

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 5 December 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT      Cllr    Ms S.J. Williams (in the Chair)  
  
                  Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman      C.M. Ray  
                  C.O. Michell

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Mr Alan Williams from WATAG updated members on ongoing issues in relation to the following bus services:

Service 31 - was still running to Hardy School but could need funding support to continue.

Service 44 - had been diverted in Bothenhampton and WATAG had asked if this could be looked at to allow a stop in the village.

Service 45 - there were concerns that this was being run as a double decker service and not being used by enough passengers which may put the service in danger of being lost.

Mr J. Dillon, applicant for A13/1586 3, Beachcombers spoke in support of the application.

Mr J. Johnson of St Andrews Road spoke in objection to A15/1683 37, St Andrews Road. (The Town Clerk also reported copies of letters received in objection from Mr Johnson and Mr & Mrs Rutherford also of St Andrews Road).

Mr M. Farmer of St Andrews Road Residents Association spoke in respect of the decision on application 1459 for a non illuminated pole mounted advertisement at Lidl, St Andrews Road. The Town Council had objected to the application and he was concerned that it had been approved under delegated authority, without being referred to the District Council's Development Control Committee.

### **60. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr E.T. Colfox and Ms R.C. Kayes.

### **61. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31 October 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to an amendment to show that Cllr Ms S.J. Williams was in the chair and not Cllr G.J. Ackerman as wrongly shown.

**62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr C.M. Ray declared a remote interest in application A15/1683 as a resident of St Andrews Road. Whilst the interest was not prejudicial he said that he would abstain from the voting on this item.

**63. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the attached schedule A be forwarded to the District Council and Schedule B be noted.

**64. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATION DECISIONS**

Members noted the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2447.

In response to comments made in the public forum regarding the decision on application 1459 for a non illuminated pole mounted advertisement at Lidl, St Andrews Road it was reported that it was understood that the issue of the decision making process was being taken up by at the District Council by Cllr Ms R.C. Kayes. .

The Town Clerk reported that Charles Wild from the Bridport Area Development Trust had asked West Dorset District Council for its views on whether it considered there were grounds for a judicial review of the decision on the Tannery Road application (520/521). The Sub Committee agreed to support this enquiry and agreed to also ask whether West Dorset District Council considered that there were grounds for a judicial review of the decision.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

**65. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee held on 27 October 2011 be received.

**66. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REGULATIONS – CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2472.

RESOLVED: that a working group drawn from this Committee meet to formulate a response on the draft Regulations. The Town Clerk to be given delegated authority to approve the response.

**67. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2473.

RESOLVED: that a working group drawn from this Committee meet to formulate a response on this consultation document. The Town Clerk to be given delegated authority to approve the response.

**68. DORSET - WIDE GYPSY, TRAVELLER AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE SITE ALLOCATIONS JOINT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2474.

RECOMMEND: that it be noted that sites had not been allocated in the Bridport area and therefore at this time no comment be made in response to the proposals.

**69. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

The Town Clerk updated members on the current position on the consultation on the District wide Local Plan, which had also been discussed at the last Town Council meeting. The comments received as part of the consultation exercise were now being considered by the District Council and a draft Plan would be issued for consultation in the summer of 2012.

The update was noted.

**70. BUS SERVICES**

The Town Clerk said that a reply had been received from Dorset County Council on the concerns raised by the Town Council on the changes to bus services and it was hoped that a representative from the County Council would be able to attend the next Highways and Transportation Sub Committee in January.

Members thanked Alan Williams for attending the meeting and updating the Committee on ongoing issues, which it would hope to raise at the Sub Committee meeting.

The update was noted.

**71. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

There were no issues raised.

**72. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no issues raised.

The meeting closed at **7.50 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 9 January 2012**