

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 30 July 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

 Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Anne Rickard
 Terry Harrison Dave Rickard
 Sarah Horniman

ALSO PRESENT Four members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

A1/1227L – 9G, West Bay Road – Repairs to first floor and roof structure, and A2/1042L – The Customs House Yard, 9G West Bay Road, West Bay – Internal alterations to include installation of staircase from first to second floor: Mrs S Stafford spoke in objection to these applications. She noted the concerns of the Conservation Officer, Historic England, and the previous concerns of Bridport Town Council, the absence of a masterplan for the overall development, and the lack of consultation with the County Council’s Archaeological Officer.

A4/1399 - Land adjoining Watton Park, Watton Park (amended description), reserved matters application in respect of matters of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for the construction of 33 no. residential dwellings and associated garages, infrastructure and landscaping all in association with outline permission: Mr T Biddle spoke in support of the application on behalf of the applicant, Baker Estates Ltd. He tabled revised plans that he said addressed the previous concerns of the Town and District Councils, including changes in layout and building heights. He asked for the Town Council’s support.

20. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Barry Irvine and Julian Jones.

21. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 June 2018 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Following consideration of application WD/D/18/1399, the Chairman asked Mr G Hutton, in attendance on behalf of the applicant, applicant whether the applicant's appeal in respect of refused application WD/D/17/001566 would now be withdrawn. Mr Hutton advised that he was unable to say at this time.

The four members of the public present all left the meeting following consideration of planning applications.

24. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3335.

The Town Clerk also reported verbally that an appeal had been submitted in respect of planning application WD/D/17/001566 – Land adjoining Watton Park, Watton Park, Bridport.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions and appeals be noted.

25. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported that a process needed to be agreed for the Town Council to comment on the Regulation 14 consultation, by the deadline of 7 September 2018. Members considered a working group followed by formal consideration at committee.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that a working group be held on 28 or 29 August 2018 to consider a draft response to the Regulation 14 consultation to which all town councillors should be invited; and
- (b) that a formal response to the Regulation 14 consultation be agreed at the Planning Committee meeting on 3 September 2018.

26. BURTON ROAD CYCLEWAY PRIMARY CONSULTATION FOR TOUCAN CROSSING AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (FOR SPEED LIMIT ON BURTON ROAD).

Councillors considered a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3336.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council agrees to the advertising of the proposals, subject to the published plans including cycle way widths.

27. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on the following issues:

Boundary Commission review of ward boundaries and the number of councillors in respect of the new unitary Dorset Council. A working group would be held on 16, 17, 20 or 21 August 2018 to consider a response. The final response was due by 27 August and in the absence of any scheduled Council meetings before that date, the response would be agreed under delegation.

Sports pitches at Vearse Farm – the Town Council had been approached by the District Council, who had asked whether the Town Council would consider taking on the management and maintenance of two sports pitches. A holding response had been sent and the matter would be considered further in due course.

Restricted Byway, Donkey Lane – Dorset County Council had amended the Definitive Map and Statement to incorporate a restricted byway.

The Chairman reported on Barrack Street public realm proposals – the County Council had forwarded details of a potential scheme, which would be considered by the Highways and Transportation Working Group.

The meeting closed at **8:06pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 3 September 2018