

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 26 October 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman W.B. Irvine
J.P. Brodie J.S.L. Jones
Mrs T.G. Harrison D.G. Rickard
Ms S.A. Horniman

Also present: Cllr Mrs E.A. Rickard.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr R. Wheatley, Rev P. Stone and Mr I. Wilkinson all spoke in objection to application A8/2171 The Court House, Mountfield, Rax Lane.

53. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted by Cllr E.T. Colfox.

54. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 September 2015 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the chairman.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

56. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications listed in Appendix B.

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

57. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3009.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

58. TREE APPLICATIONS – PROCEDURE TO RESPOND

The Town Clerk reported that on some occasions, the Town Council had not been able to comment on tree applications, due to the District Council having to meet strict deadlines to determine applications. He suggested that minor tree works applications were delegated to the Town Surveyor for response, to ensure the deadline was met,

although any significant or contentious applications would still come to Committee. All applications would be listed prior to decision in the Bulletin.

RESOLVED: that the Town Surveyor be given delegated authority to comment on minor tree work applications, subject to all applications being listed in the Members' Bulletin and any significant or contentious applications being submitted to this Committee.

59. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2015 were received and the following recommendations approved:

(Min No.17) West Bay Highways Matters

RESOLVED: that the request for a pedestrian crossing in West Bay and car park improvements in West Bay be supported.

(Min No.20) Victoria Grove Speeding Traffic Petition

RESOLVED:

- (1) that options to enforce the speed limit at Victoria Grove, including the provision of a Speed Indicator Device, be discussed with Dorset County Council.
- (2) that longer term proposals be brought forward, through the Town Plan and alongside the town centre traffic feasibility study, to consider options to make the whole of the town centre a 20 mph zone.

(Min No.21) Car Parks

RESOLVED: that proposals for additional parking next to Plottingham be supported, subject to future approval of the details.

60. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee discussed the arrangements for the meeting of the Committee on Monday 9 November, which was to consider the Vearse Farm application. The following was agreed:

- all members should sit round the table, with name plates for those on the Committee, with non-members sat to one side.
- all members to be able to comment, prior to the Plans Committee discussing the application and coming to a decision.
- Andrew Martin, the District Council Planning case officer, would attend the meeting and make a presentation on the process to be followed on this application.
- If members wished to give notice of any particular questions for Andrew Martin, then these should be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting. There would though be an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting.

- the Public Forum would be extended, if necessary, for up to an hour.

RESOLVED: that the arrangements for the Special Plans Committee on 9 November be approved as set out above.

61. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported that the Working Group launch 'drop in' events were to be held on Friday 6 November from 5pm to 7pm and Saturday 7 November 2015 10am to 3pm in the Town Hall and publicity was being circulated to promote the event.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

62. DAPTC MOTIONS

Councillors considered the motions for the DAPTC AGM on 7 November 2015, ENCL: 3013.

The Committee supported motion 1 on planning enforcement action, with the comment that the enforcement should be carried out quickly and that additional resources should be provided for the enforcement service.

The Committee supported motion 2 on SATNAVs, with the additional comment that the maps used were properly licenced.

The Committee had no comment on motions 3, 4 and 5.

RESOLVED: that the responses to the DAPTC motions be approved as above.

62. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

63. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items raised.

The meeting closed at **8.30p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 9 November 2015, to consider the Vearse Farm application