

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

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

Cllrs: K.A. Day C.M. Ray
 J.D. Hunt D.G. Rickard
 P.J. Lathey

Also in attendance: Cllrs: Ms R.C. Kayes (for public forum only) and D.R. Tett.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public addressed the Committee in respect of application A2/2073 West Bay Road Car Park - Mobile Catering Van:

Dawn Newbery, the applicant and District Councillor Gillian Summers spoke in support of the application.

Rev Philip Ringer and Mrs Sylvia Stafford spoke in objection to the application.

Rev Philip Ringer also spoke and raised concerns in relation to agenda item 7 - licensing application for Rachel's, West Bay.

Councillor Ms R.C. Kayes spoke in objection to application A7/175 Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.

91. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G.J. Ackerman and C.D. Wild.

92. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 February 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

94. 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.

95. PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATION DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 2342.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

96. WEST BAY – PROPOSED HIGHWAY ENHANCEMENTS

Sally Lloyd-Jacob and Martin Peacock of West Dorset District Council and Richard Colby of Dorset County Council provided information on the West Bay Traffic Enhancements, as part of the public consultation process.

It was confirmed that the budget for the scheme was around £450,000, which would only allow some of the elements to be completed. As part of the consultation, West Dorset District Council was seeking views on what were the priorities for the local community.

The following initial comments were made by members:

- As part of the project, the signage should be looked at and rationalised.
- It was noted that the changes were intended to decrease speeds through design.
- It was asked whether it would be possible to look at extending the pavement area near the fish bar, as a lot of people did seem to congregate there.
- The need for a lay-by outside the Salt House was questioned and whether this would be better as a controlled parking space.
- It was asked if, as part of the scheme, there could be some enhancement and improvement to the West Bay Road Car Park itself.

It was noted that the public consultation would close on 28 March, but that there would still be time for the Town Council to approve its response at the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 30 March.

RESOLVED: that the proposals be noted and the Town Council's response be agreed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 30 March.

97. LICENSING APPLICATION – RACHEL'S WEST BAY

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2347.

The proposals were reported, as was a letter from the Licensing Officer to explain that the applicants had said that alcohol would only be served with food. There was also a designated drinking order in place in West Bay, which allowed the police to confiscate alcohol if people were being anti social. Members noted that the licence could be subject to review, should any of the licensing objectives not be met.

RESOLVED: that no representations be made in respect of the licensing application for Rachel's, West Bay.

98. PROPOSED PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER - PLOTTINGHAM

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2346.

The Committee welcomed the proposals to formally designate the public footpath at this location. This was something that the Town Council had proposed to the County Council.

RESOLVED: that the proposed public path creation order at Plottingham be supported.

99. SOUTH WEST QUADRANT

The Leader of the Council stated that he had been seeking to get agreement from the landowner, Mr Hayward, for a stakeholders' panel to consider the proposals for the site and to allow for further public consultation before an application was submitted. The draft proposals for the site were put on public display at the start of this year.

It was understood that these plans would now be the basis of pre application talks with West Dorset Planning, who had asked for supplementary reports and more detail. The Leader stated that following those talks, there would hopefully be further chances for the people of Bridport to comment, before a definitive outline plan was submitted. However, it was now unlikely that there would be an opportunity to form a full stakeholder panel, prior to submission of the application.

It was hoped however that there would be further opportunity at a later stage in the process, to enable wider public consultation on the application.

The update was noted.

100. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no issues raised.

101. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that

1. The Symondsby Land Trust would be presenting their proposals to members for a new affordable housing scheme in Bridport at the Salt House at 2.00pm on 17 March 2011. This would be at the conclusion of the training session that day, on community land trusts. All members were invited to attend.
2. Dorset County Council had published a draft report on Bridport, as part of its study of Dorset Historic Towns. Any member was welcome to see the report, as the Town Council was being invited to make any comments.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 4 April 2011