

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

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Anne Rickard
Terry Harrison Dave Rickard
Julian Jones

PUBLIC FORUM

The following people spoke in the Public Forum:

Mr Chris Fearn on behalf of the applicant for A2/2019 And A3/ 2020L Allington Court, St Swithins Road.

Debbie Peach, Heather Dicker and Matthew Moore all spoke raising concerns on the consultation on the town centre in respect of the trial closure of South Street. In response to comments made, it was reported that the consultation evaluation report should be available on the Town Council's web site on 3 November and the intention was for the Town Council to then consider the findings at its meeting on 21 November.

50. APOLOGIES

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

51. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 September 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sarah Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in A16/2108L Former West Bay Methodist Chapel, West Bay Road as the Town Council's representative on the Bridport Area Development Trust, the applicant. She would leave the room for this application.

Cllr Anne Rickard declared a non-pecuniary interest in A10/1738 11, Downes Street as she knew the applicant. She left the room during the consideration of the application.

53. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

54. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3245.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

55. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 12 October 2017 were received and the recommendations therein approved, as below: -

(Min8) Ongoing Traffic Management Issues

RESOLVED:

- that potential road markings and lining at the bus station could be raised with Dorset County Council.
- that parking in St Swithins Road be referred to Dorset County Council to see what the options were for enforcement.
- that parking obstructing a pedestrian pathway in Skilling be referred to Dorset County Council, to see what options were for enforcement and to keep the pathway clear.

It was also noted that there were two amendments to the notes:

The bus service covering the hospital should be shown as route no. 6 and the reference to the possible 30mph zone round town should refer to 20mph.

56. SOUTH STREET CONSULTATION - UPDATE

The Town Clerk had provided an update under the Open Session of this agenda.

57. DCLG CONSULTATION – PLANNING FOR THE RIGHT HOMES IN THE RIGHT PLACES

Councillors considered a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3246.

The deadline for a response was 9 November 2017 and it was:

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to respond to the consultation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and subject to any comments that members may wish to add.

58. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reminded members of the joint meeting of all councils on 31 October.

RESOLVED: that the update was noted.

59. A35 WORKING GROUP

The Chair reported on the issues discussed at the last meeting of the Working Group, held on 20 October 2017, including: Miles Cross Roundabout, Information Signage in the event of a diversion, speeds, general road signage and accidents. The next meeting was to be on 12 January 2018.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

60. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES:

The following issue was reported:

The Town Council had been contacted by the St Michael's Trading Estate owners to ask if the Council would be willing to be part of a working group to discuss the next stages of the development of the Estate, following the recent outline planning permission.

Members generally felt that this would be a good idea, with a group including community representation, as well as the Town Council and constituted similar to the Vearse Farm Master Plan Group. The membership and remit of the group to be agreed with the applicants.

The meeting closed at **8.50p.m.**

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