

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 7 January 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ms S.J. Williams

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman (until 7.30pm) C.M. Ray  
Ms R.C. Kayes (until 7.50pm) D.G. Rickard  
P.J. Lathey Ms G.E. Summers

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Hill, the applicant, spoke in support of application A5/1631 - Land Adjacent 146, West Bay Road.

### **77. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllr C.O. Michell.

### **78. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 December 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr P. J. Lathey declared an interest in respect of application A4/1573 – 9, West Street, as an account holder.

### **80. 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.

### **81. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2625.

In discussion of this item, some members felt that there appeared to be increasing local concern regarding decisions of the Development Control Committee on recent contentious applications. This also followed the concerns raised by the Town Council over the South West Quadrant decision. It was asked if the Town Clerk could raise this matter at the next meeting with the West Dorset District Council Directors.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

**82. BUS PRE-9.30 AM CONCESSION SURVEY – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

It was reported that there had been a suggestion from a representative of the Western Area Transport Action Group that, in the light of the possible withdrawal of the concession, the option of a flat rate concessionary fare should be looked at for journeys before 9.30am, for people currently eligible for free travel. It was understood that this would remove any cost for the District Council.

Members felt that whilst the response set out in the minutes of the last meeting should be confirmed and the concession retained, it also felt that should the District Council be minded to remove it, then the flat rate fare option should be considered, before such a decision was taken.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response agreed at the last meeting be confirmed, with the additional comments as above.

**83. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID**

It was reported that West Dorset District Council had received a nomination for 45, South Street (the CAB building) to be listed as an asset of community value.

This nomination was made under The Localism Act 2011 and The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, which allowed local community voluntary bodies and parish councils to identify and nominate land and buildings that were important to them, such as a village shop, local pub, community centre or library.

RESOLVED: that the nomination for 45, South Street be supported.

**84. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

There were no items raised.

**85. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no items raised.

The meeting closed at **7.55 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 4 February 2013**