

## Dunkirk Parish Council

### Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 5 August 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Jeff Tutt (Chairman), Julie Coleman (Vice Chair), Daniel Brice, Steve Hitch,  
Lizzie Talbot (Clerk)  
4 members of the public

Declarations of Interest: None

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Public Session to Review Planning Application for Berkeley House, Boughton Hill (Item 4 (a))**

Chair welcomed members of the public and invited them to view the plans. Questions raised/comments voiced around the:

- design not being in keeping with the character of the village and unlikely to be affordable to local people - more likely to be attractive and affordable to people from out of the area, perhaps as holiday/second homes
- huge increase in property numbers - single dwelling to ten dwellings
- potential for light pollution as a result of large increase in dwelling numbers (it was noted that a plan had previously been requested from the developers to show the increased lighting, ie, night time plan, but this had not been received to date)
- the inevitable higher volume of traffic the increased number of dwellings would create
- lack of provision for extra public transport
- lack of pavement street lighting installation for pedestrians given the certain increase in traffic
- potential highways risk entering and exiting given that traffic often reaches 50 to 60 mph at this point on the hill
- subsidence issues not only for this application but potential wider risk for further subsidence on Boughton Hill and surrounding properties

The Chair responded with information around the environmental aspects of this development, the proposed car sharing scheme and the changes to the entrance way. It was voiced that as the car sharing is unenforceable and that, along with visitor vehicles to the properties, car numbers are likely to be far higher than the car sharing scheme predicts. It was also noted that the developers are planning to pile and therefore subsidence risks would be low.

2 members of the public then left the meeting.

The Chairman then formally opened the meeting.

3. **Review Decisions**

19/502572/FULL – Bracken Brae, Jezzards Lane. Refused. Whilst this application received no objections from DPC, Swale Borough Council (SBC) had refused it.

4. **Consider Applications**

- (a) 19/503137/FULL: Berkeley House, Boughton Hill. Demolition of the existing detached chalet-style dwellinghouse and its associated outdoor swimming pool and pool house; revitalisation of the existing landscape, foliage and diverse woodland; and the construction of a new residential apartment building consisting of 9no. apartments and 1no. holiday let with a rear green-roofed car barn set into the hillside, associated secure

