

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 1 October 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman
P.J. Lathey
C.O. Michell

C.M. Ray
Ms G.E. Summers

PUBLIC FORUM

The following people spoke in the public forum:

Mr Stephen Cleverly and Mr Wayne Munro spoke in objection to the application A5/1232 – 19, Burton Road.

Mr Alan Williams from WATAG spoke in respect of agenda item 8 - Bus Services and highlighted the following:

- Bus Service X53 – the Sunday service was to stop for the winter from 4 November at least until Easter.
- Bus Service 31 – also from 4 November, there were to be timetable changes with some buses no longer running, particularly in the morning and evening. The changed timings would make it more difficult to pick up connecting train services at Axminster.
- It was understood that the County Council was undertaking a review of locally subsidised bus services and further changes could be expected.
- The local arrangement that allowed the use of concessionary passes before 9.30am was in place until March 2013. There was no information regarding whether it would continue after that date.

45. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs: E.T. Colfox, Ms R.C. Kayes and D.G. Rickard.

46. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 September 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C.O. Michell declared an interest in respect of application A5/1232 as the applicant was a friend. He left the room while discussions took place and a vote was taken on this application.

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

49. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2577.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

50. STANDING ORDERS – SPEAKING AT THE PLANS COMMITTEE

Members discussed the speaking arrangements at the Committee, for non members of the Committee and the public. It was generally agreed that the public forum should remain unchanged, but that Standing Orders should make clear that items where people wished to speak, would be brought forward in the agenda. Councillors who were not members of the Committee should sit in and speak from the public gallery, as part of the public forum.

RECOMMEND: that Standing Orders for speaking at the Plans Committee be amended as above.

51. DAPTC MOTIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2592.

RESOLVED: that the three motions submitted for the DAPTC AGM, set out in the report, be supported by the Town Council.

52. BUS SERVICE ISSUES

Mr Alan Williams was thanked for raising the matters relating to bus routes X53 and 31 and concessionary fares.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the service changes to the X53 and 31 and asked that confirmation was sought that the use of concessionary passes before 9.30am would be allowed after March next year, when the current arrangements were due to end. It was also felt that the Town Council should ask to be consulted on the reported review of locally subsidised bus services.

It was noted that all members could individually respond to a County Council consultation on highways matters, which included bus services, but that the Town Clerk should also write to the County Council, raising concerns on the matters referred to by the Committee.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk write to Dorset County Council, outlining the concerns relating to bus services, as follows:

- the impact of the service changes to the X53 and 31 buses.

- need for confirmation that the use of concessionary passes before 9.30am would be allowed after March next year, when the current arrangements were due to end.
- that the Town Council be consulted on the review of locally subsidised bus services.

and these matters be considered further at the next Highways and Transportation Sub Committee.

53. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

The Town Clerk reported a preservation order for 26, Magdalen Lane.

It was also reported that the Town Council had been notified of an order for Park Road, which would be reported to the next Plans Committee.

RESOLVED: that there be no objection to the Tree Preservation Order for 26, Magdalen Lane.

54. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

55. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that the statutory notification had been received that Dorset County Council was to formally adopt the public footpath across Plottingham, including crossing the footbridge, in line with the wishes of the Town Council. This was welcomed by members.

The meeting closed at **7.50.pm.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 29 October 2012