

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 7 January 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

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

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

68. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosable pecuniary or other interests were declared.

70. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 November 2018 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

72. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by this Committee, ENCL: 3387.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

73. ASKER MEADOWS

The Town Clerk reported on a request to hold a fireworks event at Asker Meadows.

Members considered concerns in respect of highway safety, environmental impacts, the proximity to residential properties, and the availability of parking.

RESOLVED: that the request to hold a firework display on Asker Meadow be declined pending information that would satisfy the Council's concerns, and that the reply from the Town Council be delegated to the Chairman and Clerk.

74. INFORMAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINT – WEST BAY

The Town Clerk reported that concerns had been expressed by West Bay Community Forum and others regarding the lack of maintenance of the informal pedestrian crossing point outside St John's Church at West Bay, and the Forum had asked whether a previous request to create a formal crossing could be resubmitted. DCC had advised that such a request would need the support of the Town Council.

Members considered the safety issues arising from the current situation, and highlighted the dangers to Harbour House residents and children in particular.

RESOLVED: that a request be submitted to Dorset County Council to create a formal pedestrian crossing to replace the current informal crossing.

75. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported that a revised draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was being produced, taking account of the Regulation 14 consultation responses, including one from WDDC, and technical advice from AECOM. Changes to date included the creation of a new Heritage section to separate this from landscape policies, and the inclusion of Pymore as a specific settlement. The town centre had been redesignated as the Centre of Bridport to distinguish it from the town centre as defined by the Local Plan.

Work was now needed to provide more supporting evidence for Centre of Bridport and Housing policies, as AECOM advised this was needed if the policies were to meet the requirements of the independent examiner. Without such evidence the Joint Committee would need to decide whether or not to proceed to examination with the policies as currently drafted. The NP Steering Group would be working with AECOM and WDDC to establish the supporting evidence.

The aim was to submit the draft NP to WDDC and for subsequent examination in February, and for the document to be the subject of a referendum in May. This latter date was subject to the examination stage being within the required timescale, and WDDC had advised the date could not be guaranteed.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

76. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018 were received and the recommendations therein approved, as below: -

(Min 5) Working Group Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: that the terms of reference for the Town Centre Working Group should focus on:

- Vehicular, cycle and pedestrian traffic circulation, including a possible 20mph speed limit
- Air Pollution
- Litter and Waste
- Accessibility Issues

- Public realm provision
- Civil responsibility
- Delivery of appropriate Neighbourhood Plan projects

(Min 6) Working Group Membership

RESOLVED: that the following changes be made to the previously agreed membership:

- Addition of a member representing dementia-friendly groups
- Addition of members to represent the walking and cycling communities
- An invitation to the Pub Watch representative only as and when the agenda requires this

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting of the Town Centre Working Group held on 11 December 2018 be noted.

77. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on the Town Council's response to the Glover Landscapes Review, which had been drafted by the Clerk and Project Manager in consultation with the Chairman, and submitted to DEFRA. A copy was available for members on request.

The Town Clerk further reported that two planning applications = WD/D/18/001042 and WD/D/18/002364 would be considered by the WDDC Planning Committee on 17 January, and the Town Council had been invited to attend should it wish to do so.

Cllr Dave Rickard reported that he had been asked for a view on whether planning application WD/D/18/001042 should be determined by the WDDC Planning Committee, or under officer delegation. The Planning Officer had recommended approval, despite concerns expressed by the Town Council, the Conservation Officer and others regarding the piecemeal approach to development at the property. Cllr Rickard asked town councillors for a view on this, and the clear view of the committee was that the Town Council's objection remained and that the application should be called in for Planning Committee consideration.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

78. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED: "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw"

79. PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3388.

RESOLVED: that the proposal is well received, but that the project proposal needs further work and the support of the principal local authority. Further information is

required and the proposer should be invited to a future meeting to which all town councillors should also be invited.

The meeting closed at **8.28pm**

The next meeting of the Plans Committee will be held on 28 January 2019