

# Extraordinary Meeting of Dunkirk Parish Council

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall on 4 April 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Kevin Kemp (KK) Chair, Julie Coleman (JC) Vice Chair, Jeff Tuff (JT), Jason Clifford (JCL) and Daniel Brice (DB) and Matthew Bullen (MB) Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

**Declaration:** Any Declarations of Interest by members present to be made at the commencement of the meeting – none declared

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from Councillors Nicola Smith(NS) and Greg Hewett(GH) and County Councillor Rich Lehmann
2. **Planning:**
  - a) Received decisions: **NONE**
  - b) Consider applications:

**22/500651/TPOA** | TPO Application for 2 x (1) Oak Trees remove broken branch each, 1 x (2) Remove broken branches from tree, 1 x (3) Remove major deadwood overhanging highway, 1 x (4) Fell Dead Ash tree - Lift Vegetation to 3 meters over highway, (5) Lift Vegetation to 3 meters over footpath and lift any low branches to 5.5 meters over highway, 1 x (6) Ash tree - Fell to ground level, 2 x (7) Ash trees- Fell, 2 x (8) Ash Trees - Fell, Remove deadwood from oak overhanging the highway, 1 x (9) Oak - Remove deadwood and lift to 5.5 meters over highway, (10) Lift vegetation to 3 meters over footpath. cut back ro path edge, 6 x (11) Ash -Fell, 3 x (12) Ash - Fell, 3 x (13) Ash Tree - Fell, 1 x (14) Oak Tree - lift to 5.5 meters over the high way, 1 x (15) Oak trees lift to 5.5 meters over the highway, 1 x (16) Horse chestnut - lift to 5.5 meters over the highway, 1 x (17) Yew Tree - remove damaged branches and lift to 5.5 meters over highway. | Highwood Lodge Canterbury Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9LE

Members noted for good order that this is an application being made by another member of the council, who is not present at the meeting.

One member noted that Swale Borough Council's validation process had gone awry on the basis the application form had been incorrectly presented as the trees concerned were not subject to TPOs when they are. Consequently, as an example, arboricultural reports would be required but have not been submitted with the application.

A motion to request the clerk to write to Swale Borough Council requesting the application be revalidated on this basis and requesting an extension to then consider the matter further was proposed by JT, seconded by DB and agreed unanimously. **ACTION MB**

Members also followed up planning application **22/501264/FULL** for 2 Dawes Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9TL. The application was originally discussed at Full Council meeting 28 March 2022 where members had agreed to object to it but after further consideration members agreed to not object instead. A motion to offer "no comment" was proposed by JCL, seconded by JT and agreed unanimously. **ACTION MB** to update the record

3. **Matters for public concern:**
  - a. Highways Issues
    - members reviewed a recent accident on the A2 opposite Denstead Lane to consider any action points but concluded weather conditions and speed had been the principal issues.
    - the issue of speeding in Dawes Road/ Staplestreet Road was raised but some members felt a specific case should be raised with KCC on the grounds of safety, rather than include this within an overall Highways Improvement Plan. The Chair asked the clerk to facilitate an informal meeting with neighbouring parishes of Boughton and Hernhill to discuss the issues before bringing the matter back to council **ACTION MB**
  - b. Footpaths, Verges & Hedges
    - members discussed the issue of overhanging branches on the pathway near Bossenden Wood. DB agreed to contact the warden for RSBP, whom own the woods, to ask them to clear **ACTION DB**
  - c. Streetlights

Members agreed that the existing specification was in order except to include a length to which the grass is to be cut going forward, to ensure this is maintained consistently **ACTION MB** to establish usual length football pitches are cut to and draw up specification on this basis

**7. Review of current arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

The Chair updated the council to advise:

- the clerk was in the process of trying to obtain alternative quotes for the beacon brazier
- NS had secured the services of a mobile beverages van to attend the playing field without cost to the council
- NS had made lots of steps forward with regards to the planned Dog Show event
- that the next meeting of an informal planning group consisting of some members of Dunkirk Parish Council, Boughton Parish Council and others had arranged another meeting for 7.30pm on 12 April 2022 at the Queen's Head Public House – **ACTION MB** to put notice of this on website and Facebook page

**8. Damage to Bus Shelter**

The chair advised that the clerk was in the process of trying to obtain quotations for the repair to the damage seat in the bus stop at the bottom of Boughton Hill. Members also requested for both the London bound and Canterbury bound bus stops near Courtenay Road to also be inspected for damage and arrange repairs as appropriate **ACTION MB**

**9. Parking in Courtenay Road**

Members noted the current antisocial parking arrangements being carried out near the mast and that it has limited options to address this. One member has arranged for a group of volunteers to help tidy the area in order to promote more responsible use of it.

The Chair asked the clerk to write to PCSO Pashov to ask him to investigate the matter and to respond to the initial complainant to state the council is taking the matter seriously and to outline the actions being taken so far **ACTION MB**

**10. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)**

One member updated the council to advise no police inspectors were available to attend the Annual Parish Meeting despite reasonable notice being given. **ACTION KK** to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to complain


One member advised he had contacted a stone mason to look at the war memorial and would report back his findings in due course.

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm

Date of next meetings:	Full Council:	18 April 2022
	Annual General Meeting:	3 May 2022
	Annual Parish Meeting:	3 May 2022
	Planning Committee meeting:	3 May 2022

Matthew Bullen,  
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed  
Chair

  
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Date

19-04-2022

Signed  
Vice-Chair



Date

19/4/22