

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 27 October 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman C.M. Ray
C.O. Michell D.G. Rickard

Also present: Cllrs Mrs M.J. Ray.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Charles Couzens spoke in support of the application A8/2078 Land Adjacent Bridport Community Hospital, Mead Lane (Adjoining Parish).

52. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs P.J. Lathey and Ms G.E. Summers.

53. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 September 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported the following update for information:

(Min 47) 22, East Street illuminated signage – in response to the Town Council's request for further information on why this application had been approved, the Design and Conservation Officer had confirmed that they had also raised objections as part of the planning process. However, the decision to approve in this case did not represent a change of policy in respect of the level of illumination on shop fronts in sensitive and historic areas. This was an issue that could also be looked at, as part of the policies to be considered under the Neighbourhood Plan.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

55. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications listed in Appendix B.

The Town Clerk raised an additional Tree works application which, although not on this agenda, was to be determined prior to the next meeting of this Committee. The application was CA/14/357 Garden House, North Street, Fell 1 Holly tree, with replacement to be planted. The Committee had no objections to this application.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the attached [Schedule A](#) and on the additional application above, be forwarded to the District

Council.

56. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2885.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

57. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2014 were received.

Minute 21 West Bay Environmental Enhancement Update

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

Minute 24(c) Street lighting – Globe Passage

Members asked if Rax Lane could be looked at and reported back, to see if this should be added to the request for full night time street lighting.

RESOLVED: that Dorset County Council be asked to reinstate the full night time street lighting in Globe Passage, as this was needed to help deter anti-social behaviour in this town centre location.

58. LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2890.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that Cllrs Ms S.J. Williams, D.G. Rickard and the Town Clerk attend the Local Plan Inspection Examination on 4 December 2014, to represent the Town Council.
- (2) that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to submit any additional supporting statements in respect of the four Bridport issues, after consultation and agreement with the Local Plan Working Group. The Working Group to meet week commencing 4 November 2014.

59. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported that the launch event was to be held on Saturday 8 November 2014 from 10am to 4pm in the Town Hall and publicity was being circulated to promote the event. This would be followed by other local drop in events throughout the Plan area during November 2014.

The update was noted.

60. DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS' AGM MOTION

Councillors considered the following motion submitted by Chideock Parish Council for the DAPTC AGM on 8 November 2014:

'When a Planning Application is taken to a Local Planning Authority Development Control Committee for decision, objectors to the application should be permitted to make an illustrated presentation of equal length to that already allowed from the applicant.'

Members felt that more information would be needed to ensure that this proposal would not reduce the time available overall for public representations and objections to be made at the Development Control Committee. At this stage, the Town Council would not be able to support the motion without that assurance.

It was reported that there was also another late motion, from Piddle Valley Parish Council, concerning consultation with town and parish councils on Dorset County Council planning applications. That motion was supported.

RESOLVED: that the responses to the planning motions, to be considered at the DAPTC AGM, be approved as above.

61. DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATION VALIDATION CHECKLIST

The Town Clerk reported that this had now been agreed and published by West Dorset District Council.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

62. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

63. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that it was understood that all members and local residents had received a notification of a consultation event at the Town Hall, regarding a proposed sheltered housing development on the site of the former Magistrates' Court at Mountfield.

The meeting closed at **7.50 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 1 December 2014