

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 24 April 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Sarah Horniman  
Terry Harrison Dave Rickard

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Tracey Jovanovic spoke in support of the application A7/627 - 4, Westpoint Apartments, Esplanade, West Bay.

### **127. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Barry Irvine and Julian Jones.

### **128. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee meeting held on 3 April 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment to Min 119, Declarations of Interest:

A24/662 - 118b, St Andrews Road - Extension to Business Premises.  
This should read that Councillor Sarah Horniman had left the room due to the potential impact of the application on a family member bearing in mind where they lived. They did live not close to the site, as stated in the minutes.

### **129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **130. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

### **131. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3194.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted with the comments above.

### **132. TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC – CONSULTATION**

The Town Clerk reported that he was updating the consultation questions and would circulate these to members within the next week for information. It was intended to start the consultation after the Local Elections.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to finalise the consultation questionnaire and start the consultation process, as agreed by the Council.

**133. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Clerk reported on the draft Intentions document that had been circulated to all members. A Working Group would be convened to agree a response.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to respond to the Intentions document, following consideration by a Members' Working Group.

**134. COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES**

The Town Clerk reported the following:

WDDC Planning Workshop – the Chairman reported on the recent planning workshop and said that the presentations would be made available for all members of the Committee.

Asker Meadows Events – a major charity walk was planned for Bridport in July 2018, using Asker Meadows. The event was being organised by Action Challenge and more details would be reported in due course.

Tree Work Applications/ Conservation Area Notifications - the Town Council would no longer be consulted on these applications.

Marsh Barn Road – Dorset County Council was to look at temporary weekend signage, to seek to deter people from parking along the road, pending the introduction of permanent waiting restrictions.

West Bay Beach Huts – there was to be a further meeting with West Dorset District Council to discuss their proposal for beach huts along the Esplanade. No decisions were to be taken at this stage and consultation and planning would be required, if the scheme was to proceed.

Watton Park planning application – the applicant had offered to attend a meeting of this Committee, to make a presentation on the proposed detailed application. It was generally felt that this was not necessary.

St Michaels Trading Estate – it was confirmed that, when this application was to be submitted to the District Council's Development Control Committee, it would meet in the District Council's offices in Dorchester. This followed an evaluation of all the options to hold the meeting in Bridport.

The meeting closed at **8.05 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 5 June 2017**