

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 30 March 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the public forum.

105. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Ms R.C. Kayes and Ms S.J. Williams.

106. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee meeting held on 2 March 2015 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr E.T. Colfox declared an interest in respect of the Vearse Farm Exhibition (min 111). The item related solely to consultation and the Committee was not being asked to take any decision, but Cllr Colfox took no part in the discussion on this item.

108. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that for all applications on the web site, there was a statement that “due to a high volume of letters of representations being received for some applications, there may be a delay with these letters of representations appearing on the web.” It was therefore difficult for local parish and town councils to know whether there were any comments from the public. It was asked if this could be raised with the District Council.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the attached Schedules A and B, be forwarded to the District Council.

109. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2952.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

110. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2015 be received.

111. VEARSE FARM EXHIBITION

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2963.

The Committee commented on the recent exhibition and the many issues and concerns that it was felt still needed to be addressed and which had been raised in responses to the Local Plan modifications. This included infrastructure requirements and the consultation process.

RESOLVED: that the recent exhibition on Vearse Farm be noted and the Town Council's view, as expressed through the Local Plan consultation process and summarised in the report be reiterated and more information be requested on the consultation proposals set out in page 10 of the exhibition document.

112. HARD COPIES OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that the District Council had said that it was to end the practice of providing hard copies to the Bridport area office. The Town Council had expressed its concerns at the proposal to stop providing hard copies and it was felt that they should still be available in the principal area offices.

RESOLVED: that the District Council be asked to reconsider its reported decision to end the provision of hard copies of planning applications in Mountfield.

113. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk updated on recent meetings of the Steering Group.

The Steering Group had met on 5 occasions. The Group had made good progress and was working on a web site, setting up working groups and discussing an initial draft vision. It was now working towards a series of consultation roadshows at the end of May, to develop its vision and seek the views of the public. It would also be looking to encourage members of the public to get involved in the working groups.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

114. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

115. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported the following:

Goods Yard, West Bay – concerns had been raised about the works being undertaken at this site. The District Council had stated that they were aware that

some works had been undertaken without first obtaining the correct listed building/planning consents and they were closely monitoring the situation.

Planning Training – it was proposed to arrange dedicated planning training for all members after the election. This was supported.

Community Infrastructure Levy Modifications – the District Council was consulting on modifications to its charging schedules. Members were asked to let the Town Clerk know if they wished to comment.

The meeting closed at **7.45 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 27 April 2015