

Dunkirk Parish Council

Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 2 October 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: John Peto (Chair), Jeff Tutt, Daniel Brice, Phillippa Clarkson, Steve Hitch, Paul Mellett
1 parishioner

Declarations of Interest: None

1. **Apologies:** Vaughan Howland, Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)

2. **Notification of Additional Agenda Items:** None

3. **Received Decisions:** None

4. **Consider Applications**

17/504664/FULL – 36 Woodside: Erection of a single storey side extension to residential dwelling to accommodate garage with loft space over and alteration to existing garage to create new utility and family room. Change of use of woodland to residential garden and extinguishment of public right of way. It was agreed to object but only because KCC Footpaths would need to decide of the affected right of way. It was also agreed to send a letter to KCC Footpaths in support of extinguishment of the public right of way concerned.

One parishioner was in attendance and he stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

17/504732/FULL – The Cottage, Rhode Common Road: Single storey rear extension. There was no objection.

5. **Appeals**

16/505118/OUT – Land north of Canterbury Road: Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for mixed use development comprising up to 77 residential dwellings. The hearing took place 26 – 29 September and DPC was represented by John Peto and Jeff Tutt – a rare occurrence for a parish council to be present at the table. All arguments were put and a decision by the Inspector can take any time from one to six months.

17/500117/ENF – Land at Scoggers Hill: Appeal against Enforcement Notice for change of use without planning permission. While an appeal document has been submitted, there has been no confirmation that it is valid.

6. **Update on applications**

16/506316/FULL – The Old School London Road: Erection of 3 two storey terraced dwellings and 2 two storey semi-detached dwellings with on-plot parking and associated works (Amended Drawings). A site meeting was held on 2 October and further objections had been submitted relating to the height of the dwellings, overlooking nearby properties and poor access.

17/502338/FULL – Brotherhood Wood: Variation of conditions 2, 3, 4 and 5 of planning permission SW/13/0137 change of use for gypsy and traveller site to incorporate previous site approvals, increase number of pitches, relocate and enlarge communal facility building. Includes parking, lighting, fencing and landscape buffer. Condition 3 – to increase the total number of caravans to 53, of which no more than 47 would be static caravans / mobile homes. Swale are awaiting police evidence on ethnicity of current occupants. Also, there is High Court action in process relating to chopping down of 1.2 hectares of the protected woodland.

17/503941/FULL – Denstroude Farm Denstroude Lane: Removal of condition 5 of SW/89/42 (conversion of agricultural buildings into 2 holiday cottages). The provision of the residential accommodation as holiday accommodation is no longer viable for the reasons set out in the supporting planning statement and an alternative use for the building needs to be found to secure its long term future. Removal of the condition to allow unrestricted residential occupancy is requested. Accounting figures on the business viability are awaited.

16/505251/SUB – Land to the rear of 7 Horselees Road: Submission of details pursuant to planning condition 3 (contaminated land assessment), condition 6 (infiltration of surface water drainage), condition 7 (code of sustainable housing), condition 8 (programme for the suppression of dust), condition 9 (samples of external finishing materials), condition 10 (full details of site levels), condition 11 (disposal of foul and surface waters) and condition 12 (hard and soft landscaping) for planning permission SW/13/0569. A letter received from KCC with an update on the discharge of the conditions said water drainage plans are not adequate. However, it was thought an agreement had been reached with Southern Water; Environment Agency also involved.

7. Matters not on the Agenda

Winterbourne Quarry – Steve Hitch reported it had been sold and it is believed the new owner will build two homes and sell the parcel of land with planning permission for a further two homes.

Van abandoned at Courtenay Road – Daniel Brice said the land it was on is owned by KCC and the owner of the van had been located to a Faversham address.

Mid Kent Planning website – Jeff Tutt said there were problems with notifications not being received when a change is made to a planning application. He has been told a new system for this is being tested but re-registering will be needed.

Overgrown footpaths – while KCC is responsible for keeping footpaths clear, a number of key routes have become severely overgrown. It was agreed to consider the most vital paths for the next council meeting with a view to having them cleared.

The council expressed its best wishes to Councillor Vaughan Howland for a speedy recovery.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 16 October – Full Council
Monday 6 November – Planning Committee

Phillippa Clarkson
Dunkirk Parish Councillor

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Chairman

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