

**DOWNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING – minutes**

26 Sept 2023 at 7:30pm (The Queen's Head)

1. **Attendees:** Dave Evans (DE), Abigail Rutherford (AR), Tony Dixon (TD), Steve Barnes (SB), John Isbell (JI), Joanna Clark (JC), Declan Wells (DW), Tony Young (TY), Cllr Jonathan Andrews (JA),

Apologies: Kwan Phung (KP), Rev John Musson (JM), Simon Farron (SF), Nick Cutmore (NC)

2. **Agree previous minutes (20 July):** Agreed and signed off.

3. **Treasurer's Report (TD):** TD reported a current balance of £360.90 in the account. A £300 donation had been made by DE. The meeting thanked DE for this very kind donation - this could see us through to year end with a projected end year account figure of £55.90. Barclays bank had requested business confirmation details, and this had been supplied (SB, TD, DE were named on the business return)

4. **Planning – AR** reported on Planning applications, decisions and appeals July to Sept 2023

New Applications:

23/03073/FULL6

1 Standard Road

Downe

BR6 7HJ

Loft conversion consisting of three front gabled dormers and two rear roof lights, single storey side extension and elevational alterations (PART RETROSPECTIVE)

22/02160/CONDIT

6 Buckston Browne Gardens

Downe

BR6 7FF

Details submitted to comply with the requirements of the following conditions relating to planning permission

22/02160/FULL6:

Condition 3: Land Contamination Assessment

23/03000/FULL1

High Elms Country Park

Shire lane

Farnborough

Installation of new changing places accessible WC pre-fabricated unit adjacent to existing visitor centre

23/03144/FULL6

21 Standard Road

Downe

BR6 7HJ

Part one/ two storey rear extension with elevational alterations

23/02877/PLUD

Homefield

West Hill

Downe

BR6 7JJ

Construction of a single storey rear extension LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE (PROPOSED)

Applications yet to be decided:

23/01906/FULL1

Land West of and adjacent to The Boundary

Hangrove Hill

Downe

Change of use of land to gypsy and traveller site comprising one pitch accommodating one mobile home and one touring caravan, together with associated hardstanding areas and access drive (retrospective application)

21/01606/CONDIT

Luxted Farm

Luxted Road

Downe

BR6 7JT

Discharge of conditions in relation to planning application ref 21/01062/FULL1

Condition 3 Surface Water Drainage

Condition 4 Highway Surface Water Drainage Details

Condition 5 Cycle parking Details

Condition 6 Refuse Storage Details

Condition 7 Landscaping (soft and Hard)

Condition 8 Car Parking Details

21/00420/PLUD

Ashgrove

Luxted Road

Downe

BR6 7JX

Single storey rear extension LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE (PROPOSED)

17/05866/CONDT1

Beechcroft

Hangrove Hill

Downe

BR6 7LG

Details of conditions submitted in relation to planning permission ref: 17/05866/FULL1

Condition 2: Materials Condition 3: Development in accordance with approved plans Condition 5: Details of landscaping Condition 6: Boundary enclosures Condition 7: Details of surface water drainage Condition 8: Sustainable Drainage Scheme Condition 9: Parking Condition 10: Arrangements for construction period

Decisions:

23/00816/FULL1

Application Refused

Parkside

Luxted Road

Downe

BR6 7JS

Demolition of existing detached dwelling and erection of replacement chalet style detached dwelling with detached garage (as alternative to works currently afforded a Certificate of Lawful Development under reference DC/22/03495/PLUD)

23/03255/TREE

No Objection

Downe Hall

Cudham Road

BR6 7LE

T1 Walnut – crown lift to provide 3m clearance from ground level to clear traffic

22/03417/FULL1

Application approved

Downe Livery Stables

High Elms Road

Downe

BR67JL

Demolition of existing stables, barns and buildings. Change of Use/regularisation of land as equestrian use, erection of stables and ancillary equestrian facilities including; site office and WCs/showers, riding arena, horse walker, amended parking, drainage, surface water attenuation and holding pond, formation of highway access.

23/02593/PLUD

Development is lawful

26 Standard Road

Downe

BR67HL

Creation of loft conversion incorporating hip to gable enlargements, rear dormer addition and front rooflights.

Introduction of incidental outbuilding within rear garden. LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

(PROPOSED)

23/03052/TREE

No objection

2 Clare Cottages

Butchers Yard

High Street

Downe

BR6 7US

T1, T2 (dead), T3 & T4 Red Cedar trees - Remove to a height of 3-4m leaving a habitat monolith.

23/00934/PLUD

Development is lawful

The Bungalow

North End Lane

Downe

BR6 7HQ

Single storey side and rear extensions and internal alterations LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

(PROPOSED)

23/01942/TPO

Application refused

1 Rookery Villas

Rookery Road

Downe

BR6 7JQ

Redwood – reduce by up to 10m. Subject to TPO 1790 (2.2.200122/03418/FULL1)

Application Refused

Downe Livery Stables

High Elms Road

Downe

BR6 7JL

Erection of two storey building providing cart barn and grooms accommodation above.

