

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 25 April 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams (in the Chair)

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman	W.B. Irvine
J.P. Brodie (until 8.10pm)	J.S.L. Jones
E.T. Colfox	D.G. Rickard
Ms S.A. Horniman	

PUBLIC FORUM

A7/467L Arts Centre, South Street - internal and external alterations:

The following people spoke in objection to the application: Matthew Hart, Denise Buchanan, Lorraine Marston, Debbie Legg and Peter Warner.

The following people spoke in support of the application: Tina Ellen Lee, Laura Cockett (Arts Centre Manager) and Barry Bates (Chairman of the Arts Centre).

A3/2697 Brompton House, North Allington- Erect 5 no dwellings: Sal Robinson spoke in objection to the application.

A12/550 Asker Meadow South, Sea Road South- temporary classroom and temporary parking: Ged Duncan spoke in objection and asked that the Town Council withdraw the application or allow more time for consultation.

The Town Clerk stated that this was the Town Council's own application and the Committee was unable to make a recommendation. However, the Town Council was keen to receive people's views and would review the application in the light of the comments received.

125. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllrs Ms T.G. Harrison.

126. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee meeting held on 4 April 2016 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A7/467L Arts Centre, South Street - internal and external alterations:- the Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had agreed a grant for the project but had not commented on the planning merits of the scheme. It was therefore able to make a recommendation on the application. On the same item, Cllr W.B. Irvine declared an interest as a member of the Arts Centre Board and left the room during the Committee's consideration of the application.

128. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications listed in Appendix B.

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

129. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3083.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted with the comments above.

130. SECTION 106 FUNDING

The Town Clerk reported on the recent report considered by West Dorset District Council's Executive outlining the current status of S106 funding including contributions earmarked for Bridport.

Members felt that it would be useful to establish a working group to look at this issue and discuss options to allocate funding and its use.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and the next meeting agree proposals to establish a working group.

131. VEARSE FARM – UPDATE FROM MASTERPLAN MEETING

Consideration was given to a report by Savills, ENCL: 3086.

The Town Clerk reported that it was proposed to have a further meeting of the working group in May. Dates had been circulated although the arrangements had not yet been confirmed.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

132. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk provided an update on the latest position.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

133. HIGHWAYS ITEMS – PROCESS

The Town Clerk reported that any requests received for waiting restrictions etc. would in the first instance be reported to this Committee. People making the requests would be notified that there was a list of outstanding schemes with Dorset County Council and it was likely that only a small number of schemes could be progressed.

The new Highways Working Group would review the list and make recommendations to this Committee on prioritising schemes. It would also look at

other matters in detail such as public transport. The notes of the Working Group meetings would be reported to this Committee.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

134. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

135. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported the following:

A35 Public Meeting – Chideock Parish Council had notified the Town Council of a public meeting it had called to give Chideock residents the opportunity to raise issues and questions regarding the A35 in Chideock, particularly speed and volume of traffic and Air Quality. The meeting was on 27 May at 7pm and the Town Council had been invited to send an observer. It was agreed that Cllr E.T. Colfox would attend the meeting.

Use of Fisherman’s Green – the proposed use of the Green by the Arts Centre for an arts installation, known as “the Whale”, was supported.

The Chairman reported back on the recent meeting of the A35 Working Group, convened by Oliver Letwin. The Group discussed a number of issues including speed limits, a possible roundabout at Miles Cross and contingency/resilience planning when the A35 was closed.

The meeting closed at **8.50 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 6 June 2016.