

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 3 December 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman
E.T. Colfox
Ms R.C. Kayes

C.O. Michell
C.M. Ray
Ms G.E. Summers

Also in attendance: Cllr Mrs M.J. Ray

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the public forum.

66. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllrs P.J. Lathey and D.G. Rickard.

67. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 October 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E.T. Colfox declared an interest in respect of application A8/357 Seymour Farm, Dottery Road as he had an interest in land near to the application site. He left the room whilst this application was considered by the Committee.

Councillor E.T. Colfox indicated that he may also have interests in land under item 8 Draft Local Plan – Alternative Sites and would leave the room if any site specific issues were discussed. When it reached that item, the Committee did not discuss the detail of any sites.

69. 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.

70. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2600.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

71. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

The Town Clerk reported that West Dorset District Council had notified the Council that there was a suggestion that the public footpath leading from Bothenhampton to Lake Lane could be named after Tony Harrison. This was not in the Bridport parish and would need to be considered by Bothenhampton and Walditch parish council.

The proposal was noted.

72. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS – TECHNICAL REVIEW OF PLANNING APPEAL PROCEDURES AND PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2624.

Members generally had no concerns with the proposals on planning appeals but, in respect of the proposals for permitted development, there was some concern that this could allow building on the flood plain. If such building was proposed, then there should be a requirement for a planning application to be submitted.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, be given delegated authority to respond to both consultation documents, subject to the comments as above.

73. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – ALTERNATIVE SUBMITTED SITES CONSULTATION

Members felt that there was a need to look at the sites in some detail and that the Town Council Local Plan Working Group should be asked to consider and recommend a response and, in view of the timescale, the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to approve the response, in consultation with the Working Group.

It was reported that the membership of the Local Plan Working Group was:
Councillors: S.A. Brown, E.T. Colfox, R.C. Kayes, P.J. Lathey, C.M. Ray, M.J. Ray and S.J. Williams, but that all members would be notified of the meetings.

RESOLVED: that the Local Plan Working Group, comprising the members above, meet to consider a response to the alternative sites document and that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to respond to the consultation by the deadline of 20 December. The Working Group to meet on Friday 7 December at 10.30am in Mountfield.

74. EXAMINING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR HGVS OVER 7.5 TONNES ON SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY ROADS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2623.

Members discussed the proposals and noted that the deadline for a response was 1 February. This matter should therefore be considered by the next Plans Committee and recommended on to full Council to approve a response.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council consider and approve a response to the consultation document at the January Plans and Town Council meetings.

**75. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY –
CHARGING SCHEDULE CONSULTATION**

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, be given delegated authority to respond to this document.

76. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported:

1. A consultation document and survey had been received from West Dorset District Council on the implications of stopping the pre-9.30 am discretionary element of concessionary travel in West Dorset. It was reported that the survey was received too late for this agenda and required a response by 4 January. However, the Town Council had already made representations regarding retaining this element of the scheme and the Committee commented on the document survey, as in the Appendix to these minutes.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk reiterate that the Town Council wishes to see the use of concessionary travel before 9.30am retained and that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to finalise the response to the consultation document, including the comments as in the Appendix to these minutes.

2. In consultation with the Town Surveyor, Dorset County Council had identified locations for a number of additional cycle parking sites in Bridport and West Bay, which were welcomed by members.
3. In response to a comment at the last meeting on the signage outside 15, West Street, this matter had been referred to the District Council's Planning Enforcement team.

The meeting closed at **7.55 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 7 January 2013

Plans Committee Comments

West Dorset District Council Pre 09:30 Free Bus Travel By West Dorset Residents For Journeys That Start In West Dorset

STAKEHOLDERS QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Which of the following reasons for journeys that start before 09:30 would you consider should be funded by the Council:

Please indicate by placing an x in the relevant boxes underneath

Medical appointments	Paid work	Shopping	Visiting family	Voluntary work
X	X for part time work		X	X

2. From your experience of the users that you represent or work with do you believe that free travel before 09:30 is used for:

Please indicate by placing 1 (most used for) to 5 (least used for) in the boxes underneath

Medical appointments	Paid work	Shopping	Visiting family	Voluntary work
1	3	5	4	2

3. If free travel before 09:30 was discontinued which of the following options do you believe users would predominantly take

Please indicate by placing a 1 (most likely to take) to 5 (least likely to take) in the boxes below

Pay for the Bus Journey	Travel on bus after 09:30	Rely on family or friend	Use own car	Not make the journey
4	3	2	5	1

4. If the Council chose to discontinue its financial support for free travel what options do you think it should consider to mitigate the worst impacts of the loss of the service?

The Town Council considers that the removal of this concession will particularly impact on those people in rural areas, for which bus options are very limited, and people needing to attend hospital or other medical appointments.

In terms of medical appointments, to attempt to mitigate the impact, people should be offered later appointments and there was a need to ensure that the voluntary car service was able to offer transport to those affected.

If the concession was not retained then all of the funding should be made available for alternative transport such as the voluntary car scheme of taxi vouchers.

5. Please provide any other relevant comments in the box below:

As stated above, the Town Council does feel that the removal of this concession will particularly hit people from rural areas, who rely on buses. The early bus may be their only service and they may have to rely on that to connect with other services from Bridport. They, along with people who needed to attend early morning medical appointments, could be hit very hard by the removal of this concession.

Bearing in mind the changes to the local bus services in recent years, it was important for this funding to be retained.

6. Finally, does the Group you represent or work with support the retention of free travel before 09:30 at an annual cost of £46,000 to local taxpayers?

Yes	No
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