

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 30 June 2014 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 S.J. Williams

Also present: Cllr Mrs E.A. Rickard.

PUBLIC FORUM

Charles Wild of the Bridport Area Development Trust spoke in support of the Trust's application for the repair, alteration and extension of the Bridport Literary & Scientific Institute, listed as 51 East Street - A1/1181 and A2/1182.

11 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Ms R.C. Kayes and Ms G.E. Summers.

12. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 June 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were reported:

Cllr Ms S.J. Williams declared an interest in applications A1/1181 and A2/1182 – 51, East Street - as a member of the Bridport Area Development Trust, the applicant. She left the room during consideration of these applications.

Cllrs G.J. Ackerman and C.M. Ray declared an interest in application A11/1180L – 64, South Street - as members of Bridport Charities, the applicant. They left the room during consideration of this application.

It was reported that the Town Council had previously given support to the Literary & Scientific Institute project, but had not at any time considered the planning merits of the scheme. Members were advised that they could therefore comment on applications A1/1181 and A2/1182.

14. 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.

15. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2828.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

16. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014 were received and the following recommendations approved:

(min 5) Issues Raised By WATAG

It was asked if the waiting times at the bus station could be discussed with WATAG, to see if this was an issue.

RESOLVED: that a high level meeting be convened with Dorset County Council, to discuss the future of bus services in the area. Other affected towns and villages in the area to be invited to attend.

(min 7) West Bay Environmental Enhancement Update

RESOLVED: that the Town Council make representations to the District Council's Executive, welcoming the recommendation of that Council's Policy Scrutiny Committee on the removal of the pinch point and asking that the recommendation be supported by the Executive.

(min 12) New Highways Issues

(a) St Michael's Lane - Traffic Congestion

Members asked that Parking Enforcement officers look at this, to ensure that vehicles were not blocking access to premises.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the District Council be asked if it was possible to identify additional spaces for people with disabilities to park in Rope Walks Car Park.
- (2) that the need for improved road signage in this area be raised with Dorset County Council.
- (3) that the Sub Committee should survey where blue badge holders parked throughout the town and identify where this could be causing a problem for traffic and seek to identify alternative provision.

(b) West Allington - Road Surfacing

RESOLVED: that the request to Dorset County Council for the road to be resurfaced, following the recent gas works, be supported.

(c) West Allington - Pinch Point Signage

RESOLVED: that Dorset County Council be asked to install signage at each approach, asking drivers to take care and be aware of the reduced road width.

(d) Traffic Management - Victoria Grove

RESOLVED: that there be no further action at this time.

(e) Osbourne Road - Parking Problems

RESOLVED: that the County Council be asked to look at the possibility of waiting restrictions on the corners of Osbourne Road, at the entrance to Rawles Way.

Other Matters:

Coneygar Road – Pot Holes in the road and cracks in the pavements.

George Street, Harbour House, West Bay – potholes need to be filled.

St Andrews Road – potholes and hole between the road and pavement – near no. 6.

RESOLVED: that these three matters be reported to Dorset County Council for action.

17. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that West Dorset District Council was considering amendments to the Plan in terms of housing numbers, job creation etc and, if approved, these would then be subject to public consultation, including with the Town Council, over the summer.

The update was noted.

18. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk updated members on the Neighbourhood Plan and said that all participating councils were to meet on Friday 4 July. It was hoped at that meeting to progress the appointment of the Project Manager post and there would also be a full press release the following week, on the next steps.

The update was noted.

19. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

20. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that volunteers were welcome for the Town Council stall at the Charter Fair on Saturday 5 July.

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

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 28 July 2014