

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 9 April 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Sarah Horniman
Terry Harrison Julian Jones

PUBLIC FORUM

The following people spoke in the Public Forum:

A1/316 - 165, Victoria Grove - Erect 1No dwelling house: Brian Wilson, Alicen Dines and Richard Nicholls all spoke in objection to the application

A2/283 - Christian Science Society - Demolish existing Church building and erection of three dwellings: Sam Wilberforce spoke in support, as one of the applicants.

96. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Barry Irvine, Anne Rickard and Dave Rickard.

97. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 February 2018 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:

In the Public Forum, Debbie Bond from Bridport Business spoke and raised the issue of business representation on the town centre working group.

Under Declarations of Interest (min. 89), it should read that Cllr Sarah Williams declared an interest in planning application A4/86L - 51, East Street as a Trustee of the Bridport Area Development Trust, not of the Literary & Scientific Institute.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Sarah Horniman and Julian Jones declared interests in planning application A5/2874, Bridport Tennis Club, as members or recent members of the Tennis Club. They left the room during consideration of the application.

99. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

100. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3302.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

101. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2018 were received and the following recommendations approved:

(min. 4) WATAG Public Transport Issues

RESOLVED: that First Bus be contacted regarding the frequency of services in town, over the summer holiday season.

(min. 9) New Traffic Management Issues Raised with the Town Council

a. Safety at East Street Car Park

RESOLVED: that the District Council be asked to look at the signage on exit from the Car Park.

b. Pedestrian Refuges at Sea Road North / St Andrews Road

RESOLVED: that this be raised again with Dorset County Council.

102. NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK RESPONSE

As agreed at the Council meeting, the Town Clerk had been given delegated authority to make a response, subject to any comments from the Planning Committee.

There were no additional comments.

RESOLVED: that it be noted that the Town Clerk will draft a response.

103. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan project and it was: -

RESOLVED: that the update was noted.

104. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

West Bay Hub Consultation – this was noted and would be discussed with the Coastal Community Team.

Bus Station Shelters - the proposed removal of the damaged bus shelter was reported. The Committee felt strongly that the shelter was needed and should be retained. It was well used. The “new” shelter was considered to be too small, with a narrow seat, whereas the damaged shelter had a wide seat, which was better for many elderly passengers, or those with restricted movement. WATAG had also expressed their concern at the proposal to remove the shelter, for the same reasons.

RESOLVED: that West Dorset District Council be notified that the Town Council wanted the damaged shelter to be retained and repaired.

Planning Workshop – Councillor Sarah Horniman reported back on the recent District Council training session that she and Councillor Terry Harrison had attended.

Illuminated Signage – the Chairman reported on two cases that had been referred to the District Council, to check whether they needed permission.

The meeting closed at **7.50pm**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 14 May 2018