

Dunkirk Parish Council
Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on
4 June 2018

Present: Jeff Tutt (Chairman), Julie Coleman, Steve Hitch, Daniel Brice, Phillippa Clarkson, Vaughan Howland, Louise Blackshaw (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest: None

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Notification of additional agenda items:** None

3. **Receive Decisions**

18/501317/FULL - 8 Berkeley Close - Erection of a single storey front extension, conversion of existing garage into a habitable space and internal alterations. Approved.

4. **Consider Applications**

18/502208/FULL - Winterbourne Quarry - Revocation of quarrying use and erection of 4 No. detached dwellings with garages, associated landscaping, Restoration scheme, enlarged lake and use of existing access (Revision to 16/501552/FULL)

Information from SBC Planning Officer had confirmed that the Unilateral Undertaking was to be amended as part of this application. This included the intention that the woodland would be managed by the owner and not an outside body such as Kent Wildlife Trust. This was a concern as although it was agreed the current owner had good intentions, this would mean that there would be no control over the woodland in the future once the property and the woodland was sold on at a later date. It was agreed that the council had no objection to the proposed changes to the houses and the change of position of the lake, but to object on the grounds of the changes to the unilateral undertaking which would mean that the woodland was not protected in perpetuity which was the original intention.

5. **Appeals**

Land at Scoggers Hill – the appeal had been dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld.

6. **Brotherhood Wood/Swale Planning Committee decision**

A report from Surrey Hills Solicitors giving advice on the possibility of a judicial review against the lawfulness of the decision made by Swale Borough Council Planning Committee was tabled. After reviewing the report it was agreed not to proceed with a judicial review, however it was agreed instead to pursue the complaint with the Local Government Ombudsman.

7. **Grass cutting contract**

The contractor had quoted an additional £15 per cut to add two additional areas to the contract. This would equate to an additional £90 per annum. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the quote and add this to the contract.

8. **Matters not on the Agenda**

Leaning Trees near Woodsend Farm – these had still not been cut and were felt to be dangerous as they were leaning across the road and only supported by the trees on the other side. The clerk to write to the landowner.

Hedge along Dawes Road – a land registry search had identified the registered owner as someone living in Graveney. This information will be passed to KCC Highways for them to make contact.

Trees on Boughton Hill – Paul Hegley had visited the site and agreed that the trees should be removed.

Blocked drainage ditch – it was reported that cuttings following cutting of trees around power lines to the rear of New House Nursery/alongside the A2 had not been cleared and were blocking the drainage ditch. To be reported to UK Power Networks.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 18 June – Full Council
 Monday 2 July – Planning Committee

Signed (Chairman)

Date