

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 30 November 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman
E.T. Colfox

Mrs T.G. Harrison
Ms S.A. Horniman

Also present: Cllr Mrs E.A. Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs S. Stafford, Mr J. Tigg and Mr M. Nicks spoke in objection to application A13/2499L Norman Good and Sons and also in support of the enforcement notices issued for this site (agenda item 6 - minute 74).

69. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs J.P. Brodie, W.B. Irvine, J.S.L. Jones and D.G. Rickard.

70. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 November 2015 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G.J. Ackerman declared an interest in application A28/15/362 Tree application for Asker Lea, Folly Mill Gardens as his brother was the applicant. The application was not considered by the Committee, as the Town Surveyor had already commented.

Cllr E.T. Colfox declared an interest in application A9/2493L - Arts Centre, as an Arts Centre Trustee. He left the room when this application was considered.

Cllr E.T. Colfox declared an interest in application A5/2151L - Unitarian Chapel, as his brother was a Trustee. He would leave the room if the item was discussed. The application was not discussed by the Committee, as it only confirmed its previous expressed position of no objection.

It was reported that the Town Council had given in principle support to the Arts Centre project, including earmarking funding, but had not at any time considered the planning merits of the scheme. Members were advised that they could therefore comment on application A9/2493L.

72. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the attached [Schedule A](#) be forwarded to the District Council.
- (2) that the amended plans reported for information in [Schedule B](#) be noted.

73. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3014.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

74. NORMAN GOOD AND SONS, STATION ROAD, WEST BAY – ENFORCEMENT APPEAL

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3029.

Members strongly supported the Local Planning Authority in issuing the enforcement notices and felt that, in a further response, the Town Council should reiterate the following points:

- the applicants had undertaken a considerable amount of work that was not in keeping with the Grade II* listed building and had undertaken activity on site without the necessary planning approvals.
- the enforcement notices detailed the specific contraventions of planning regulations.
- the Town Council, in keeping with the comments of Historic England on an earlier application, had highlighted the need for a conservation based Master Plan to guide the overall development of this important site, in a manner that was not detrimental to the listed building. This had not been produced.

Members also supported the request to the District Council that the appeal hearing should be held locally, either in Bridport or West Bay.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, draft and submit a further response on the enforcement appeal, supporting the Local Planning Authority and including the comments as above.

75. 42, SOUTH STREET – NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL AGAINST CONDITIONS OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Consideration was given to the notification of appeal, ENCL: 3034, which related to the conditions put on the planning approval.

RESOLVED: that the submission of the appeal be noted.

76. VEARSE FARM WORKSHOP

A number of members had attended the Vearse Farm Stakeholder Workshop on Thursday 26 November. It was generally felt that it was a positive session and there seemed to be a recognition of the need to put in place a process, involving community and local council stakeholders, to work on the required Master Plan. The developers had indicated that they would come back soon with proposals.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

77. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk updated members on the latest position and the start of the working group meetings.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

78. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no items raised.

79. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported the notification of a certificate of lawfulness application for a proposed development for a canopy at the rear of the reception classroom, to provide cover for the children at Bridport Primary School. Whilst the Town Council was not being asked for comments at this stage, members indicated their support for the application.

The meeting closed at **8.30 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 11 January 2016