

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held in Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 3 February 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr P.J. Lathey (Chairman)

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman D.G. Rickard
C.O. Michell C.M. Ray

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs C. Martin and Ms T. Martin both spoke in objection to application A11/1643 – 76, South Street - Variation of Condition to change the hours of opening. As occupants of a neighbouring property, they objected on the grounds of noise nuisance and asked for the hours to be reduced.

Mr C. Denne, the applicant, spoke in support of the application A11/1643 – 76, South Street - Variation of Condition to change the hours of opening. He said that much of the current noise was caused by the alteration work. It was a “commercial” terrace and the requested hours were needed to run the cafe.

83. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ms R.C. Kayes and Ms S.J. Williams.

84. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 January 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Town Council was an interested party in application A13/86 - Mulberry House, Rax Lane and had been consulted as the owner of a neighbouring property - Mountfield. The Plans Committee would not therefore make a recommendation on this application.

86. 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 application listed for information in Schedule B be noted.

87. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2767.

88. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014 were received.

Minute 27: Issues raised by WATAG

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to Dorset County Council raising the issues stated above and highlighting, in particular, the ongoing concerns relating to the real time information and audio description services. An officer from Dorset County Council to be invited to a future meeting of this Sub Committee, to discuss these matters.

(The issues referred to in this resolution were outlined in the Sub Committee minutes)

Minute 28: A35 Traffic Issues

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Town Council's request for a 40mph rather than a 50mph speed limit, along the entire length of the bypass from Chideock Hill to just before the Fire Station, be raised with the A35 Working Group and also the Highways Agency be invited to a future meeting of the Sub Committee, to discuss this issue.
- (b) that the Sub Committee look at the possibility of introducing 20 mph limits in parts of the town centre.

Minute 29: Options for South Street

RESOLVED: that Dorset County Council be asked to draw up options for South Street and report back to the Town Council prior to consultation.

Minute 31: Parking Consultation – Government Consultation

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to respond, in line with the comments made by the Sub Committee.

89. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS - MINERALS SITES PLAN AND WASTE PLAN – PROCESS TO RESPOND

The Town Clerk reported on consultations at www.dorsetforyou.com/mineral-sites www.dorsetforyou.com/waste-plan.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Plans Committee and the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee, be given delegated authority to make a response on these plans.

90. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – LETTER FROM INSPECTOR

The Town Clerk stated that the decision of the Inspector was still awaited, following the recent exploratory meeting.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

91. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Working Group of participating councils was to be held on Wednesday 5 February. It was agreed that Cllr D.G. Rickard would deputise for Cllr Ms S.J. Williams at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

92. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

93. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that the report of the District Council's Review of the Planning Process for Town and Parish Councils, had been published and its recommendations were currently being considered by the District Council.

The meeting closed at **8.01 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 3 March 2014