

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 29 September 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr P.J. Lathey (in the Chair)

 Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman C.O. Michell
 E.T. Colfox D.G. Rickard
 Ms R.C.Kayes (to 7.15pm) Ms S.J. Williams

Also present: Cllr Mrs E.A. Rickard.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following speakers addressed the Committee in objection to application A7/1958, Britt Valley Campground, West Bay Road - Use of 1no Field as a Temporary Car Park:

Mr T. Fifield, Mrs G. Fifield, Mr M. Bell, Mr V. Courtice and Mr R. Tattershall.

Cllr Ms R.C. Kayes, who declared an interest under Appendix B of the Code of the Conduct as a member of West Dorset District Council (the applicant) also spoke on this item. In accordance with Standing Order para 35 (c), she said she would leave the meeting room prior to the Committee discussing the application. Cllr Kayes left the meeting at the conclusion of the Public Forum.

The Town Clerk reported and circulated copies of a number of letters objecting to this application, which had been copied to the Town Council.

43. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs C.M. Ray and Ms G.E. Summers.

44. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 September 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ms R.C. Kayes declared an interest under Appendix B of the Code of the Conduct in application A7/1958, Britt Valley Campground, West Bay Road - Use of 1no Field as a Temporary Car Park, as a member of West Dorset District Council (the applicant). In accordance with Standing Order para 35, Cllr Kayes was able to speak on the application, but would leave the meeting room prior to the Committee discussing the item.

It was reported that the applicant for A9/2236L, The Retreat, 15 Rax Lane was Town Councillor Ms G.E. Massey. Members were advised that, bearing in mind that the application was non - contentious and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, they were able to make a recommendation on the application.

46. 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.

47. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2866.

Members noted that applications 834L and 855, 22 East Street, had been approved, even though it included illuminated signage. The Committee had objected to the application, in line with its long standing approach of not supporting illuminated signage in the town centre. This approach had in the past been supported by the District Council and the Committee was concerned that this decision could set a precedent. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Design and Conservation Officer to ask for any further information on this decision and if there had been a change of approach by the District Council to illuminated signage in town centres.

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

48. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that, following the meeting of participating councils last Friday with the new Project Manager, Mathew Dalton-Aram, arrangements had been agreed for the launch events to take place. A drop in information session will be held on Saturday 8 November, 10am to 4pm, in the Town Hall, with similar sessions taking place in venues across the area, followed by a public meeting in the Town Hall. It was hoped that people would come to the events to find out more and give their views on what they would like the Plan to cover. It was also hoped to recruit volunteers, to be part of a Steering Group that was to lead on the development of the Plan, or to take part in one of the many working groups to be established. More information and publicity, including dates for the other drop in sessions and the public meeting, would be issued in October.

The update was noted.

49. ONGOING HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on the meeting held earlier that day with Dorset County Council to discuss bus services. The meeting covered a number of issues, including the Town Council's concerns regarding the changed timetable for the X31, although the County Council reported that they were unable to influence this fully commercial route, operated by First Bus. A full report on the meeting would be presented to the next Highways and Transportation Sub Committee.

On a related issue, it was reported that it was understood that Damory were to open a new outstation in Bridport on St Michael's Trading Estate. It was proposed that the Town Council write to Damory to find out more.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

50. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

RESOLVED: that the Committee had no comments on the potential naming of the new housing development in North Mills Road (Kisem).

51. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items raised.

The meeting closed at **8.05 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 27 October 2014