

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held in Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 6 January 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr P.J. Lathey (Chairman)

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

Also present: Cllr: Mrs E.A. Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr C. Denne, the applicant, spoke in support of application A1/1643 – 76, South Street and the proposed variation to the condition on opening times. He also stated that the application should be for Monday to Saturday as well as Sunday, not just Monday to Friday.

73. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

74. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2 December 2013 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

76. 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 application listed for information in Schedule B be noted.

77. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2763.

78. LOCAL PLAN – LETTER FROM INSPECTOR

Councillors considered an information letter from the Planning Inspector, ENCL: 2765 regarding a meeting he had called, to look at the draft Local Plan.

RESOLVED: that the Leader of the Council, Cllr Ms S.J. Williams, will attend the meeting on behalf of the Town Council.

79. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2766 with details of the latest position on the preparation of the neighbourhood plan.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

80. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL – BROOMHILLS WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE PLANNING APPLICATION

The Town Clerk reported that the meeting to determine this application was now to be held in County Hall on 17 January 2014 at 10.00am.

The Town Council had agreed its response to this application, at its meeting on 2 December. However, the comments from the Highways Agency were received after the response had been submitted. The Highways Agency had lifted its direction that prevented the application being approved, and was proposing that a condition be added regarding introducing a speed limit of 50 mph on the stretch of the A35 between the Crown Roundabout and Miles Cross. After a discussion with members of the Best Value Sub Committee in December and notification to all members, it was agreed to add an additional point to the Town Council's comments. This Committee had objected to the application on Highways grounds and this additional point merely raised the possibility, should the County Council be minded to approve the application, to look at local consultation on a 40mph rather than a 50 mph speed limit, along the entire length of the bypass from Chideock Hill to just before the Fire Station. It had been emphasised to the County Council that this did not change the Town Council's objection in any way.

Members endorsed this additional comment, which had been submitted to the County Council on 17 December.

Some concern was expressed at the suitability of the venue for the Planning Committee meeting and it was felt that the District Councillors might wish to raise this matter with the County Council, to see if the venue could be changed.

It was also asked what the future was for the West Bay Road depot. Whilst it was understood that this was not part of the current application, it was felt that it would be helpful to seek clarification on this point.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted as above and Cllrs P.J. Lathey and D.G. Rickard represent the Town Council at the County Council Planning Committee to consider the Broomhills application on 17 January 2014.

81. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

82. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) The Town Clerk reported on an incident earlier that day, when during the very high winds, it was necessary for the Town Council to take down one of the cross street Christmas lights in South Street. There was a report that the wires holding the lights could be damaging the building wall on the west side of the road. Immediately the report was received, the Town Council, working with the Fire Service and the Police, made the area in front of the building safe and arranged for the lighting to be taken down. Building Control Officers inspected the building to ensure it was safe and it was expected that any necessary remedial work would take place as soon as possible.
- (2) Although not on the agenda, Cllr Ms R.C. Kayes asked if the Committee would support her representations, as County Councillor, to the Regional Manager of Stead and Simpson, asking for the company to remain in Bridport and help safeguard the local jobs. This followed a recent planning application for its current premises in the town. This was generally supported by members and it was asked that this was also raised at the Chamber of Trade and Commerce and West Dorset District Council.

The meeting closed at **7.57 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 3 February 2014