

**Dunkirk Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on**  
**2 February 2015**

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

Declarations of Interest: None.

1. **Apologies:** Sandra May

2. **Notification of additional agenda items:** None

3. **Manor House/Orchard Gate**

Work on site started 2/2/15. There had already been an issue with lorries trying to access the site causing an obstruction along Staplestreet Road and also an incident where a lorry had crossed the boundary into a nearby property, narrowly missing the property itself. The clerk to write to the Agent/Contractor highlighting the issues already occurring.

Landscaping – the proposal approved by SBC included planting of trees within the existing hedgerow. There is concern that the existing hedgerow will be removed and SBC have been contacted asking for confirmation that the hedgerow is to be retained (which was raised in DPC original representation).

4. **Receive Decisions**

14/503131/FULL - Two storey side and rear extension - Oak Lodge, Hickmans Green -Approved

5. **Consider Applications:** None

6. **Appeals**

SW/14/0393 - Erection of a data storage facility and permanent historical exhibition - Former Raf Mast, Courtenay Road. Site visit by the Planning Inspector arranged for 10 February.

7. **Horselees Road**

The road is now closed whilst drainage works take place outside Blean House.

8. **Dawes Road**

Alan Blackburn had confirmed that they were keeping an eye on the settlement and the water flowing under the road and across the field. Trial holes had been dug. Work is due to resume 2 February. The clerk to ask whether Alastair Coleman has been involved regarding drainage in this area.

9. **Development in Rural Areas**

The Supplementary Planning Guidance Document “Designing an Extension - A guide for householders” adopted by Swale states that extensions which are greater than 60% increase will not generally be permitted. This figure does not seem to appear in the Local Plan, however it is referred to by planning officers in their reports and at committee. The Clerk to ask James Freeman how this rule is interpreted as it seems to be used inconsistently, e.g. Cherry Tree Cottage = 74% increase was quoted by the planning committee as being “outrageous” however a recent application in Iwade with a 113% increase was given permission at the following planning committee meeting. In addition Oak Lodge with 80% increase was approved by delegated authority.

**Date of Next meeting:** Monday 16 February – Full Council Meeting  
Monday 2 March - Planning Committee

L Blackshaw  
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed ..... (Chairman)

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