

Dunkirk Parish Council
Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on
9 January 2017

Present: John Peto (Chairman), Jeff Tutt, Paul Mellett, Vaughan Howland, Daniel Brice,
Phillippa Clarkson, Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)
1 parishioner

Declarations of Interest: None

1. **Apologies:** Steve Hitch

2. **Notification of additional agenda items:** Moth Field, Goddens Corner

3. **Receive Decisions**

16/507038/OUT - Courtenay House London Road - Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling with associated access and parking. Refused.

4. **Consider Applications:** None

5. **Planning Enforcement**

A meeting had taken place with the Head of Planning along with other senior members of the Planning Department where the planning enforcement service was discussed and all outstanding enforcement cases were reviewed. SBC admitted that they had not performed well and also stated that a recent external audit of the enforcement function had established that the service was unsatisfactory with poor communication being highlighted. Staff resourcing appeared to be one of the main causes and although the planning department had increased their development management staff, there was currently no additional resource being put into the enforcement team which was still a concern.

It was however felt to be a positive meeting and all outstanding enforcement cases were fully discussed with updates provided. Timescales were given for further updates on each case. All future enforcement cases to be logged via the website where a response would be provided within 21 days.

6. **Matters not on Agenda**

Courtenay Road roadworks – the recent roadworks being left with inadequate signage overnight had caused damage to cars where drivers had not been warned of the severe drop in road levels while the work was taking place. The contractor was not accepting any responsibility. Agreed to contact KCC Highways to establish the best route to make a claim.

Goddens Corner – the recent icy weather had already caused 8 cars this year to skid off the road. KCC Highways to be asked again to consider installing an official warning sign. It was also suggested that the salt bin could be moved to a more convenient location.

Moth Field – a new entrance had been made which had caused damage to the highway edge - KCC Highways had spoken to someone on site who had confirmed they would harden the verge area. This will be monitored to ensure that the works are done to the required standard.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 23 January – Full Council
Monday 6 February – Planning Committee

Signed (Chairman)

Date