

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 3 October 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr G.J. Ackerman (in the Chair)
Cllrs: P.J. Lathey D.G. Rickard
C.M. Ray

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

41. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs E.T. Colfox and Ms S.J. Williams.

42. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 September 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C.M. Ray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application A2/1342L, Arts Centre, South Street - Satellite Dish, as he was until recently a Board member of the Arts Centre and would be considered again to be a member of the Board. He left the room while discussions took place and a decision was made on this application.

Councillor G.J. Ackerman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application A10/1495, 10, Folly Mill Lane erect garage/store, as he knew the applicant and also had a workshop in the vicinity. He left the room when this application was considered. Councillor D.G. Rickard chaired the Committee for this item.

44. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that

- (a) the recommendations set out in column 4 of the [attached schedule A](#) be forwarded to the District Council.
- (b) the applications in Schedule B be noted.

45. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATION DECISIONS

Members noted the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2423.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

46. NEW PLANNING SYSTEM – UPDATE ON NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION AND PREPARATIONS FOR NEW LOCAL PLAN

The Town Clerk updated members on the West Dorset District Council consultation meeting held in Beaminster on 3 October, on the preparation of policies for the new Local Plan. Working Groups were now to meet to take forward issues discussed at the consultation meeting. There would then be a further consultation meeting in November. There would be consultation on the draft plan in June/July 2012. It was also reported that the Town Council's response to the national planning framework consultation would be finalised at a meeting of the working group of members on 12 October.

The report was noted.

47. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT HUB - UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that application forms had now been issued by the County Council and representatives of the Town Council, Environment Group and WATAG had met to consider whether to submit an application. This would be for funding to support a transport hub scheme (to improve access to services and reduce use of car transport). The scheme did seem to be aimed more at rural communities and there will only be one pilot in West Dorset. However, the group agreed to see if there was any wider support for looking at a scheme that could be put forward in Bridport e.g. establishment of an information point in the bus station. Also it was agreed to detail all the current transport initiatives in the area, to see if there could be support under this scheme or other funding streams, for these existing initiatives. The representatives would then meet again to see if there was support for an application to be submitted. To be viable, any proposal, such as the information point, would need the support of community volunteers.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman of the Plans Committee, to decide whether to submit an application under this scheme, subject to further discussion with representatives of WATAG and the Environment group.

48. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no issues raised

49. COMMUNICATIONS

In response to a question from members, the Town Clerk reported that the County Council had been asked if a representative could attend the next Highways and Transportation Sub Committee to discuss the impact of the recent bus changes. This issue had also been discussed with County Council representatives at the last WATAG meeting. Members thanked WATAG for all their work in obtaining information on the impact of the bus changes and for taking this matter up with the County Council.

The meeting closed at **7.35 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 31 October 2011