

At a MEETING of the **BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Miss S.A. Brown – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

Cllr	G.J. Ackerman	Ms R.C. Kayes
	K.C. Clayton	Ms G.E. Massey
	K.A. Day	C.M. Ray
	Ms T.G. Harrison	Mrs M.J. Ray
	Ms S.A. Horniman	D.G. Rickard
	W.B. Irvine	Mrs E.A. Rickard
	J.S.L. Jones	Ms S.J. Williams

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

53. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr Ms F.K. McKenzie.

54. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor (Chairman).

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All the previously recorded interests declared under this item in the Committee minutes were noted.

56. STANDING ORDER 14(b)

There were no questions pursuant to standing order 14(b).

57. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(a) PLANS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 1 February 2016 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Ms S.J. Williams.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 1 February 2016 be received.

(b) PLANS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 29 February 2016 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Ms S.J. Williams.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 29 February 2016 be received.

(c) PLANS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 4 April were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Ms S.J. Williams.

Members commented on the Donkey Lane item (min 123) and supported the representations made, raising concerns at the potential loss of the well used public access rights.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 4 April 2016 be received.

(d) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 March 2016 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Mrs M.J. Ray.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 March 2016 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, as set out below (each recommendation was moved, seconded and declared to be carried):-

(Minute 123) (43) INVESTMENT REVIEW 2015/16 AND STRATEGY 2016/17

RESOLVED: that the Annual Investment Strategy for 2015/16, attached as an Appendix to the report, be adopted without amendment for 2016/17.

(Minute 125) TOWN PLAN

RESOLVED: that the draft Town Plan be approved for publication.

(Minute 135) CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the calendar of meetings for 2016/17 be approved, subject to amendments to be made, should the Council agree proposals to change the committee structure.

(Minute 140) DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS - UPDATE ON RECENT MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and the Town Clerk raise with the District and County Councils the importance of early consultation with town and parish councils on the unitary proposals.

(Minute 142) STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Town Clerk confirmed that, in respect of the changes proposed to the Registration of Interests Form Appendix B - Membership of Organisations (d), members would only have to leave the room if the interest related to a direct financial or planning matter e.g. a grant or a planning application.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk amend Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Registration of Interests form as above (in the minutes) and the full versions of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be reported to the Council for approval, with the amendments highlighted. The changes to take effect as from the Annual Council on 19 May 2016.

(Minute 143) COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

RESOLVED: that the proposals for Committee Structures and the Council Public Forum be approved as set out in the notes of the workshop held on 26 February and summarised as Appendix A to the minutes.

(e) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 9 March 2016 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor D.G. Rickard.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 9 March 2016 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted as set out below (each recommendation was moved, seconded and declared to be carried):-

(Minute 70) LITTER FREE COAST AND LITTER FREE DORSET

RESOLVED: (1) that the update be noted and the public be encouraged to join the Litter Free Coast event and Great Dorset Beach Clean on 23 and 24 April, as organised by Dorset Coast Forum.

(2) that proposals be developed to introduce a local litter free campaign under the theme 'Stop the Drop Bridport'.

(Minute 74) RIGHTS RESPECTING PROJECT UPDATE

A public meeting would be arranged to establish the Steering Group to take this forward.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council support the establishment of a Steering Group to develop the proposals to designate Bridport as a Rights Respecting Town.

Comments were also made on the following item:

(Minute 73) West Bay Coastal Signage – it was commented that, whilst the new signage was welcomed, there was still a need for the District Council to look at the dog walking signs that appeared to indicate that dogs could be walked right up to the cliff face. This had been raised previously, but it was agreed that it should be raised again.

58. REPORT BACK FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no further reports.

59. COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reported for information:

The Town Mayor reported her list of engagements, ENCL: 3084 and reminded members of the Beating of the Bounds event on Saturday 16 April.

The meeting closed at **7.52 p.m.**

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 21 June 2016.

The Annual Council (Mayor Making) will be held on 19 May 2016