

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 7 February 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman C.M. Ray
J.D. Hunt D.G. Rickard
C.D. Wild

PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public addressed the Committee in objection to application A1/27 - Former Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd, St Andrews Road: John Collingwood, Mike Farmer, Amanda Lankshear and Rita Turner.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee in support of application A8/75 – Land to rear of 108-114, West Bay Road: Mrs Jennings, representing the applicant. The Town Clerk also reported three written representations regarding this application.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee with comments on agenda item 9, the licensing application for the Lyric Theatre, Barrack Street: Mike Farmer and Mrs Messina. Both speakers expressed support for the aims of the new owners, but asked if a 24 licence was necessary, bearing in mind its location.

Catherine Searle addressed the Committee in respect of agenda item 8 and the Transport Plan. She asked if the Committee would wish to meet with her and WATAG, to discuss Bridport being put forward as a community transport hub.

80. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors K.A. Day and P.J. Lathey.

81. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 January 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors G.J. Ackerman, J.D. Hunt and C.M. Ray declared personal and prejudicial interests in planning application A3/43 – 44, West Allington, as trustees of the Bridport Charities, which was the applicant. They left the room during consideration of this application.

Councillor J.D. Hunt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application A10/CA/11/00030 – 17, Folly Mill Gardens - as he lived close to the application site. He left the room during consideration of this tree application.

83. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the [attached schedule A](#) be forwarded to the District Council.
- (2) that the amended plans received and listed for information under Schedule B be noted.

84. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATION DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2319.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

85. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee held on 27 January 2011 be received and the following recommendations approved:

Min 29 (Response to Winter Weather)

RESOLVED: that

- a. it be noted that a meeting was to be held with Dorset County Council on the response to extreme winter weather.
- b. the requests received for grit bins be noted and the Town Surveyor, in consultation with Dorset County Council, review the locations and have authority to install bins in areas agreed with the County Council.

(Min 30) Ongoing Highway Matters

(o) Support for a crossing at the bottom of Sea Road South

RESOLVED: that the request from Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council for a crossing at this location be supported.

86. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATION – VARIATION OF CONDITION 1 OF 1/W/2007/0953 – CONTINUED USE OF BRIDPORT RECYCLING CENTRE –

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2340.

RESOLVED: that in response to the further amended condition and the proposal to open the site for all waste types for normal hours during the week and from 10am - 4pm for green waste only on Saturdays, the Committee wished to make the following additional comments:

The proposal to open the site at weekends for green waste only, from 10am to 4pm on a Saturday could not be supported. The Committee did not consider that this proposal could be enforced, as people would expect to be able to bring other waste if the site was open. It would put pressure on the site and increase the possibility of fly tipping, if people could not leave other waste. The weekend was the busiest time for using the site and the proposal would lead to a loss of amenity for people in Bridport and increase fly tipping.

The Committee had commented previously that it was regrettable that there was still a need for this temporary permission and for any continued disturbance to local residents. However, there remained no feasible alternative and in view of the usage of the site by people in the town, weekend opening should be retained, alongside the continued weekday opening. The Committee recommended that the site be open for all waste on both Saturday and Sunday for the reduced hours of 10am to 4pm.

87. BOURNEMOUTH, POOLE, DORSET JOINT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2339.

It was noted that the Town Council had responded to the earlier consultation on the Plan and that these comments could form the basis of a response on the draft plan, subject to further consideration and the opportunity for all members to comment.

In response to the comments in the Public Forum, members supported the suggestion that the Leader of the Council, and Chairman of the Committee should meet with WATAG and Catherine Searle, to discuss the possibility of Bridport being considered as a community transport hub.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Committee, be given delegated authority to respond to the consultation, with all members being given the opportunity to comment before the response was made by the deadline of 28 February 2011.

88. LYRIC THEATRE, BARRACK STREET

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2341.

Members considered the application for a 24 hour licence and noted:

- that the application was intended to allow the flexibility to put on performances early in the morning (for schools) and have occasional later events. They were not planning to have regular late night events and the licence was only to cover such events in keeping with a puppet and performance venue.
- there were concerns from local residents regarding potential disturbance and the need for the late licence.
- the Environmental Health Officer had suggested conditions to restrict the use of the external area and to address potential noise and light pollution. It was understood that the conditions had been accepted by the applicant.

- that should there be any disturbance caused to local residents by the licensed activities, then there could be a review of the licence.

Members emphasised that they supported the applicant's intention to retain this building for community use. However, they recognised that there were concerns from local residents and in particular that there was a need to seek some reassurance that, if this licence was granted, it was specifically for the use of the building for its current purpose and could not be transferred for uses that would be inappropriate in a residential area. It was understood that the applicants could be willing to agree to such a condition and the Committee felt that this was in line with the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance and it was agreed to ask that such a condition or agreement was looked at by the Licensing Authority.

RESOLVED: that the comments above be agreed in response to the licensing application for the Lyric Theatre.

89. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

The Committee considered the two new properties next to 1 and 2, Ropers Court.

RESOLVED: that the new properties be named 3 and 4, Ropers Court.

90. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that

1. that the West Dorset District Council review of its Development Control service had been completed and the report was available on the www.dorsetforyou web site.
2. the Food Festival had requested use of Asker Meadows on 17-18 June and this was supported by members.
3. three applications for Bridport were on the next District Council Development Control Committee meeting on 10 February and the Plans Committee Chairman would be representing the Town Council on two of the items.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 7 March 2011