

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Monday 24 September 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Barry Irvine
Terry Harrison Sarah Horniman
Julian Jones Anne Rickard
Dave Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended to speak at the Public Forum

36. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

37. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 September 2018 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Members considered the inclusion of complete speeches by members of the public as appendices to the minutes. The Town Clerk agreed that if this were to happen in future, printed versions of the minutes would not include the appendices.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No personal interests or disclosable pecuniary interests were declared by members present.

39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It had been anticipated that Standing Order 27 would be suspended to allow public participation in the next agenda item only. However, as the presentation had been postponed there was no proposal to suspend Standing Order 27.

40. WATTON VILLAGE SMART COMMUNITY

The Town Clerk reported that after the publication of the agenda, the team working on proposals for a development at Watton Hill had contacted the Town Council to postpone their presentation, as the developers want more time to update their ideas. It was anticipated that they will attend a planning meeting in either October or November.

41. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

42. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3344.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

43. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED: that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th October at 2.30pm.

Members discussed possible agenda items for the meeting, including the Community Bus Service, Parking Issues at West Bay, Town Centre Speed Limits, and Dropped Kerbs.

44. WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND LOCAL PLAN

The Town Clerk reported that the Local Plan Working Group had met twice and had drafted responses to the majority of questions incorporated into the Local Plan consultation, but that some questions remained unanswered.

Members considered the appropriate procedure for completion of the Council's response, which was due by 8 October 2018, prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: that a further meeting of the Local Plan Working Group be scheduled for 28 September 2018 at 2.30pm, and that the Council's response be delegated to the Council Leader and Clerk following that meeting.

Cllr Jones asked whether the Council's vision for the Bus Station site reported in the media had been discussed formally by the Council. The Clerk advised that it had been recommended at the last Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, and the recommendation had been approved at the last Full Council meeting.

45. DORSET AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB)

The Town Clerk tabled a draft responses to the Dorset AONB Management Plan consultation, and advised that the deadline for responses was 3 October 2018. Members felt that more time was needed to consider the draft response, and proposed that it be tabled as part of the forthcoming Local Plan Working Group meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Council's response to the AONB Management Plan consultation be considered at the next Local Plan Working Group meeting, and that the final response be delegated to the Council Leader and Clerk following that meeting.

46. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on a planning appeal against the refusal of planning application WD/D/15/000521, a development at land adjoining Watton Park. The inspector would hear the appeal on 16 October 2018 at 10.00am at South Walks House, Dorchester.

The Town Clerk further reported that he had received notification that planning application WD/D/18/000064 had been withdrawn.

The meeting closed at **7.41pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 29 October 2018