23/02226/HHPA

Prior approval is not required

Highfield

Rookery Road

Downe

BR67JQ

Single storey rear extension, extending beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.20m, for which the

maximum height would be 3.70m, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.95m and single storey

rear extension, extending beyond the rear wall of the original house by 2.54m, for which the maximum height

would be 2.90m, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.95m (42 Day Notification for Householder

Permitted Development Prior Approval)

New Appeals:

Outstanding Appeals:

22/04745/FULL3

Application Refused

The Orchard

Rookery Road

Downe

BR6 7JQ

Change of use of existing outbuilding to one bedroom dwelling, together with elevational alterations

22/03452/FULL6

Application Refused

Majec

Luxted Road

Downe

BR6 7JT

Enlargement to roof to include hipped roof construction with front and rear dormers to provide accommodation at first floor level, and alterations to roofs of existing flat roofed single storey extensions to include pitched roof and foot lanterns.

Decided Appeals:

22/03885/FULL6

Appeal Dismissed

Croft Cottage

High Elms Road

Downe

BR6 7JL

Proposed first floor rear dormer extension

Enforcement Action

1 Standard Road – additional dormer window – new application now submitted

Summary of discussions – the meeting thanked TD for attending the planning committee meeting re Downe Livery Stables. It was noted that information from Bromley Highways was awaited regarding High Elms Road parking. Regarding the work going on at the bottom of Hangrove Hill, JA reported that the Council were being careful to follow due process in their dealings with this site given the sensitivities.

5. Report from Cllr Jonathan Andrews:

Shire Lane safety - much discussion was had about the safety in Shire Lane – especially with recent accidents. JC had requested that mini roundabouts be installed at certain junctions, mirrors be installed at these junctions and that verges were regularly cleared of vegetation. JA reported that mirrors could not be installed due to Department for Transport regulations. A single report on road safety (incorporating all previous reports) had been compiled (with Shire Lane as no 1), and circulated to the Committee. The report covered Shire Lane – road safety improvement, Traffic speeds in and around the village, Parking in High Elms Road – village end, Hangrove Hill – road safety improvement, “Unsuitable for HGVs” signage, Other – brief mention of a cancelled review of High Elms Road (Shire Lane end). A paper copy was handed to JA.

ULEZ: the Council was monitoring whether there were more accidents due to traffic route changes by motorists

Landway - SB had booked a Zoom conference call with the consultant employed by Bromley for 28 September

6 Downe street lighting – DE had submitted a full report on the new LED heritage lamps (lamp post by lamp post) to the Council – there was still no response.

7 Biggin Hill Airport - TD and SB attended a meeting at the invitation of David Winstanley at Biggin Hill airport. Present were representatives of a few RA's (I noted at least Biggin Hill, Petts Wood) and some reps from Parish Councils (I noted Warlingham and Woldingham – Tatsfield were invited but not available). Also present were Robert Walters and Colin Hitchens. The meeting was about improving relations with residents around the area affected by the airport. Interesting that this was not a “Bromley” focussed meeting only. There was a mini-bus tour of the airport, and an escorted tour around the Bombardier hangar. There was then a question and answer session. Some of the usual issues came up – noise, ground running, incorrect height flights, pollution etc.

David Winstanley followed this up by an invitation to form a “noise action group”. After discussion, the meeting agreed on balance it was better to engage with the airport. TD and SB would respond (AP 23/11)

8 Police & Road safety – JC had led the earlier discussion on Shire Lane. Other points to note from Darwin Ward were:

- The Ward was moving to 2 x PCs and 2 x PCSOs (an increase in policing)
- Catalytic converter marking had been carried out
- A “Section 59” notice had been given to a young motorcyclist in Downe
- Saddle marking had been offered to stables
- The two “loose dogs” in Downe were still in police custody pending a court case against the owner
- Total crimes in Darwin Ward had reduced from 46 (previous quarter) to 33 in the last quarter
- There had been 4 thefts from vehicles and 3 vehicle thefts

JC reported that the priorities for local policing were:

- Focus on alcohol related violence
- Focus on thefts of and from motor vehicles
- Focus on Shire Lane safety

JC once again stressed that the levels of crime in the area were very low

9 AOB

- Downe Scout Camp - in the light of the decision by the Scouting Association to sell the campsite to a commercial bidder, the DRA Committee would write to that company asking for the intentions they had for the site. DE would draft a letter and circulate before sending (AP 23/12)

Meeting closed at 9.32pm

Appendix A - Action log

No	Owner	Action	Status
23/03	JA	Investigate mini roundabouts at Shire Lane junctions	ongoing
23/06	TD	Investigate Downe Lottery support for the DRA costs	discharged
23/07	JA	Notify enforcement regarding items on land in Hangrove Hill	discharged
23/08	JA	Seek clarity on road safety solutions for Shire Lane	ongoing
23/09	NC/SB	Submit report to JA on road surfacing and Idverde	ongoing
23/10	DE/SB	Submit examples of street light problems to JA	discharged

23/11		TD/SB	Respond to David Winstanley	
23/12		DE	Draft a DRA letter to buyers of Downe Scout Camp	