

Dunkirk Parish Council - Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on 7 February 2022 at Dunkirk Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Jeff Tuff (JT) Chair of Planning Committee, Kevin Kemp (KK) Chair of Parish Council, Julie Coleman (JC) Vice Chair, Daniel Brice (DB) and Jason Clifford (JCL) 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 – none received

2. Planning

a) Received decisions:

- i. **21/506395/FULL** | Demolition of existing side porch and erection of two storey side extension including, rear Juliet balcony and rear external flue. | Forge House London Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9LL **GRANTED**

b) Consider applications:

- i. **22/500004/FULL** | Conversion of attached garage into a office and utility room. | 29 Berkeley Close Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9TR

Members noted that two comments had been made by near neighbours, one in favour of the application and the other with no objection provided regulations regarding the use of skips etc. followed correctly.

The Parish Council has historically objected to applications that require the loss of a parking space, as would be the case here with the conversion of the garage. Members also noted that not all cars would be able to use this garage as it is today.

A motion to not object to the application but ask Swale Borough Council give thought to the loss of parking spaces if such applications are approved in the future was proposed by JT, seconded by DB and agreed unanimously **ACTION MB**

- ii. **22/500191/FULL** | Creation of a Natural England wildlife pond for Great Crested Newts. | Jays Woods Boughton Hill Woodside Dunkirk Kent ME13 9FL

Members welcomed an application that has been made to enhance local wildlife. Concern was raised about the depth of the pond at 2 metres, albeit with shallow margins, in a relatively remote yet accessible area.

A motion to support the application subject to a) No other unlawful ancillary activities taking place in the area and b) life preserving equipment to be installed at the site was proposed by DB, seconded by JC and agreed unanimously **ACTION MB**

3. Claimed public footpaths running through Bossenden Wood from the London Road to footpath ZR528 and bridleway ZR529

The clerk advised that KCC had now opened an informal consultation into the Council's previous application to make this pathway a public right of way.

Members unanimously reaffirmed the Council's previous decision to apply for the footway to be made a public right of way.

ACTION MB To provide members with templates of the user evidence forms for them to supply persons whom they know have used the pathway regularly and update the website to raise awareness of the consultation

4. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)

The Planning Committee Chair suggested it might be beneficial for the newly appointed Chair of the Parish Council to be co-opted to the Planning Committee too. **ACTION MB** to add item to the agenda for the net Full Council meeting for members to consider.

Members again raised concerns regarding speeding vehicles on Dawes Road to which the clerk advised he had been in correspondence with local PCSOs and the matter is to be considered again at the next meeting of the Council.

The Chair of the Planning Committee closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Date of next meetings:

Full Council:

21 February 2022

Planning Committee:

7 March 2022

Matthew Bullen,
Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed
Chair of Planning Committee

Date 21/2/2022

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