

Dunkirk Parish Council
Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on
6 July 2015

Present: John Peto, Jeff Tutt, Paul Mellett, Don Coles, Vaughan Howland, Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)
2 parishioners

Declarations of Interest: Paul Mellett declared an interest in application no. 15/503828/FULL.

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Notification of additional agenda Items:** Application 15/503738/FULL - 9 Woodside

3. **Consider Applications**

15/503828/FULL - Erection of single storey front extension and part conversion of integral garage with door to side - 38 Berkeley Close.

Paul Mellett declared an interest in the application and did not take part in any discussion on this item. The application was discussed and agreed to object on the basis of loss of visual amenity to the neighbouring property.

15/504285/FULL - Conversion of barn to residential dwelling with associated car parking and residential curtilage - Land Opposite Bradbourne Cottages (Moth's Field) Denstroude Farm
The application was discussed and agreed to oppose the change of use to residential.

15/503738/FULL - Erection of single storey rear extension with the insertion of rooflights and single storey side extension - 9 Woodside. Following a discussion with the applicant and the planning officer, the parish council were asked to revisit the application. Clarification was given regarding the measurements for the proposed extension which had been amended. After a further review of the plans, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to maintain the council's original opinion to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed extension is overly large.

4. **Non Material Amendments**

15/505074/NMAMD - Non Material Amendment - Minor adjustment to site position of communal facility building, small reduction in width of building, plus addition of door to south east elevation (original application: SW/13/0137) - Brotherhood Wood. The proposal was reviewed and agreed there were no adverse comments on the NMA.

5. **Receive Decisions**

14/504246/FULL - Land adjoining The Firs Dunkirk Road South - Outline application for the erection of a detached single storey dwelling, creation of a new access, construction of driveway and associated works. Appeal allowed & permission granted

15/503078/FULL - 10 Woodside - Two storey side extension. Approved

15/503377/FULL - 47 Woodside - Erection of garden cabin and timber decking. Approved.

6. Democratic Process

John Peto and Jeff Tutt expressed their concern that Swale Borough Council were not following due democratic process. There were several recent examples which included the Planning Committee on 2/7/15 where the Chairman refused to discuss the Appeals on the agenda; The Firs appeal where SBC did not send their submission within the deadline (which also contained inaccuracies); and concern regarding the lack of 5 year housing supply which it is felt could result in any appeals for housing automatically being granted.

JP proposed making a formal complaint about the behaviour and competency of planning committee and officers, detailing the above examples. Paul Mellett seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously to submit a formal written complaint to SBC Chief Executive.

7. Horselees Road/Hickmans Green Road Renaming

A consultation is currently taking place with the residents of Horselees Road in the Hickmans Green area following a query by a resident regarding their official postal address. Neither Boughton Parish council nor Dunkirk Parish Council had been consulted or made aware of the consultation by SBC. Jeff Tutt has pointed out to Swale that some of the properties concerned are in Dunkirk and not Boughton.

8. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)

Berkeley Close: A hole has appeared in the footpath near the Manor House development which is believed to have been caused by increased traffic and lorries accessing and parking near the development site. To be reported to KCC Highways.

Brotherhood Wood: It had been reported that trees were being cut within the Brotherhood Wood site. Enforcement had visited and investigated but could find no evidence of this. However it was now believed that trees are being cut but in another area of Brotherhood Wood. To be reported to the Tree Officer as the entire wood has a TPO placed on it.

Junction of Highview Close/St Paul's Road: 3 wooden bollards have been knocked over/damaged and need reinstating. To be reported to KCC Highways.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 20 July – Full Council
Monday 3 August - Planning Committee

L Blackshaw
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed (Chairman)

Date