

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 1 August 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams (in the Chair)

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman  
P.J. Lathey

C.O. Michell  
C.M. Ray  
D.G. Rickard

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Alan Williams from WATAG spoke in respect of the new bus contracts and their potential impact on local bus services. The contracts for the provision of school contracts and subsidised services had been awarded to Damory coaches.

He highlighted the possible difficulties of different companies operating on the same routes in some cases and the interavailability of tickets (whether tickets for the same route would be accepted by different operators). Routes to be affected could include 753/253, X53, 210 31, 45 and 40/47. Some of the local commercial services, previously run by First buses, were to be withdrawn, including nos 40 and 45, to be replaced with a single service from West Bay to Beaminster via Bridport, which would not be serving Burton Bradstock, Bridport Hospital, Bradpole Village, and Netherbury. Also there may also be some changes in future to service 31, which will now run as a purely commercial service (previously it was subsidised by Dorset County Council).

Members expressed concerns at the reported impact of the new contracts, which were being introduced in September and asked that representations be made to Dorset County Council on the issues raised and particularly in respect of the potential impact of the changes to routes serving Bridport Hospital and Court Orchard.

## **22. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllr Ms R.C. Kayes.

## **23. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 July 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ms S.J. Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in applications A5 and A6, 88 and 88A South Street, as her partner was the applicant. She left the room when both these applications were considered. Councillor G.J. Ackerman was in the chair for these two applications.

## **25. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED: that

- (a) the recommendations set out in column 4 of the [attached schedule A](#) be forwarded to the District Council.
- (b) the applications in Schedule B be noted.

**26. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATION DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2410.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

**27. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee held on 30 June 2011 be received and the following recommendations adopted: -

Minute 5 - St Swithins Road Resurfacing

RESOLVED: that further representations be made to Dorset County Council, to seek to raise the priority of the road resurfacing at St Swithins Road, to allow the work to be undertaken soon.

Minute 6 - Motorcycle Parking

RESOLVED: that the proposals set out (in the minutes) for motorcyclists in car parks be supported and be referred for consideration to West Dorset District Council.

**28. CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS SERVICE**

The Town Clerk stated that the Town Council had received details of the changes to the staffing structures for the County's Highways Service and would be seeking to meet with the new officers with responsibility for this area, to progress the ongoing highway matters.

The update was noted.

**29. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

There were no issues raised.

**30. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that:

- the revised draft minerals core strategy had been issued for further consultation.
- Bridport Tennis Club had contacted the Council about proposals for additional fencing and a new water supply. These matters would be discussed further with the Club.

Members asked if it was possible for the Town Council to have a copy of the plans for the South West Quadrant, in case any members of the public, who could not make last week's exhibition, wished to see them.

The meeting closed at **7.30 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 5 September 2011**