

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 29 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
D.G. Rickard
Ms G.E. Summers

PUBLIC FORUM

The following people spoke in the public forum:

Mr P Ringer, Mr J. Tigg and Mr G. White spoke in objection to the application A1/1249 Esplanade, West Bay NCI Lookout. Mr Tigg also circulated a statement to the Committee. The letters submitted to the District Council from each of the speakers were also circulated to the Committee.

Mr M. Seaman spoke on behalf of the National Coastwatch Institute, in support of the application A1/1249 Esplanade, West Bay NCI Lookout.

56. APOLOGIES

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

57. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 October 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ms S.J. Williams declared an interest in respect of application A1/1249 Esplanade, West Bay NCI Lookout as her husband worked for the coastguard. She left the room whilst this application was considered by the Committee. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor G.J. Ackerman, was in the Chair for this item.

Councillor C.O. Michell declared an interest in respect of application B5/1232 as the applicant was a friend. The item was for information only and was not discussed.

59. PLANNING 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.

60. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2593.

In discussion of the decisions, it was asked if the District Council's Enforcement Officer could look at the new sign that had appeared at the corner of North Street and West Street for the Mobile Phone shop, to determine whether this required planning permission.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

61. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2012 were received and the following recommendations approved:-

Min 15. Issues Raised By WATAG

RESOLVED:

- (1) that Dorset County Council be asked to agree that the Town Council and WATAG be involved in the forthcoming review of local bus services.
- (2) that West Dorset District Council be asked to confirm its support for the continued operation of the current concessionary passes scheme, to include allowing use prior to 9.30am.
- (3) that Dorset County Council be notified of the Town Council's support for the continuation of the Sunday service for the X53 into next year.

Min 17. West Bay Enhancements Highways Scheme

RESOLVED: that the scheme be noted, with the comment as in the minutes, which was that there was some concern regarding potential delays to buses, due to the changed priorities in the scheme and it was suggested that this could be monitored when the scheme was introduced.

Min 18. A35 Miles Cross - Accidents

The Committee confirmed that the representations to be made should be for a roundabout at this junction and that the invitation to parishes, should be extended to those parishes involved in the A35 Initiative and include Allington.

RECOMMEND:

- (1) that, bearing in mind continued road safety concerns, the Town Clerk write to local parish councils - Allington, Symondsburry, Bothenhampton and Walditch, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, Morcombelake, Charmouth and Char Valley and those local councils involved in the A35 Initiative - seeking their support for representations to be made to the Highways Agency, asking that a roundabout

be installed at the Miles Cross Junction of the A35.

- (2) that Oliver Letwin MP be asked to chair a public meeting, including the parish councils listed above, the Town Council and the Highways Agency, to discuss this matter and agree a way forward.

Min 20. Winter Maintenance Plan

RESOLVED: that the winter maintenance plan and arrangements set out in the report, to respond in the event of severe winter weather, be approved.

Min 22 (a). New Highways Issues - Nursery Gardens

RESOLVED: that the possibility of yellow lines on one side of the road be raised with Dorset County Council.

62. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

63. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2599.

Members discussed the process for neighbourhood plans and felt that the options for Bridport should be looked at, including consideration of potential plan areas and working with adjoining parishes. At this stage, the current list of parishes applying to be designated areas was noted.

RESOLVED: that the proposed designation of a number of neighbourhood plan areas in West Dorset be noted, as set out in the report.

64. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

The Town Clerk reported a preservation order for Park Road.

RESOLVED: that the Tree Preservation Order no. 913, for Park Road, be noted without comment.

65. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items raised.

The meeting closed at **8.05 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 3 December 2012