

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 28 July 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr P.J. Lathey (in the Chair)

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

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

21. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Ms R.C. Kayes.

22. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 June 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24. 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 amended plans reported for information in Schedule B be noted.

25. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2847.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

26. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that the further proposed changes, in respect of the required additional evidence on housing, were due to be published for public consultation from the end of this month. This would be reported to the next meeting of this Committee.

The update was noted.

27. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported that the advertisement for a Project Manager had been published with a closing date of 3 August. It was hoped to hold any interviews later in August, with the intention of the successful candidate starting in September.

The update was noted.

28. ONGOING HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Members discussed the recent accident involving a young girl in St Swithins Road and it was felt that there were issues with speeding traffic and vehicles parked at junctions. Dorset County Council should be asked to consider yellow lines at the appropriate junctions, including relevant markings on the pavement (to restrict all parking in these key locations) and the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit.

Members also discussed the general issue of traffic speeds in the town centre residential and estate roads and felt that the Town Council should ask the County Council whether it would be more effective to consider the introduction of a wider 20mph speed limit. This matter should be reported back to the next Highways and Transportation Sub Committee for further discussion.

It was noted also that the Highways and Transportation Sub Committee had asked that members have a walkabout in town, to look at yellow lines, which could also look at other related issues, such as dropped kerbs. It was hoped that this could be arranged soon.

RESOLVED: that the issue of traffic speeds and yellow lines in St Swithins Road and the wider issue of traffic speeds be raised with Dorset County Council and reported back to the next meeting of the Highways and Transportation Sub Committee.

29. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

30. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that a request had been received from the Hat Festival organisers, asking if they could be allowed to use Asker Meadows for overflow car parking on the Saturday of the Hat Festival, 6 September.

The Committee had no objection to the use of the show field for this purpose, but felt that a charge would have to be levied (to be agreed by the Town Clerk), the site should be stewarded by the organisers and West Dorset District Council Car Park Services should be notified.

The meeting closed at **7.50 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 1 September 2014