

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 4 February 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams

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

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr H. Busby spoke on behalf of the applicant and in support of the application A4/1765 The Old Hemp Store, North Mills Trading Estate.

### **86. APOLOGIES**

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

### **87. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 January 2013 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr E.T. Colfox declared an interest under the Code of Conduct in application A4/1765 The Old Hemp Store, North Mills Trading Estate, as he knew the applicant. He left the room during the consideration of this application.

### **89. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the [attached schedule A](#) be forwarded to the District Council.

### **90. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2627.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

### **91. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2013 were received.

It was noted that Cllr P.J. Lathey had submitted his apologies for the meeting.

The following recommendations were considered:

### **Min 29. Review of Town Centre Traffic Changes and Options for South Street – Process Report**

It was asked if a meeting of the Town Hall and Bucky Doo Working Party could be arranged, to discuss options for Bucky Doo Square.

RESOLVED: that a detailed report on the process for a review of the town centre traffic management changes, including the options for South Street and consultation proposals, be considered in the Summer of 2013.

### **Min 32. West Dorset District Council Parking Charges Consultation 2013/14**

RESOLVED: that there be no objections to the following proposals:

- (1) To freeze the scale of charges in West Dorset District Council car parks for a further twelve months, and
- (2) To withdraw the 3-8 day permit scheme.

### **92. MILES CROSS REPORT BACK**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2649, on the public meeting held on 25 January 2013.

It was reported that Oliver Letwin's office had invited local councils to send one representative to the stakeholders' meeting, to discuss the matters raised at the public meeting.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted and this Committee continues to receive updates on this process and Cllr Ms S.J. Williams be appointed to represent the Town Council at the meeting of stakeholders on Friday 15 February at 2.00pm in the Town Hall.

### **93. DCC STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2650.  
Members made the following comments:

- consultation exercises should be as open as possible, with people having the opportunity to put forward proposals and influence the process.
- consultation should take place as early as possible and in all cases allow sufficient time for responses.
- the part of the DorsetforYou web site, where the County Council planning applications can be viewed, was not as easy to use and locate documents as the main DorsetforYou planning application section. It was felt that the County Council applications should be published in the same way and on the same part of DorsetforYou, as the District applications.
- the attendance of County Council officers at local meetings would be helpful, when it was felt to be necessary.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, be given delegated authority to respond to this consultation, based on the comments as set out above.

**94. BUS SERVICES COUNTY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

RESOLVED: that Cllr Ms S.J. Williams be appointed as the Town Council representative to attend a workshop on bus services in the area, on 13 February 2013 at 10.00am at the Dorford Centre, Dorchester.

**95. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

RESOLVED: that the five houses off Folly Mill Lane be numbered 1-5, Folly Mill Mews.

**96. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that, at the DAPTC western area meeting last week, it was reported that the County Council had said that its planning application for the waste transfer station at Broomhills was due to be submitted within the next two to three weeks.

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

**The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 4 March 2013**