

Downley Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held online via Zoom, Tuesday 9th June 2020 at 7pm.

1 Attendance

Chairman Cllr P Loadman, Cllr Bowden , Cllr Burslem , Cllr Chandarana, Cllr Egmore, Cllr Lazenby, Cllr Monroe-West , Cllr Sapsford, Cllr W Steneskog

Cllr Turner in attendance

Three members of the public present.

2) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda (8108/06/20)

None

3) Minutes of the Previous meeting (8109/06/20)

The March minutes were agreed as correct.

4) Adjournment for Public Questions (8110/06/20)

None

5) Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor (8111/06/20)

Cllr turner updated the Council on the work being done by Buckinghamshire Council during the Covid crisis.

Cllr Mallen sent a report in her absence covering school transport, road safety and the Covid crisis.

6) DCAG (8112/06/20)

The Downley Covid Action Group has been overseeing 50 street representatives in Downley, the group are coordinating with the Co-op, Starlight stores and the pharmacy to ensure that every person in Downley has been contacted during the Covid crisis. They are doing excellent work through out the Community.

8) War Memorial Hall (8113/06/20)

The centenary is coming up in 2023. It has been suggested that the Council work with the War Memorial Hall to commemorate this and to also acknowledge people that have fallen since WW2. The Council will liaise with the Hall on this.

8) Bonfires and Common maintenance (8114/06/20)

Due to lockdown more people have been socialising outside more than usual, this has led to bonfires. Bonfires are not permitted on the Common. The DCPS have been working with the Council to place signage on the Common. The Finance Committee have approved a fund to cover maintenance needed on the Common to keep it safe and tidy

10) Road Safety (8115/06/20)

There has been lots of correspondence with members of the public over lockdown regarding speeding in the Village. The Council continue to do as much as they can with in their power to improve road safety in the Village. The two SIDS devices will be re charged when this can be done without social distancing.

11) Planning applications and decisions (8116/06/20)

A) **38 Plomer Green Avenue, HP13 5LW** | 20/06176/FUL | Householder application for demolition of existing sun room, construction of part single, part two storey front, side and rear extensions, lean to roof over existing flat roof kitchen and alterations to fenestration - **DPC recommendation is this work be approved.**

B) **29 White Close, HP13 5NG** | 20/06023/FUL | Householder application for single storey rear extension with fenestration alterations and replacement retaining wall to garden- **DPC recommendation is this work be approved.**

C) **23 Plomer Green Lane, HP13 5TS** | Ref. No: 20/06051/FUL | Received: Mon 27 Apr 2020 | Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing- DPC recommendation is this work be approved.

D) **47 Talbot Avenue, HP13 5JA** | 20/05658/FUL | Householder application for single storey side/rear extension and front porch-**DPC recommend this application be refused.** DPC believe that the current plans are too close to the neighbouring property and that the additional habitable rooms place unacceptable burden on the parking that will mean valuable turning space at the end of Talbot Ave will be blocked by overflow parking meaning service vehicles will face additional problems and unable to service the road

E) **The Stables Downley Common, HP13 5YN** | 20/05836/FUL | Householder application for construction of single storey double garage- **DPC recommend this application be refused.**

DPC believe it will harm the Chilterns AONB due to the aggregate layout, scaling and massing arising from a long history of applications. The extent of the built form on the plot (in relation to size of the plot) is not appropriate to AONB. Further reference is made to the Chiltern Conservation Board's Building Design Guide that lists **vulnerability to insensitive development** as "*Excessive infilling which breaks visual links with the countryside....*". Further infilling will result from these plans.

The site sits within Green Belt and DPC believe it is inappropriate development given it fails to preserve the openness of the Green Belt - openness, in its simplest form is the absence of building.

DPC are seeking BCC's assurances that it meets Policy DM43 in that dwellings can extend by up to 50%.

The property also sits within Downley Conservation area and the proposal will not blend in well with the property and ignores the Downley Village Design Statement “the area around the Common should not be developed”

F) **29 Hillfield Close, HP13 5NA** | 20/05900/FUL | Householder application for construction of front porch extension, part single/part first floor side and rear extensions with associated alterations, raising of roof and roof alterations to existing single storey element and removal of chimney.- **DPC make no recommendation** - The proposals are of minimal impact to the appearance of the street facing elevation of the house. There is concern over the lack of parking with only room for two spaces in the curtilage. Given the location of the site, there is minimal space for safe off-road parking.

G) **8 The Pastures, HP13 5LZ**| 20/05744/FUL | Householder application for construction of single-story rear extension, first-floor side extension and loft conversion in connection with front roof light and rear box dormer - **DPC make no recommendation** - The proposals are of minimal impact to the appearance of the street facing elevation of the house and not dissimilar to other works approved in the area.

H) **123 Littleworth Road, HP13 5UZ** | Householder application for single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestrations - DPC’s recommendation is to approve this application. It is noted that the enlarged property will have minimal impact on the street scene and gives suitable consideration of light angles guidance. There is sufficient parking provision on site.

I) **31 Partridge Way, HP13 5JX** | 20/05595/FUL | Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, infilling of steps and fenestration alterations- DPC recommendation is that this application be refused given it is not sustainable against Countrywide Parking Guidance September 2015.

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J) **29 Hillfield Close** - Householder application for construction of front porch extension, part single/part first floor side and rear extensions with associated alterations, raising of roof and roof alterations to existing single storey element and removal of chimney.

: Application Permitted

K) **100 Southfield Road** -Householder application for construction of part ground floor, part lower ground floor, part first floor rear and first floor side extensions (alternative scheme to PP 18/07423/FUL) - Status: Application Permitted

L) **87 Westover Road** - Householder application for construction of part single part two storey rear and two storey side extension in connection with demolition of existing detached single storey garage and alterations to fenestrations - Status: Application Permitted

M) **57 Westover Road** - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension and construction of retaining wall - Status: Application Permitted

N) **Blacksmith Cottage Downley Common** - Listed Building application for erection of single storey side & rear extension to existing garage with new entrance doors & alterations to fenestration

Status: Application Permitted

0) Moor Cottage Plomer Green Lane- Householder application for construction of detached shed and decking - Status: Application Permitted

12) Accounts (8117/06/20)

Please find items set out below for payment by the Council.
Items approved in June 2020

Bank balance as of 1st June £213,440.66

To whom paid	Cheque Number	Amount
Excel office supplies	1875	10.20
BMKALC- Training expenses	1876	56.50
P W Thompson	1877	159.96
TBS Hygiene - Dog waste collection	1878	270.00
C Fenech- Clerks salary & expenses	1879	1,717.63
Came & Co - Parish Council insurance	1880	2,015.90
KAD Garden Services	1881	2,041.00
		6271.19

Balance includes £35,000 reserve funds for the lighting project.

Balance includes Precept payment £52,017.65

13) To consider Resolutions and Items for discussion which have been notified
(8117/06/20)

- None

14) Correspondence (8118/06/20)

Correspondence received this month regarding road safety.

15) Date and Place of next Meeting (8119/06/20)

Online – 14th July

17) Date and place of next meetings of Committees (8120/06/20)

Dosca, DCPS, Street Light Committee, Finance Committee – All to be held online

18) Closure of the Meeting (8121/06/20)

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman _____

Date _____