

Dunkirk Parish Council – Full Council Meeting

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 28 March 2022 at Dunkirk Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Kevin Kemp (KK) Chair, Julie Coleman (JC) Vice Chair, Jeff Tuff (JT), Nicola Smith (NS), Jason Clifford (JCL) and 3 members of the public. Ward Councillor Alastair Gould (AG) joined the meeting at 7.55pm

Declaration: Any Declarations of Interest by members present to be made at the commencement of the meeting: JC declared that in respect of item 9, the other interested parties are personal friends

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Received from Parish Councillors Greg Hewett and Dan Brice, clerk Matthew Bullen (MB) and County Councillor Rich Lehmann
2. **Minutes of Full Council meeting 21 February 2022 and Planning Committee meeting 7 March 2022 and matters arising:**

The minutes were noted as a true record as proposed by JCL, seconded by NS and agreed unanimously.

For matters arising:

 - For Item 2 a iii. Manson Wood – National Highways raised concerns regarding the response offered by Swale Borough Council who have since agreed to review the matter again. **ACTION MB** to follow up
 - For Item 2 a iv. A2 slip road entrance – **ACTION MB** to check position regarding TPO's and **ACTION AG** to review position with Swale Borough Council
3. **Correspondence:**
 - KK advised of letter received complaining of illegal parking on Courtenay Road **ACTION KK and JC** to prepare a written notice to be displayed on any vehicle parked illegally
 - Several issues raised by a parishioner:
 - Lack of 30mph warning sign – parishioner advised this had been investigated and the cost of £8,000 was too much for the council to consider
 - Discarded road signs need to be collected
 - Clearing of drainage ditches behind Canterbury bound bush shelter as build up of debris causes flooding to adjacent properties – agreed to include works in the associated grass cutting contract.
4. **Matters for public concern:**
 - a) Highways Issues
 - i. Dawes Road - KCC to be asked to instate 30mph speed restriction and signage
 - b) Footpaths, Verges & Hedges
 - i. Issues with Pathways ZR675 and ZR537 along motorway bridge on Horselees Road also ZR539 Have been reported – **ACTION MB** to follow up
 - c) TPOs – none
 - d) Streetlights
 - i. A fault on a light on Horselees Road had been identified but had not previously been included in the schedule of lighting. Contractor asked to attend and include in maintenance programme going forward which may have a cost impact
 - e) Playground Equipment and Safety Surfacing –
 - i. JC and others gathering quotes in preparation for looking for grant funding
5. **Planning:**
 - a) Received decisions: **NONE**
 - b) Consider applications:

22/500624/FULL | Conversion of diner to a coffee shop, including erection of a single storey rear extension, creation of a drive-thru, alterations to parking and landscaping, provision of an EVC hub with associated infrastructure, and associated works. | Shelias Kitchen Gate Service Station London Road Dunkirk Kent ME13 9LN

NS invited Village Hall personnel to attend meeting at Queens Head Tuesday 29th at 7.30pm
Parking could be an issue so JCL to contact owners of nearby field with a view to this being used as an alternative or overflow ACTION JCL

9. Playing field access

JCL to contact his solicitor with a view to them contacting the other party to obtain all relevant information in order to consider further ACTION JCL

10. Arrangements for war memorial restoration

KK has obtained details of grant applications to receive monies towards the cost of restoration and will advise further ACTION KK

11. Swale Borough Council Electric Vehicle Strategy Consultation

Members reviewed the consultation and noted issues with siting of EV points – residential where there is no off street parking

12. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)

One member advised there some aspects to the website which require updating ACTION MB

A member advised that some arrests had apparently been made with regards to off road motorbikers in Hurst Wood

One member expressed disappointment that KALC had not replied to our need for advice regarding postponing a meeting at late notice

Members noted that shrubs in front of the pylon need to be maintained and the weeds suppressed – clearing then mulching. A contract specification needs to be devised to then be put out to tender

A member reported that bus shelters were in a poor state of repair – the Canterbury bound shelter has glass smashed and graffiti and the Faversham bound shelter is old with no seating – a budget to upgrade these needs to be devised though AG advised Swale Borough Council may be able to assist with this.

AG advised A response to the Regulation 18 calling for lower housing numbers had been prepared but the reasons to support this need to be robust. The affordable housing ratio has been raised due to income ratio in the borough. The Regulation 19 is likely to follow in the autumn.

The Chair closed this meeting at 10.30pm and AG and the member of the public left.


13. Meeting closed and private meeting held to review stationery order

The Chair closed the meeting at 10.51pm

Date of next meetings: Extraordinary meeting: 4 April 2022
Full Council: (Tuesday) 18 April 2022

Minutes scribed by JC on behalf of Matthew Bullen, Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed
Chair


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Date

19-04-2022
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