

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 4 July 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman  
Ms R.C. Kayes

P.J. Lathey  
C.M. Ray  
D.G. Rickard

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

The following persons spoke in the public forum:

Mrs Joy Reeves and Ms Amberley Carter spoke and raised concerns in respect of the application A7/855 South Street Car Park.

In response, the Chairman explained that the Sub Committee would not be commenting on the application, as the Town Council had submitted the application. They were advised that they would need to make any representations direct to the planning authority, West Dorset District Council.

### **13. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs: E.T. Colfox and C.O. Michell.

### **14. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 June 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor G.J. Ackerman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application A9/895 as he knew the applicant and also had a workshop in the vicinity. He left the room when this application was considered.

Councillor Ms R.C. Kayes left the room during consideration of agenda item 6 Licensing – Caffe Ellipse, as she was a member of the Licensing and Appeals Committee at the District Council, which could be asked to determine this application.

### **16. PLANNING 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.

**17. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2392.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

**18. LICENSING – CAFFE ELLIPSE, WEST BAY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2409.

RESOLVED: that the application be noted and no representations be made in respect of this application.

**19. WEST BAY ENHANCEMENT SCHEME**

The Town Clerk provided an update on the Enhancement scheme, which was to be considered at the West Dorset District Council's Executive. The main proposals were:

Traffic Improvements – following the consultation, it was proposed that the improvements be undertaken in order of priority, as funding becomes available with the priority projects being West Bay Road Roundabout to West Bay Road/Station Road Junction and the change of priority at West Bay Road/Station Road Junction.

It was also proposed to allocate the £100,000 reserved for the sea angling jetty for a new harbour store in the George Street boatyard, which would allow the storage in Gushes Yard to be used by watersports clubs. Any funding remaining to be used to support future water based and local amenity projects in West Bay.

Members expressed some concerns at the proposed use of the funding reserved for the sea angling jetty and asked that the Town Clerk reiterate the Council's previous comments sent to the District Council in February. These stated that the funding earmarked for the sea angling jetty should be retained for water based and local amenity projects in West Bay such as:

- the transfer of the Salt House, Fisherman's Green and the conversion of the public toilet building at this location.
- additional fully accessible play equipment for West Bay Play Area.
- additional support for the conversion of the Methodist Chapel building as a community asset, which was still under consideration.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and the Town Clerk be authorised to respond as detailed above.

**20. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

It was reported that it was proposed that the development on the New Zealand site be named "New Zealand Farm Close".

RESOLVED: that there were no objections to the proposed naming of the New Zealand development as “New Zealand Farm Close”.

## **21. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that through the Local Works organisation, a Town Council – Leiston-cum-Sizewell – was seeking support for its proposal for new planning guidance, asking that developers for large scale applications be required to attend Town Council meetings to answer questions and provide resources (if requested by the Council) to enable the Council to assess such applications. It would be for the Council to decide if it wished for this to happen and only on large scale planning applications.

As this matter had already been raised with the Government Minister, councils were being asked for support as a matter of urgency.

Members generally supported the principle of the proposal, noting that it was intended only for large scale applications (which would need to be defined) and the proposals would allow local councils to do what was proposed, if they wished to do so.

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

**The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 1 August 2011**