

At a MEETING of the **BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 15 April 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllrs: Mrs M.J. Ray – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

G.J.	Ackerman	D.G.	Rickard
Ms R.C.	Kayes	Mrs E.A.	Rickard
Ms G.E.	Massey	Ms G.E.	Summers
J.T.	May	Ms A-M.A.	Vincent
C.M.	Ray	Ms S.J.	Williams

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Richard Nicholls raised concerns over existing traffic and speeding in Victoria Grove and highlighted the potential for this situation to worsen, with the additional development as part of the draft Local Plan. He asked if the Council would consider traffic management measures to prevent the use of the road as a rat run into the town centre.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr Nicholls for his comments and said that this would be referred to the next meeting of the Council's Highways and Transportation Sub Committee for consideration.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting, County Councillor Jill Haynes, Dorset County Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and Alison Waller, Head of Commissioning at Dorset County Council. They were to speak on the Bridport Adult Social Care Consultation under item 6 on this agenda. The Chairman said that she would bring that item forward, to be the first main agenda item.

57. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.J. Colfox and D.R. Tett.

58. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor (Chairman).

59. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

60. **STANDING ORDER 14 (b)**

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

61. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(a) PLANS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 3 February 2014 were presented by the Committee Vice-Chairman, Councillor Ms S.J. Williams.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 3 February 2014 be received.

(b) PLANS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 3 March 2014 were presented by the Committee Vice-Chairman, Councillor Ms S.J. Williams.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 3 March 2014 be received.

(c) PLANS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 31 March 2014 were presented by the Committee Vice-Chairman, Councillor Ms S.J. Williams.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held on 31 March 2014 be received and the following recommendation therein be adopted, as set out below: -

(Min no 112) PROPOSED JOINT WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL AND WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee, be given delegated authority to respond to the proposed joint West Dorset District Council & Weymouth and Portland Borough Council Statement of Community Involvement.

(d) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 26 March 2014 were presented by the Committee Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs A-M.A. Vincent.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 26 March 2014 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, as set out below: -

(Minute 134) BEST VALUE MINUTE 36 – INVESTMENT REVIEW 2013/14 AND STRATEGY 2014/15

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that the Annual Investment Strategy for 2013/14 be adopted without amendment for 2014/15.

(Minute 134) BEST VALUE MINUTE 38 – REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that non committee members should sit, not in the public gallery, but separately from the Committee, so that the members of the public present could make a clear distinction between councillors on the Committee and those that were not. Non committee members should have the opportunity to speak on an item prior to the decision making, but it would be made clear that they were not entitled to vote.

(Minute 134) BEST VALUE MINUTE 46 – APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2014/15

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that Fair Account & Lightatouch be appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditors for 2014/15.

(Minute 142) FOOTBALL GROUND AND CAR PARK

The Town Clerk reported that for an initial period of 12 months, the car park would continue to be managed by West Dorset District Council. They would take 15% of the takings to cover their costs and the remainder of the income would be split 50/50 between the Town Council and the Football Club.

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that the outline terms of the proposed amendments to the existing lease with the football club be approved as detailed in the minutes and the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to complete the amendments to the lease.

(Minute 146) WEST BAY WATER SPORTS CENTRE UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that the District Council had been asked if additional funding of £20,000 could be provided to enable all the works to

take place. It was hoped to hear from the Council very soon, to enable the works to progress in full.

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

- RESOLVED: (1) that the Town Surveyor be given authority to proceed with adaptation works on the building, allowing for initial works to proceed, to accommodate the Canoe Club, in line with the plans agreed by this Committee and within previously reported funding identified for the scheme (F&GP min.83). The remainder of the works to take place, to accommodate the Gig Club, when sufficient additional funding was identified.
- (2) that the completion of the freehold transfer of the building from West Dorset District Council to the Town Council be approved.

(Minute 147) SALT HOUSE

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

- RESOLVED: that the completion of the freehold transfer of the Salt House and Fisherman's Green from West Dorset District Council to the Town Council be approved.

(Minute 149) ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WEST DORSET – DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed wording for a response, as agreed at the Members' Working Group, was circulated to all members.

A proposed amendment was moved by Cllr Ms R.C. Kayes and seconded by Cllr Ms G.E. Summers to amend para 2: to delete the line "members recognised that there were concerns regarding the inclusion of Bradpole" and replace with a stronger statement to say that Bradpole had a strong and distinct identity and should not be included within Bridport North.

The amendment was supported and the proposed response, as amended, was moved and seconded, put to the vote, declared to be carried and

- RESOLVED: that the comments from the Working Group, as amended, be approved and the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to submit the response on behalf of the Town Council.

(Minute 152) CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that the calendar of meetings for 2014/15 be approved, including the amendments set out in the minutes of the meeting.

(e) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 26 February 2014 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor D.G. Rickard.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 26 February 2014 be received.

(Min no.54) A35 Traffic Issues

For information, Cllr Ms S.J. Williams provided an update on the recent meeting of the A35 Working Group convened by Oliver Letwin. The proposal to be taken forward from the Group, which would be subject to two traffic orders, was that the speed limit from Quarr Lane to Miles Cross would be 40 mph and from there to the Crown Roundabout 50 mph.

(f) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 19 March 2014 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor D.G. Rickard.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 19 March 2014 be received and the recommendation therein be adopted, as set out below: -.

(Min no.75) Dorset County Council – Review of Universal Services to Children and Families

RESOLVED: that a Working Party of Council members be established to prepare the Town Council's response to the proposed consultation due, as part of the County Council's review of universal services to children and families. The Town Clerk to be given authority to appoint members to the Working Party.

62. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL – BRIDPORT ADULT SOCIAL CARE CONSULTATION UPDATE

Councillors received a presentation from Councillor Jill Haynes, the Dorset County Council Cabinet member for Adult Social Care.

Councillor Haynes thanked the town for its involvement in the consultation process. It was clear from the consultation that people supported Sidney Gale House and wanted to see its services retained and that it should remain open until a suitable replacement was available.

The County Council had taken these comments on board and would be looking to work with a strategic partner to construct a new care home to replace Sidney Gale House. The partner could be a local authority company, controlled by Dorset County Council, and this option was being looked at. There was also support for a multi purpose community hub to be developed.

These options were to be further developed, in consultation with local community representatives and the Town Council would be kept fully informed.

Members thanked Councillor Haynes for attending the meeting and welcomed the continued involvement of local community organisations in the consultation. It was also emphasised that the Town Council would be keen to be involved in further discussions on the community hub and hoped it would be able to send a representative to future meetings to discuss that issue.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

63. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk. ENCL: 2822.

The Town Clerk reported that Bothenhampton & Walditch and Bradpole parish councils had agreed to participate in the Plan and it was hoped that Burton Bradstock would agree, for the small area of East Cliff, West Bay to be included. It was understood that the proposed designation of the area would be considered by the District Council's Executive on 20 May 2014.

RESOLVED: that the update on the neighbourhood plan be noted and the outline decision making structure be endorsed, as attached to the report.

64. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Mayor reported her list of engagements, ENCL: 2823.

The Town Mayor congratulated Cllr G.J. Ackerman on his invitation to attend the Queen's Garden Party and reminded all members of the Freedom March by the Rifles on 22 June 2014. Also the first Hedgehog day was to be held on 19 April in the Community Orchard.

The Leader of the Council reported on the Rope Fair to be held on May 10 and 11.

The meeting closed at **8.20pm**

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 24 June 2014