

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 28 November 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Sarah Horniman
Jeremy Brodie Julian Jones
Terry Harrison Dave Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

The following people spoke in the Public Forum:

James Stone from Beyond Events spoke about events he was trying to organise in the Bridport area. This was in reference to the agenda item on these events (min.84).

In relation to an item in the minutes regarding West Allington traffic speeds, the Town Clerk reported an email received from Mr Gavin Fryer, asking that should a 20mph limit be considered, then he would like to see appropriate signage provided. Members were reminded that this issue was to be raised with the County Council, to consider in the context of options for such limits for all appropriate access roads into the town centre. No decisions had yet been taken.

77. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Eddie Colfox and Barry Irvine.

78. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 October 2016 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

80. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

81. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3152.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

82. LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – INITIAL ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3154.

It was noted that there was due to be public consultation on the review and possible “development opportunities” during February to March 2017.

RESOLVED: that the proposed consultation process to review the Local Plan, including initial issues be noted.

83. VEARSE FARM MASTERPLAN UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3153.

The Town Clerk updated on a meeting held with Community Land Trusts, advised by Wessex Community Assets. A proposal was developed for the local CLTs to be involved in the delivery of the affordable housing. This was to be discussed further with West Dorset District Council and reported back to the developers, as part of the community response on affordable housing.

RESOLVED: that the latest position on the development of the Vearse Farm MasterPlan in respect of affordable housing, employment land and community growing areas be noted and endorsed.

84. 2017 EVENTS – POWDER RUN AND JURASSIC TRAIL

The Town Clerk reported that Beyond Events had contacted the Council regarding a number of events it was proposing to hold in the area next year, including:

- April 23 Trail run
- May 7 Bridport 10km run start at Plottingham Car Park
- June 4 Bridport and West Bay Triathlon
- August 5 Powder run at St Mary’s
- July 9 Bridport Dagger (Road bike sportive)
- October 23 Marathon

The ones that immediately affected the Town Council were the May 7 and August 5 events, as they involved use of Town Council land. There would be a charge, bearing in mind that these are commercial events.

The other event that the Town Council had been asked to comment on was the proposed Triathlon in West Bay on 4 June. Comments made were agreed at the last Planning Committee meeting.

The Town Clerk stated that he would contact West Dorset District Council to ask for an update on the event proposed for 4 June. The District Council needed to approve the use of the harbour for this event. He would also ask if the Safety Advisory Committee were able to assist with advice for all the events.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and the actions proposed above be endorsed.

85. WEST BAY – USE OF FIELDS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3155, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Councillor Dave Rickard provided further background information from local residents on the use of the fields outside that allowed for in the certificate of lawfulness. He also reported further communication from Dorset Wildlife Trust, who would be contacting the District Council again, reiterating their concern regarding the unrestricted use of the field and the potential loss of biodiversity, bearing in mind its designation as a site of nature conservation interest. He also referred to the comments of the District Council as in the report and stated that local residents had provided information on the use of the field on a regular and consistent basis, over some considerable period of time. He was joined by members in asking that further representations be made to the District Council, raising concerns regarding the use of the field outside the terms of the certificate of lawfulness.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee, make further representations to West Dorset District Council regarding the use of the field.

86. HIGHWAYS TRAFFIC ORDERS

The Town Clerk reported on a recent meeting with the County Council to discuss the current position on traffic orders. The latest position would be reported to the next Highways Working Group.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

87. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported the latest position.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

88. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported the following:

The District Council had contacted the Town Council to ask if it had any comments on the proposal from British Telecom to decommission a number of telephone boxes, including the following in the Bridport parish:

Location	Calls made in last 12 months
Court Orchard Road	7
Junction Queens Road/Alexandra Rd	0
Junction Skilling Hill Road /Bramley Hill	0

All members would be notified in the Bulletin and comments were required by 16 December.

St Michael's Estate Site Visit – as reported at the recent presentation, there was an opportunity for a members' site visit and this would be arranged at a suitable time.

Councillor Sarah Horniman reported that Lyme Regis Town Council had a Speed Indicator Device that could possibly be loaned out to other councils.

The meeting closed at **8.30pm**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 9 January 2017