

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

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

Cllrs: Ms R.C. Kayes (until 7.20pm) C.M. Ray
P.J. Lathey D.G. Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

31. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs G.J. Ackerman, E.T. Colfox and C.O. Michell.

32. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 August 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P.J. Lathey declared a non pecuniary interest in application A6, as a member of St John Ambulance.

34. 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.

35. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATION DECISIONS

Members noted the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2411.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

36. NEW PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2421.

It was noted that West Dorset District Council was hosting consultation events on a new Local Plan. This was in addition to the Government's consultation on the new planning framework.

RECOMMEND:

(1) that Cllrs C.M. Ray and D.G. Rickard represent the Town Council at the initial local consultation on the new District wide Local Plan, to be held at Beaminster Town Hall on Monday 3 October 2011.

(2) that a working group drawn from the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee and this Committee meet to formulate a response on the draft national planning policy framework. The Town Clerk to be given delegated authority to approve the response.

37. BUS SERVICES REPORT BACK

The Town Surveyor reported further information on the proposed changes to bus routes. Members re-iterated their previous concerns at the potential impact of the changes and also at the lack of information available to the public on the new timetables.

The Committee thanked the Western Area Transport Action Group for all their efforts to obtain information on the timetables and to secure improved bus coverage for the area.

RESOLVED: that a representative of Dorset County Council be invited to the next meeting of the Highways and Transportation Sub Committee on 27 October 2011 to outline the changes to bus services in the area.

38. DAPTC MOTIONS FOR AGM

Councillors considered a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2422.

RECOMMEND: that the five motions relating to planning matters, due to be submitted to the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils AGM, be supported as set out below.

1. Beaminster Town Council

"Beaminster Town Council propose that the DAPTC urge all district, borough and county planning authorities to negotiate with utility providers with a view to the implementation, as a matter of policy, that all planning approvals impose a condition that require that all utility service pipes, cables etc. include the installation of a „tracer“ and their position mapped at the point of installation and lodged with the relevant planning authority for future reference”.

2. Iwerne Minster Parish Council

"Iwerne Minster Parish Council urges the National Association of Local Councils to seek to have the law in respect of Planning Appeals changed, so that when there is a conflict of opinion between a planning inspector and a planning authority, who are of a like mind with the local parish council, the local opinion shall be binding.”

3. Chideock Parish Council

"That this conference requests that the Department for Communities and Local Government urgently closes the loophole whereby long delays by Local Planning Authorities in taking Enforcement action on a planning violation can result in the evidence of the violation, as provided to the LPA by Parish Councils and private individuals, being used by the violator to support an application for a Certificate of Lawful Use. “

4. Chideock Parish Council

“That this conference asks NALC to urgently take up the issue of SATNAV systems directing heavy vehicles onto unsuitable roads in rural areas and consequently causing damage and traffic chaos in small communities. Routes need to be checked by Local Highway Authorities as to their suitability in both weight and width restrictions before licences are issued to SATNAV. “

5. Child Okeford Parish Council

“We request that DAPTC discuss the perception that Development Control at North Dorset appears to be allowing too many applications for development in Conservation Areas in the towns and villages to be approved. This is destroying the integrity of Conservation Areas in general.”

39. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no issues raised.

40. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

The meeting closed at **7.40 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 3 October 2011