

Dunkirk Parish Council
Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall
on Monday 5th October 2015

Present: Phillippa Clarkson, Vaughan Howland, Paul Mellett, John Peto, Jeff Tutt

Declaration of Interest: Jeff Tutt declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he had spoken with and given advice to an applicant who owns Oakside Park (application 15/507497/Full).

1. **Apologies:** Louise Blackshaw (Clerk), Don Coles.

2. **Additional Agenda Items**

Councillors Tutt and Peto reported back on the Swale Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th September. It was considered to be important to report this as we have serious misgivings about some aspects of how planning decisions are made at Swale at the moment. Also one decision had implications for an application to be discussed tonight. Swale passed the application for an extension to the bungalow at Potters Corner giving four bedrooms and a double garage that could barely take one car. This was despite our objections and strong verbal support for us from Andrew Bowles as our Borough Councillor. The other item for us, the Red Lion Caravan Park application to change from ten month to full twelve month residential status was actively supported by us. It was rejected by the planning committee on the grounds of precedence, despite much emphasis in other applications that evening on judging each case on its own merits and not taking precedence into consideration. This 'about turn' provoked an extremely pointed and fully justified comment to the committee and officers by Andrew Bowles.

Councillor Howland expressed satisfaction at the cutting back of the vegetation near the gate to the pylon site. This was done by Brian May and after some discussion we agreed that he be asked to top out the small trees growing there as well.

3. **Consider Applications**

15/507497/Full Oakside Park, London Road, change of use from touring caravan park to full time residential mobile home park. This was approved in principle by the members present with the exception of Councillor Tutt who having declared an interest took no part in the decision. However we thought that placing six homes on the site was overintensive in relation to the parking spaces provided and their location. It was felt that redesigning the site with one fewer building would make it a much better proposition. The responses to the Housing Survey done in 2014 for the Neighbourhood Plan indicated a need for such accommodation within the community. Therefore we supported the application on the basis that we wished to see revised drawings but fully endorsed the proposal to make it for full time residential use.

4. **Receive Decisions**

The extension at 9 Woodside was passed after a site visit; we considered it to be over-large. We had already reported on Potters Corner and Red Lion Caravan Park. All the other matters (2x4 antennae on the mast, Dorothy Caravan, and LDCs for Forge House and Oakside Park) were still pending.

5. **Footpath ZR531**

After delegation to this meeting, it was approved to ask SD Services to clear this path after receiving their estimate. As Vaughan Howland had offered to provide a tractor and trailer to clear the cuttings, this reduced the estimate by £40.00 and Dan from SD was happy with this. It was therefore proposed by J Peto and seconded by J Tutt that we accept the amended cost of £170.00 to clear the path. This was to be done as soon as possible so that it would be clear for the eagerly-awaited visit by Andrew Coleman from KCC to discuss drainage on the hill.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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Chairman

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