

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held in Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 3 March 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr P.J. Lathey (Chairman) (until 7.35pm)

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman D.G. Rickard
C.O. Michell Ms G.E. Summers
C.M. Ray Ms S.J. Williams

Cllr Ms S.J. Williams, the Vice-Chairman, was in the Chair from 7.35pm until the close of the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr M. Rowsell spoke with reference to application A4/185 Hibernia Cottage, North Allington and raised concerns regarding the impact of the proposed development on the flora and fauna on the site.

Cllr Ms R.C. Kayes spoke at this time to support the concerns raised by Mr Rowsell and other local residents. She said that she would not take any part in the Committee's consideration of the item and left the meeting prior to consideration of the remaining agenda items.

94. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

95. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 February 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

97. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

(1) that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the [attached schedule A](#) be forwarded to the District Council.

(2) that the applications listed for information in Schedule B be noted.

98. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2782.

99. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Councillors considered a letter sent to West Dorset District Council by the Local Plan Inspector, ENCL: 2791.

In response to the letter, the District Council was proposing to suspend the Local Plan for no more than six months, to enable additional evidence to be prepared on housing numbers.

In discussion of the item, it was emphasised that it was important to ensure that the housing numbers reflected local need and the importance of affordable housing was emphasised. These issues should be looked at as part of the proposed neighbourhood plan. In terms of the Local Plan, it was hoped that there would be further consultation on any proposed modifications and it would be important to look again at the threshold for including affordable housing in developments.

RESOLVED: that the position on the Local Plan be noted with the comments as above.

100. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The notes of the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group were considered, ENCL: 2792.

It was reported that it was understood that the District Council meetings with other parishes (not currently in the Plan area), would be held very soon. It was hoped that the area could then be designated by West Dorset District Council in April.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

101. A35 WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Working Group was to be held on 4 April and one of the issues to be discussed would be the Town Council's request for a 40mph, rather than a 50mph speed limit, along the entire length of the bypass from Chideock Hill to just before the Fire Station.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

102. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL PARKING SURVEY

Councillors considered ENCL: 2793, the response sent to meet the initial deadline of 25 February 2014, as agreed by the Open Spaces Working Group.

The Committee made the following further comments: -

- there should be discussion between West Dorset District Council, the County Council and the Town Council regarding the provision of some short term free off-street parking, to duplicate what was on offer on-street.
- Q.10: check the box for residents' parking, which was suitable for some parts of the town centre.

RESOLVED: that the response from the Town Council, as enclosed, be endorsed with the additional comments as above.

103. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

104. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported the following:

- Two applications recently considered by this Committee were on the agenda for the next District Council Development Control Committee – Kisem, North Mills recommended for approval (The Plans Committee had objected to the application) and 76, South Street recommended for approval (The Plans Committee had no objections).
- Sustrans and Dorset County Council were due to commence construction of the new cycleway, along the disused rail line, between Sea Road North (near the entrance to Bredy Veterinary Practice) and Trinity Way, Bradpole. The work was due to commence on Monday 10 March and take approximately six weeks to complete.

The meeting closed at **8.05pm**.

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 31 March 2014