

Dunkirk Parish Council

Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 4 December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: John Peto (Chair), Jeff Tutt, Daniel Brice, Vaughan Howland, Phillippa Clarkson,
Steve Hitch, Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)
1 parishioner
Jason Clifford (for item 1)

Declarations of Interest: None

Open Session

1. Winterbourne Quarry

Jason Clifford, the developer who had purchased the Winterbourne Quarry site, was in attendance to explain his plans for the site.

He introduced himself as a developer who lived locally and knew the area. His intention was to live in one of the houses when built and develop the remaining three. He was in the process of submitting an application to Swale to amend the design. He stressed that the changes were not to increase the number or size of houses but to change the architectural design to what he felt would be more appropriate for the site. He also planned to move the lake to a more suitable position. He had also purchased the adjoining woodland and he was working with an ecologist to develop a restoration and woodland management scheme for the site. He was committed to enhancing the area and wanted to work with the local community and keep disruption to a minimum. He said that he would keep everyone informed when any works were due to commence.

He explained that the recent burning was to remove the gorse to enable a topographical study to take place. The gorse needed to be managed as it was currently stopping growth of other plants and also wildlife which he was keen to re-introduce to the woodland. He confirmed that no trees were being removed.

Jason was meeting with Graham Thomas at Swale and would come back to the parish council with further details on his proposals before an application was submitted.

Jason was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

The meeting was then formally opened.

2. **Apologies:** Paul Mellett

3. **Notification of Additional Agenda Items:** Street nameplate sign location (item 9),
Payment of invoice (item 10), Kent Landscape Designation Review (item 11)

4. **Received Decisions:** None

5. **Consider Applications:** None

6. **Update on Outstanding Applications**

16/507586/FULL - Former Raf Mast Site - Removal of containers and brick toilet and erection of a data storage facility building. Swale had confirmed that this was planned to be considered at the Planning Committee on 4 January. Comments had been posted on line from Mid Kent Environmental Health which referred to a noise survey/report which had been undertaken. A copy of the report had been requested.

7. Update on Appeals

16/501247/ CHANGE - Moth Field, Denstroude Lane - Appeal against Enforcement Notice for Change of Use without planning permission. Site meeting by the Planning Inspectorate arranged for 29/1/18 (parish council not in attendance).

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. Appeal dismissed.

8. Streetlight Contract

The clerk had obtained comments from other parish councils regarding the service of the two contractors. Both had received good reports.

The clerk was asked to obtain details of costs for changing to LEDs from both contractors before a final decision was made.

9. Street name sign – London Road

The additional street nameplate had been ordered and the location for it was discussed. After further discussion the position (on the verge near Birch View) was proposed, seconded and agreed, with one member against. The clerk to confirm the location to Swale.

10. Payment of Invoice

The following payment was proposed, seconded and approved:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount	VAT	Total
1286	Mark Bradley	War memorial clean	£37.00	£7.00	£42.00

11. Landscape Plan

Swale Borough Council Landscape Designation Review - Jeff Tutt explained that the majority of the parish was designated as high landscape value. He proposed that an area not currently designated be included. This was agreed and Jeff will submit a recommendation to Swale that they consider these additional areas for protection.

12. Matters not on the Agenda

Brotherhood Wood – a recent accident where a resident at Brotherhood Wood had been killed crossing the A2 was discussed. Concerns were raised whether there should be a crossing point across the A2. To be discussed further at the next full council meeting,

Date of Next meeting: Monday 18 December – Full Council
Monday 8 January – Planning Committee

L Blackshaw
Clerk

Signed

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Chairman

Date

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