

Dunkirk Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on
10 June 2019 at 7.30pm

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

Declarations of Interest: Steve Hitch – item 3 (planning application 19/502459/FULL)

1. **Apologies:** Vaughan Howland, Peter Demery

2. **Decisions Received:** None

3. **Consider Applications**

19/502459/FULL - Rose Cottage Jezzards Lane - Demolition of existing two outbuildings.
Erection of pool house and detached two storey annexe

Steve Hitch declared an interest as the planning application under consideration was at his property.

The Chairman noted that as the boundary of Boughton and Dunkirk fell between the current house and the proposed development, Boughton Parish Council would also be considering this application and would comment separately.

Steve Hitch gave an explanation of the proposed development and reasons behind it. He then left the room and took no further part in the discussion.

The plans were reviewed and it was proposed, seconded and agreed to record no objection to the proposal.

Steve Hitch rejoined the meeting.

19/502581/FULL - 6 Courtenay Road - Material changes to all elevations, new pitched roof over rear extension and change of doors to front elevation

The plans were reviewed and it was proposed, seconded and agreed to support the application noting that there is no increase to the visual mass and it would improve the street scene and appearance of the building.

4. **Brotherhood Wood**

The appeal against the enforcement notice had been registered by the Planning Inspectorate (ref APP/V2255/C/18/3203175). Comments to be submitted to the Inspectorate by 11 July.

A response was still awaited to the “no confidence” letter regarding the concerns the parish council had recorded on Brotherhood Wood and lack of action that had been taken.

It was very disappointing that after many reports of burning at the site, that the Environmental Health department’s only action had been to write a letter to the site owner.

It was reported that Cllr Alastair Gould was meeting with James Freeman to discuss the issues at Brotherhood Wood and the outcome of those discussions was also awaited.

5. **Forestry/Felling Licences**

Jeff Tutt had circulated a map showing felling licences across the area and it was of concern the amount of licences being issued by the Forestry Commission. There were currently numerous lorries taking timber every day from Blean Wood without due regard to the forest or

the birds, particularly in the bird nesting season. It was agreed to ask Paul Hegley (Swale Tree Officer) for guidance on this.

Daniel Brice was also in touch with RSPB who were getting together a list of wildlife group contacts who may be able to collectively raise concerns over the way the woodlands are being managed.

TPOs – it was unsure how the trees within TPOs were recorded (by individual tree, by number and type). It was agreed to ask the question of Paul Hegley (Swale Tree Officer).

6. Clerk Vacancy

Three applications had been received and interviews would take place on 18 June.

7. Playing Field

The grass cutting at the playing field was discussed and agreed to review whether the whole field should be cut each time or whether to keep some areas un-cut. It was agreed the next cut to be a full cut at £90 following which, recommendations on how to manage it going forward would be considered.

8. Any other Business

It was reported that cars and vans were regularly parking in a dangerous position at the junction of London Road. It was agreed to speak with the nearby businesses to ask them to ensure their vehicles were parked within their business units.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 24 June – Full Council meeting
 Monday 8 July – Planning Committee

Signed (Chairman)

Date