

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 10 June 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams (in the Chair from item 3 onwards)

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman C.O. Michell
E.T. Colfox C.M. Ray
Ms R.C. Kayes D.G. Rickard

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr P.J. Lathey be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2013/2014.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Ms S.J. Williams be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2013/2014.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

3. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllrs P.J. Lathey and Ms G.E. Summers.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 April 2013 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ms S.J. Williams declared an interest in application A14/524L - 131, South Street as she knew the applicant. She left the room when this item was considered. Cllr C.M. Ray was elected chair for consideration of this application.

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: 2682.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

8. WEST BAY CONSERVATION AREA

Consideration was given to West Dorset District Council's draft review, ENCL: 2683.

The Committee welcomed the updating of the detail of the conservation area appraisal and had no comments on the proposed changes.

RECOMMEND: that the response to the review be agreed as above.

9. WEST BAY HARBOUR, QUAYSIDE, WEST BAY

Consideration was given to a pre application for Listed Building and Planning consent, ENCL: 2684.

The District Council was thanked for its early notification of the proposal, including the opportunity to discuss this with officers at the recent Open Day in West Bay.

Members noted the importance of heritage issues with respect to the harbour and felt that, before taking a view on the scheme, it would be important to see the comments from English Heritage and an assessment of the impact of the works.

These comments were made without prejudice to consideration of the planning application, when it was submitted.

RESOLVED: that West Dorset District Council be notified of the comments above.

10. APPLICATION TO STOP UP PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Consideration was given to ENCL: 2685.

RESOLVED: that, based on the information submitted, Dorset County Council be notified that there were no objections to the proposal to remove a small piece of land next to 67, Fishweir Fields from being designated as highway land, subject to appropriate covenants to ensure that the green space could not be developed.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2686.

The Town Clerk updated members on the latest position and said that the Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP) was due to write to all parishes and the Town Council, with further information on the feasibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for the wider area. This would include a BLAP Neighbourhood Plan Brief, containing more information and there was to be a follow up meeting for parishes on 26 June. It was then intended that local councils would take a decision on whether to participate by the end of July. The BLAP brief would be reported to Council on 25 June.

RESOLVED: that the latest position be noted.

12. LOCAL PLAN LATEST POSITION

The Town Clerk reported on the latest position and members asked if the procedure for making representations to the Planning Inspector could be confirmed.

RESOLVED: that the position be noted.

13. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

14. SIGNAGE ON COAST ROAD

The Town Clerk showed the proposed options for signage on the coast road. Members preferred the options that included reference to Bridport/Weymouth via Abbotsbury.

RESOLVED: that Dorset County Council be notified of the comments on the coast road signage, as above.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that the pre application documents for the Bridport Co-housing scheme were available, if any members wished to see them.

The meeting closed at **8.35 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 1 July 2013