unanimously agreed to strongly object to the application.

4. Reports to Swale Borough Council Planning Committee – 5 June 2014

SW/13/1250 New Bungalow, Staplestreet Road - Extension and refurbishment of existing bungalow and provision of 3 new dwellings

SW/14/0397 – Manor House, Staplestreet Road - Six new properties and restoration of existing Manor House

These two applications were due to be considered at SBC Planning Committee on 5 June. It was agreed that Jeff Tutt would represent Dunkirk Parish Council and speak at the meeting

It was agreed to request that both applications be called in for a site visit by members of the planning committee before a decision is made.

5. Land to the west of Courtenay Road (Radar Farm)

It was reported that the gate along the roadway to access parish council land had been padlocked. The parish council have right of way over this roadway to access the site – the clerk will contact the registered owners to request that the gate is unpadlocked.

6. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)

Neighbourhood Watch – a co-ordinator had been found for Dunkirk Road South. Two more are needed for Courtenay Road and Berkeley Close areas.

New arrangements for Planning - The administration of planning applications/consultations have now transferred to Mid Kent Planning, based in Maidstone. The clerk will inform everyone of the new arrangements/login details etc once they have been issued. All consultations going forward will need to be submitted on-line via the new portal.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 23 June - Full Council Meeting

Louise Blackshaw
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed

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Chairman

Date