

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 30 January 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

 Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Julian Jones
 Jeremy Brodie Dave Rickard
 Terry Harrison

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

98. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Sarah Horniman and Barry Irvine.

99. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 January 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the attached [schedule A](#) be forwarded to the District Council.

102. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3171.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

103. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 19 January 2017 were received. The Working Group was to meet again on 7 February 2017.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting held on 19 January 2017 be received.

104. VEARSE FARM MASTERPLAN UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that he was waiting to hear when the next MasterPlan Working Group would be held.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

105. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported on the meeting of the Joint Committee held earlier that day and the meeting with West Dorset District Council later that day. The meeting with the District Council was intended to clarify issues relating to strategic priorities and objectives in the Local Plan and how this affected the proposals coming forward in the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

106. THE CHANTRY – CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

Councillors considered a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3172.

Members felt strongly that the change of use to a private dwelling needed planning permission, bearing in mind the Chantry's history of public use and access. The evidence for this included:

- Inclusion of property in Dorset Architectural Heritage Week - historic buildings open for public visits – 1998 to 2007 and 2010 to 2016.
- 1989 – proposal for the Chantry to open to the public as a museum.
- Bridport Heritage Walks include visits to view the Chantry.

It was commented that the building had always been available for public use, through lettings arranged through the Vivat Trust. The Chantry had not been a private dwelling for some considerable time.

RESOLVED: that, in view of the evidence as summarised above, the Committee considered that planning permission would and should be required for the Chantry to be used as a private dwelling and the Town Clerk notify West Dorset District Council.

107. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

A note of issues discussed at the A35 Working Group would be circulated.

There were no further issues reported.

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

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 27 February 2017