

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 29 April 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman
P.J. Lathey

C.M. Ray
D.G. Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr & Mrs Small from Wych Ridge addressed the Committee in objection to application A1/279 1 Wych Ridge.

The Town Clerk reported an email in support of that application, from the applicant Mr Carey.

115. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

116. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2 April 2013 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr G.J. Ackerman declared an interest in A1/279 1 Wych Ridge, as he knew the neighbours. He said that he would take no part in the consideration of the application.

Cllrs G.J. Ackerman and C.M. Ray declared an interest in A4/359L Woodman Inn, as they knew the applicant. They left the room during consideration of the application.

118. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

119. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2676.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

120. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2013 were received and the following recommendations approved:-

Min 44. Dorset County Council – Highway Vegetation Programme 2013/14

RESOLVED: that concerns be raised with the County Council regarding the Highways Vegetation Programme for 2013/14, as set out in the Sub Committee minutes.

Min 45. Traffic Regulation Orders

Members very strongly endorsed the view of the Sub Committee and felt that there should be some element of prioritisation during the year to allow locally important schemes to be processed.

RESOLVED: that concerns be raised with Dorset County Council regarding their proposal not to process any traffic regulation orders during 2013/14.

121. MILES CROSS A35 MEETING

A supplementary report had been sent to members summarising the outcome of the meeting held on 19 April. The meeting, arranged by Oliver Letwin MP, had looked at traffic speeds and accident rates, and the likely impact and timing of the potential development of the waste transfer station at Broomhills and of possible new housing at Vearse Farm. As a first step, it was agreed that it would be useful if a traffic survey was undertaken. The group will meet again in mid June to consider the results and discuss next steps.

Members asked if Allington Parish Council could be invited to future meetings of the Group.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

122. BLAP NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING

The Town Clerk circulated a recent BLAP letter, ENCL: 2679

It was noted that the Town Council would be asked to consider including the Bridport parish area in any wider area neighbourhood plan and would also have the opportunity to comment on the area to be covered by the Plan. There would be a report back to the next meeting of this Committee, to enable a decision to be taken by the full Council in June.

RESOLVED: that the position be noted.

123. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

124. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that he had received notification earlier that day from West Dorset District Council that they had given permission for powerboat racing in West Bay that coming weekend, 3 – 5 May. It was expected that about ten boats would take part in the event.

Bearing in mind previous concerns raised about jet skis in the harbour, members felt that the Town Council should have been consulted about the event. It was understood that some concern had been raised about the late notification also given to harbour users and the potential impact on their use of the harbour.

The Town Clerk was asked to raise the concerns of the Town Council regarding the lack of consultation and it was felt that it would be important to monitor and assess the impact of the race on the area and on harbour users, residents and businesses in West Bay.

The meeting closed at **7.55 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 10 June 2013