

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 5 June 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair from item 2 onwards)

Cllrs: Eddie Colfox Julian Jones  
Terry Harrison Dave Rickard  
Sarah Horniman

Also present: Cllr Anne Rickard

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Cllr Sarah Williams be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2017/2018.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Cllr Geoffrey Ackerman be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2017/2018.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

The following people spoke in the Public Forum:

Charles Couzens and Sally Collins spoke in support of the application A18/534 Land Adjacent Bridport Community Hospital, Mead Lane (Adjoining Parish).

**3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Geoffrey Ackerman and Barry Irvine.

**4. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 April 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Julian Jones declared an interest in application A18/ 534 Land Adjacent Bridport Community Hospital, Mead Lane (Adjoining Parish) and left the room prior to the consideration of this application by the Committee.

Cllr Eddie Colfox declared an interest in applications A15/2777 & A16/2778L Allington Court, St Swithins Road and left the room prior to the consideration of these applications by the Committee.

## **6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

## **7. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3200.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

## **8. TOWN CENTRE CONSULTATION**

The Town Clerk reported the latest position on the draft consultation questionnaire, which had been circulated to all members. He reported on the meeting with Bridport Business and the amendments to the questionnaire following that meeting and the members' workshop. He also updated on the process as follows:

- The consultation would start in early July and run to the end of August.
- All town centre businesses would be notified of the start of the consultation.
- All residents would be notified of the consultation in a newsletter, which would be delivered to all households in the parish.
- There would be wide publicity of the start of the consultation.
- Every effort would be made to ensure the security of the consultation.

Some additional suggestions on wording were made and it was:

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to finalise the questionnaire, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the consultation then commence.

## **9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Clerk provided an update on the project and the proposed consultation on the draft intentions document.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

## **10. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that the dates for the working group meetings be noted as in the agenda.

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications, but it was agreed that the next meeting should be in the Town Hall, as the agenda would include the amended St Michael's applications.

The meeting closed at **8.45pm**.

**The next Plans Committee meeting will be held on 26 June 2017 (Town Hall)**