

28. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3224.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

29. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk updated members on the latest position and the ongoing public consultation exercise.

Members asked about further opportunities to comment. There was also a comment as to whether tertiary education provision could be looked at under the community facilities section.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

30. VEARSE FARM – SECTION 106

Councillors considered a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3225.

The Town Clerk reported that the possible items for the Section 106 agreement were set out within the MasterPlan document. This included proposals discussed at the MasterPlan Working Group meetings. The Working Group included representatives from all local councils, District and County Councils, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Bridport Local Area Partnership. The relevant excerpt from the Master Plan relating to Section 106 was attached as an Appendix to the report.

Members made the following additional comments on the Appendix:

- Affordable Housing – the Committee supported the priority for genuinely affordable housing, to include delivery through Community Land Trusts.
- Highway Improvements – the Committee emphasised that the Town Council did not feel that Section 106 funding should meet all the costs of the proposed Miles Cross roundabout. The problems at this location predated the proposals for Vearse Farm. It would though want to see S106 funding used to ameliorate the impact on the local roads and for local road/cycle way improvements, including West Road.
- Drainage – it was questioned whether Sustainable Drainage Systems should be S106 funded, rather than included as a basic requirement of such a development.
- Education – it was understood that a replacement school might not be necessary as St Mary's School was to be retained. It was therefore questioned whether funding was needed for this purpose.
- Community Venues – support for Bridport Leisure Centre was important.

- Healthcare – provision of additional healthcare to meet increased demand was important, but it was felt that ideally these costs should be met centrally, through the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group.

RESOLVED: that the additional comments above on the Section 106 priorities be forwarded to West Dorset District Council.

31. TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC CONSULTATION

The Town Clerk reported on the latest position on the consultation and said that press releases would be issued later that week.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

32. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on the following issue:

Watton Gardens – the developer had contacted the Town Council, to ask if they could make a presentation to members on the detailed application. It was generally agreed that it would be better if a public exhibition was held, that councillors could attend.

The meeting closed at **8:20 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 4 September 2017