

Dunkirk Parish Council
Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on
6 October 2014

Present: John Peto, Jeff Tutt, Sandra May, Paul Mellett, Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest: None

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Notification of Additional Agenda Items:** A2 road closure & Brotherhood Wood
3. **Receive decisions:** None
4. **Consider applications:** None
5. **Update on Mid Kent Planning Portal**

Problems are still encountered with lack of notification on updated applications and incorrect information being shown. There was due to be a meeting within Mid Kent Planning on 7 October following which it was hoped to receive an update.

6. Road Name and Signage in Dunkirk Road South area

(a) Name of Woodsend Road

This road has always been known locally as Snake Lane and never referred to as Woodsend Road and there is no road sign giving its name. There are no residential properties on the road and it is some distance from Woodsend Cottage. It was proposed and agreed to put in a request to Swale to change the name to Snake Lane.

(b) 'No through road' sign at Dunkirk Road South

The recent road closure had highlighted the fact that there was no signage at the entrance to DRS saying it is a no through road, with vehicles thinking they could get through. The clerk to report to KCC Highways and request a sign.

(c) 'Unsuitable for heavy vehicle' sign for bottom of Snake Lane (Woodsend Road)

This had been damaged earlier in the year in the storms and had not been replaced. The clerk to report to KCC Highways.

7. A2 Weekend Road Closures

There had been various problems over the weekend with vehicles diverting down narrow roads and also mounting kerbs and trying to cross through barriers in an attempt to join the A2. These problems had been reported to the contractors, Balfour Beatty. BB had confirmed that additional signage would be in place the following weekend to try to ensure vehicles kept to the official diversion route.

8. Brotherhood Wood

It was reported that one of the councilors had a conversation with three people who were living at Brotherhood Wood and working at Mansfield (along with others). A coach had also been seen (and photographed) leaving the Brotherhood Wood site with passengers it was believed were heading towards Mansfield site. The Clerk to report to planning enforcement.

9. Village Hall Sign

Jeff Tutt is arranging a site visit with Steve Darling, KCC Highways Traffic Engineer to discuss whether it is possible to use the redundant school signpost.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 20 October - Full Council Meeting
Monday 3 November – Planning Committee

L Blackshaw
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed (Chairman)

Date