

Dunkirk Parish Council - Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held at Dunkirk Village Hall 7.30pm 6 December 2021

Present:

Parish Councillors: Jeff Tuff (JT) Chair, Julie Coleman (JC) Vice Chair, Daniel Brice (DB), Kevin Kemp (KK), Greg Hewett (GH), Nicola Smith (NS) and Jason Clifford (JCL) and Matthew Bullen (MB) clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council
Ward Councillor: Alastair Gould

Declaration: Any Declarations of Interest by members present to be made at the commencement of the meeting: None

1. **Apologies for absence** – received from County Councillor Lehmann

2. **Planning**

a) **Received decisions:**

21/504793/FULL | Erection of a single storey rear and side extension to create master bedroom with en-suite and additional living space along with internal alterations as amended by drawing no's. SE-05-D; SE-06-D; SE-07-C and SE-08-B. | Marisdene London Road Dunkirk Faversham Kent ME13 9LF **GRANTED**

b) **Consider applications:**

NONE

3. **Finance item – authorisation in advance of Full Council meeting for payment of invoice to Grindall Limited t/a SEC Works Group (Bibby Financial) for new village signs**

JT proposed a motion to authorise payment ahead of Full Council meeting which was agreed unanimously

4. **Consider response to Swale Borough Council proposal to withdraw Footway Lighting Grant**

One member raised a concern that Parish Council's are perceived to be an easier target for cuts because they raise funds separately via the precept. Another raised concerns about safety in the village if lighting had to be withdrawn as a consequence of the grant being removed. Another highlighted the apparent unfairness of parishioners contributing to the lighting of other areas through identical levels Council Tax, whilst having to fund their own lighting through the precept, which is charged in addition.

Members agreed unanimously for the clerk to write to Swale Borough Council to strongly object to the withdrawal of the grant and copy this to all members of the Cabinet **ACTION MB**

5. **Review of Swale Borough Council revised Local Plan October 2021 Issues and Preferred Options (Regulation 18)**

The Chair noted with regret that the Parish Council had not been in a position to issue formal response to the consultation, as a consensus on a written response had not been reached. Another member suggested the previous meeting should have been used to address each question in the consultation individually, whilst another suggested that with hindsight, a separate meeting should have been called to address the consultation as a whole specifically, which all agreed.

6. **Speeding issues on Dawes Road**

Members responded to the police comments that checks in the area hadn't resulted in any speeding offences by noting that the national speed limit applies on the majority of the narrow road and therefore exceeding it would be unlikely. Instead the issue is more about people driving inappropriately, relative to the conditions.

ACTION DB to review where the current 30MPH area begins and consider if it would be appropriate for this to be moved.

The clerk advised that if the Council were to ask KCC to review this, it is likely such request should be considered as part of a Highways Improvement Plan. **ACTION MB** to prepare draft of what a plan might look like for councillors to review and then prioritise the areas requiring most urgent attention

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

Members agreed the earlier non-Council public meeting, which was attended by a member of Boughton Community Project Group, had been positive and some members would attend their next meeting to try and progress things further.

ACTION MB to review position with regards to the Parish Council raising funds at Council approved events

8. Matters not on Agenda (for information only)

One member queried the latest position regarding the developments at Manson Wood. **ACTION MB** to contact Swale Borough Council for update.

Another member advised they had been in contact with another bank to review the banking arrangements of the Parish Council and asked for an item to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting for this to be discussed.

Date of next meetings: Full Council: 20 December 2021
Planning Committee: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Matthew Bullen, Clerk to Dunkirk Parish Council

Signed
Chairman



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Date

17/1/22

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