

54. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATION DECISIONS

Members noted the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2444.

It was also reported that the application for Harbour House, West Bay had been approved. Members were reminded that the appeal against the refusal of the application to demolish vacant commercial units and to construct car parking spaces, a new vehicular access and modify an existing access on land at Tannery Road was to be held on 1 November at the District Council offices in Dorchester.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

55. LOCAL PLAN

The Town Clerk reported on the ongoing Local Plan sub groups, convened by West Dorset District Council and which would report back to the next general consultation meeting on 24 November.

It was felt that it would be helpful to have feedback from the sub groups and for the Town Council to set up a working group to co-ordinate the Council's response.

RESOLVED: that

- (a) the Leader and the Mayor represent the Town Council at the WDDC consultation meeting on 24 November.
- (b) a working group of Town Councillors meet to co-ordinate the Town Council's response and all members be invited to attend.

56. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT HUB

The Town Clerk reported that it did seem that the Community Transport Exchange (CTE) scheme was aimed at smaller, rural communities and an application form would not therefore be submitted at this time. However, overall, it was considered that Bridport was well placed to be a transport exchange. If a suitable community did not come forward through the application process, it was hoped that further discussions could take place with the County Council to support the existing initiatives in the town (park and ride, cycle routes etc) and develop other related projects, bearing in mind the existing services and infrastructure in the town.

RESOLVED: that the position be noted as set out above.

57. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2011 were circulated and the following two recommendations considered: -

- a. Long Term Parking of Motor Caravans etc. in West Bay.

RESOLVED: that the proposal from Dorset County Council to restrict on street parking along Station Road, West Bay, to prevent camping or overnight sleeping, be approved. (Cars, motorcycles and invalid carriages would still be able to park on this section of road).

- b. Response to Winter Weather – Role of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: that the preparations being made to respond to extreme winter weather be endorsed.

58. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no issues raised.

59. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no issues raised.

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

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 5 December 2011