

Dunkirk Parish Council
Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on
Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Declarations of interest before the meeting began: None

1. Apologies. None

Present: Jeff Tutt (Chair) Julie Coleman (Vice Chair), Dr Alistair Gould, Dan Brice, Steve Hitch, Kevin Kemp.
Two members of the public – Ralph Noel and Alistair Noel.

JT welcomed Kevin to the position of councillor and Kevin was given paperwork to sign and directed to a councillor course to be held on 23rd November

2. Presentation to Council.

Ralph and Alistair Noel showed revised plans for the redevelopment of Berkeley House. DPC are unable to give support or otherwise without seeing a full application but felt the drawings presented were more in keeping with the site history than previous designs

Additional agenda items

JT had an invoice from PFK Littlejohn which was presented for payment. This was approved and a cheque signed.

3. Receive decisions

19/504691

Demolition of existing pool house and erection of new pool house with mezzanine solarium.

Hogs Breath House London Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9LG Approved

4. Consider applications

19/505287/PROW

DPC are continuing to support application to make a footpath used for 20 years between Staplestreet Road and Berkeley Close into a public right of way. Ongoing

19/505259/FULL 72 Courtenay Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9LH

Demolition of existing side extension and conservatory to rear. Erection of single storey side and rear extension with increased ridge height and hip to gable conversion to facilitate rooms within the roof space and dormer to front elevation. Council to support.

5 Review of outstanding applications

19/500075/ENF Brotherhood Wood Appeal

DPC had told Swale Borough Council back in December 2018 that the enforcement notice was flawed, the map was wrong, and they should consider redrafting. On 29.10.2019 the Inspector told them the notice was critically flawed, the map was incorrect and that they should either withdraw the notice or he would rule it out. Even after this, Graham Thomas and legal thought it had been done correctly or that the inspector could have corrected the notice and continued.

JT told the committee that they had decided that they must now redraft and re-serve. This could mean a very long wait until another inspector is appointed, as it took two years this time.

JT also told the committee that a retrospective planning application had now been lodged for the felling of TPO'd trees next to the approved site, that would encompass the approx 3.5 hectares subject to a high court injunction and possibly the extension to the site that had also been cleared and caravans sited.

6. Matters not on agenda for information only.

AG explained about a Brexit fund where PCs can apply for funding in the event of no deal.

For example, and this would go alongside the work Cllr Demery is undertaking on Parish resilience, a defibrillator at the Village Hall in case ambulances cannot get through to village if roads blocked by HGVs

JT said he had already asked Swale to consider this, or electric charging points in the parish or funding towards solar panels for the hall if the village hall committee felt it was appropriate.

DPC is still waiting for details of a pelican crossing at Brenley Roundabout although Highways England sent JT a map and said Highways England had told him it was happening in December. JT has reported this to the Swale Joint Transport Board (JTB) chair as they had not been consulted.

KCC have still not responded to DPC about traffic chaos following roundabout closures. It is intended to request a TRO to ban vehicles over 7.5 Tonnes (except for access) and three villages (Dunkirk, Boughton and Hernhill) are preparing a petition to be signed by residents asking the JTB to put these in place,

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Date of Next meetings:

Monday 18th November – Full Council

Monday 2nd December – Planning Committee

Notes by Cllr. Coleman, presented by Cllr. Tutt.

Signed
Chairman

Date