

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 11 June 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams (in the Chair from item 2 onwards)

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman
Ms R.C. Kayes
P.J. Lathey

C.O. Michell
C.M. Ray
D.G. Rickard

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Ms S.J. Williams be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2012/2013.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr G.J. Ackerman be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2012/2013.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the public forum.

3. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllr E.T. Colfox.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 April 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ms S.J. Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item on Street Naming and Numbering (minute no.9) as she knew the applicant. She left the room when this item was considered.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that

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

(b) the applications in Schedule B be noted.

7. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2539.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

8. GEORGE STREET BOAT PARK – WEST BAY

Councillors considered a consultation letter from West Dorset District Council, regarding the provision of a new boat storage building, ENCL: 2547.

Members reiterated the Town Council's concerns about the use of the (previously earmarked West Bay Fishing Jetty) funding for the boat storage and asked if they could know what the estimated costs of the project were. The Committee also had concerns that a planning application was not being submitted, particularly in view of the sensitive nature of the area and the West Bay conservation area. It was felt that the Committee should have been formally invited to comment and it was asked if it would be possible for an officer from the District Council to attend a meeting of the Committee, to outline the proposals in more detail.

RESOLVED: that the proposal from West Dorset District Council for a new boat storage building be noted, with the comments as above and the Town Clerk be asked to raise these matters with West Dorset District Council.

9. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

The Committee agreed that the suggested name of Happy Island Lane did not seem appropriate and supported the proposal from West Dorset District Council that 166A St Andrews Road would be better and be easier to locate.

RESOLVED: that the new house to the rear of 166/168 St Andrews Road be named 166A St Andrews Road.

10. PARKING REVIEW

Consideration was given to a letter from Dorset County Council, ENCL: 2548.

RESOLVED: that the County Council proposal to progress a parking review to cover the locations listed below be supported, bearing in mind that these matters had been considered previously by the Highways and Transportation Sub Committee: Castle Square, Jessopp Avenue, Park Road, Rendalls Walk, Roundham Gardens, St Swithins Road, West Bay Road and Fulbrooks Close (revocation of disabled parking bay outside no.33).

11. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2549.

The Chairman reported back on the meetings held of the Local Plan Working Group and the process being followed.

RESOLVED: that the update from the Local Plan Working Group be noted and the process being followed to respond to the draft Local Plan be endorsed.

12. PLANNING AID TRAINING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Town Clerk reported that a training session was being held on Saturday 30 June from 9.30-3.30, at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester. The session, facilitated by Planning Aid, was looking at the development of neighbourhood plans. Two places were available for the Town Council.

RESOLVED: that all members be notified of the availability of this training on neighbourhood planning.

13. HARD COPIES OF PLANS

The Town Clerk reported on an issue being looked at by Symondsburry Parish Council concerning the inclusion of scaled drawings with planning applications. It was understood that this was not a requirement for all applications.

The Committee agreed that it would support any representations being made to the District Council, emphasising the need for drawings that included a scale bar and key dimensions.

RESOLVED: that West Dorset District Council be notified of the comments of this Committee as set out above, concerning the need to ensure all drawings submitted with planning applications should include a scale bar and key dimensions.

14. LOCAL WORKS – SUPPORT FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BILL ON PLANNING APPEAL RIGHTS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

The Town Clerk reported on a Parliamentary Private Members’ Bill, which, if it became law, would give town and parish councils the right of appeal against the granting of planning permissions, to which they had objected. The Bill was being introduced by Peter Aldous MP and Neil Carmichael MP.

RECOMMEND: that the Private Members’ Bill - Planning Applications (Appeals by Town and Parish Councils) - be supported.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that

1. The Town Council had been notified of a tree preservation order in relation to 51, Burton Road.
2. The St Michaels Trading Estate applications were to be considered by the District Council’s Development Control Committee on Thursday 21 June at 2.15 pm in County Hall. The officer recommendation was to refuse both applications. It was agreed that the Town Council should be represented at the meeting.
3. The Committee asked that the condition of the roadside verges be raised with the County Council.

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

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 2 July 2012