

MINUTES of the special meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 15 August 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Julian Jones
Teresa Harrison Dave Rickard
Barry Irvine

Also present: Cllr Anne Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Hughes and Mrs Archer spoke raising concerns in respect of application A1/1456 - Café Royal, Tannery Road.

37. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Jeremy Brodie and Sarah Horniman.

38. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 July 2016 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sarah Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest (Appendix B of the Code of the Conduct) in application A9/1423L 51, East Street, as a Trustee of the applicant, the Bridport Area Development Trust. In accordance with Standing Orders, she spoke but then left the room, prior to the Committee's consideration and vote on the item.

Cllr Barry Irvine declared a non-pecuniary interest (Appendix B of the Code of the Conduct) in agenda item 6, Pavement Art, as a member of the Arts Centre Board. The item referred to a request to be made by the Arts Centre and would be referred to Dorset County Council for decision. Cllr Irvine was advised therefore that he could remain in the room.

40. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(There were no applications in Schedule B).

41. **THE CHANTRY**

The Town Clerk reported that the District Council, at its Executive Committee meeting on 9 August, had agreed to sell the Chantry building.

Bearing in mind the historic significance of the building, members felt that time should be allowed for all community options to be considered and that the Town Council should write to West Dorset District Council, to express its concern at the potential loss of this important historic asset. Time should be allowed for the appraisal of all options for the building, before it was sold. It was noted that planning permission would be needed for the change of use to a single dwelling.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk make representations to West Dorset District Council, raising concerns at the proposed sale of the Chantry building and asking that time be allowed for an appraisal of all alternative options, including community use.

42. **PAVEMENT ART**

The Town Clerk reported that, to mark Open Book Week in October, the Arts Centre proposed to paint literary quotes (using chalk spray) on town centre pavement slabs in about 12 specified locations. This would be done on either 9 or 10 October, depending on the weather. The paint would be in place until it was washed away by rain and it was hoped it would last for the duration of the Open Book week, 10-16 October 2016. The quotes would be brief, taking only a few seconds to read.

Members welcomed the proposals.

RESOLVED: that the Arts Centre proposals for pavement art, to mark Open Book Week in October, be supported and referred for decision to Dorset County Council.

43. **ONGOING ISSUES**

Although not on the agenda, the following issues were reported for information:

South West Quadrant – Haywards, the owners of the site, had approached the Town Council about making an initial presentation of their revised proposals for the site. These were to be presented first to tenants later that week and members felt that it would be good to have a presentation at the start of the next Plans meeting, to which all members could be invited. The presentation would be for information only.

Use of Fields on West Bay Road – Cllr Dave Rickard reported on the use of the fields between West Bay Road and the River Brit and, bearing in mind their designation, it was asked if this issue could be reported to the next Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee.

The meeting closed at **2.50 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 5 September 2016