

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

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams

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

P.J. Lathey
C.M. Ray
D.G. Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the public forum.

35. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr: Ms G.E. Summers.

36. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 July 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G.J. Ackerman declared a pecuniary interest in respect of application A7/1070 as a near neighbour and he left the room while discussions took place and a vote was taken.

38. 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.

39. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2575.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

40. WEST BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT SCHEME – PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING ARRANGEMENTS OPPOSITE ST JOHN’S CHURCH

The Town Surveyor outlined the amended Traffic Regulation Order.

RESOLVED: that the amendment be supported, in line with the previous decision of the Town Council.

41. PRE SUBMISSION DRAFT MINERALS CORE STRATEGY

The Town Surveyor reported that the strategy was available for comment and that any views by councillors should be submitted to the Town Clerk. It was noted that there were no site specific issues in this area.

RECOMMEND: that the publication of the Strategy be noted and the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to respond to the consultation.

42. SOUTH STREET GAS WORKS

The Town Surveyor updated members on the timescale for the recommencement of the works. Phase two, from Gundry Lane to East Street, begins on 1 October 2012 and is scheduled to take 9 weeks. Phase three, from East Street to Barrack Street, begins on 8 January 2013 and is scheduled to last for 11 weeks, with completion before Easter. Members would be kept informed of developments.

RESOLVED: that the latest position be noted.

43. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

44. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Surveyor reported that

- (1) The West Dorset District Council enforcement officer had reported that the removal of the wall painted advert in Gundry Lane did not constitute a breach of planning.
- (2) The works on the new footbridge and cycle paths at Asker Meadows were due to begin on Monday 10 September 2012.
- (3) Miss Emma Parkinson had made an application to The Woodland Trust, with support from the Town Council, and had been successful in obtaining 420 trees for Asker Meadows. The Open Spaces Working Group would consider this in conjunction with the development of a management plan for the area.
- (4) West Dorset District Council had contacted the Town Council, regarding its development intentions for the closed East Street toilets. The Committee generally felt that it would be useful to have a site meeting to consider the options although members commented that it would have been helpful to keep the facility open whilst a decision was taken on its future.

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

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 1 October 2012