

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in Mountfield, Rax Lane, Bridport on Monday 26 November 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the chair)
Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Barry Irvine
Terry Harrison Dave Rickard
Sarah Horniman

ALSO PRESENT Will Austin (Town Clerk) and one representative of the media.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public contributions for the Public Forum:

58. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Julian Jones and Anne Rickard.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sarah Horniman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application WD/D/18/002368 as an employee of Dorset County Council as the education authority.

60. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 October 2018 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

62. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3384.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

63. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk reported that the Joint Committee had agreed a delay in the submission of the draft Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan to the District Council and the independent examiner, so that the Plan could be assessed against the most up-to-date National Planning Policy Framework. This meant that the document would not be submitted before 25 January 2019.

He further reported that the Joint Committee was scheduled to meet on 29 November and 6 December 2018 to consider proposed revisions and additions to the draft Plan following the public consultation.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

64. DORSET NATIONAL PARK

Consideration was given to the draft prospectus published by the Dorset & East Devon National Park Team, ENCL: 3384.

RESOLVED: that a meeting of the Open Spaces Working Group be convened on a Thursday or Friday in the New Year 2019 to consider the Dorset National Park prospectus, and that the Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer be invited.

65. HERITAGE/GREEN SPACES INTERPRETATION PROJECTS

Consideration was given the draft scoping study, ENCL: 3385.

The Town Clerk reported that initial scoping work had been carried out on a strategic interpretation scheme for town centre heritage assets and green spaces. Work will begin with research activity as soon as possible. The aim was to have a draft vision in place early January 2019 which could be used to develop discussions with potential delivery partners and funders. Members' input would be required for the development of the vision.

RESOLVED: that a meeting of the Open Spaces Working Group be convened on a Thursday or Friday afternoon in the New Year 2019 to consider a strategic interpretation scheme for town centre heritage assets and green spaces, and that the Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer be invited.

66. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk reported that three councillor delegates were required for the proposed Town Centre Working Group and the Chairman invited nominations.

RESOLVED: that Cllrs Sarah Williams and Barry Irvine be agreed as delegates to the Town Centre Working Group, that a third volunteer be sought via the Members' Bulletin, and that any nominations in excess of the three required be accepted as reserve nominees.

67. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported that the Government had initiated a review of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty led by Julian Glover, and had issued a call for evidence by 18 December 2018. This was prior to the next committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would invite comments via the Members' Bulletin, and that the Chairman and Clerk submit a response to the Glover Review from the Town Council under delegation.

The Town Clerk further reported that a brief study of challenges and opportunities for the River Brit corridor had been prepared, a copy of which was circulated. With input from key stakeholders this could help co-ordinate projects to enhance the environment, leisure activities, heritage assets, local character, access and circulation along the corridor. Work on the study was ongoing and members would be invited to consider it formally once evidence had been gathered and consultation had taken place.

Members highlighted the need for Dorset Wildlife Trust to be included in the list of stakeholders.

RESOLVED: That the communications reported by the Town Clerk be noted.

The meeting closed at **8.10pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 7 January 2019