

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 28 January 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

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

Also Present: Will Austin (Town Clerk) and one member of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr J West, Chair of the West Bay Community Forum and associated with the West Bay Discovery Centre, spoke in respect of planning application WD/D/18/002112, West Bay Coastal Improvements Scheme. Mr West advised that he had received a letter notifying an amendment to the works timescale, such that these works would now take place between April and June 2019, possibly extending into July. This change had caused some concern locally, and there was disappointment that it had been made so late in the day. Although the scheme was recognised as important and the changed timetable would mean no works during the summer, April to June were important months for local businesses. Mr West urged ongoing consultation with West Bay, along with good communications and signage, so that the area could operate as normally as possible.

The Chairman thanked Mr West for his contribution.

80. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosable pecuniary or personal interests were declared.

82. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 January 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Jones asked whether there was any information regarding a request to hold a firework display on Asker Meadows. The Town Clerk advised that no further communication had been received.

83. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

84. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3400. Concern was expressed regarding the approval granted for planning application WD/D/18/001042L, internal alterations at The Customs House Yard, 9G West Bay Road, West Bay. It was felt that concerns with the piecemeal nature of development at the premises had not been addressed.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk write to the Planning Authority advising that the Town Council regrets the decision in respect of planning application WD/D/18/1042L, and looks forward to holistic plans for any future development.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

85. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 17 January 2019 were received.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting held on 18 January 2018 be received and the following recommendations approved:

(Min 8a) East Street Car Park

RESOLVED: that WDDC be asked to erect a warning sign for motorists exiting the car park.

(Min 8b) Diment Gardens – Parking

RESOLVED: that DCC be asked for their views and options.

(Min 8c) Miles Cross Junction

RESOLVED: that the submission be referred to the A35 Working Group.

(Min 8d) Court Orchard Road – Parking

RESOLVED: that DCC be asked for their views and options.

86. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 were received.

(Min 5) Town Hall Traffic Signals

The Town Clerk was asked to obtain clarification regarding a suggested change to the filtering arrangements at the junction, and to check whether any existing data was available in respect of traffic volume.

(Min 6) Neighbourhood Plan Projects

RESOLVED: that the Town Centre Working Group offer to lead on the Public Realm, Town Centre Health Checks and Access & Movement projects contained in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Dave Rickard said that he would like to see 'Rights Respecting' signs considered by the Working Group.

87. ST MICHAEL'S WORKING GROUP

The Chairman advised that Clive Hayward had recently sadly passed away. There followed a minute's silence.

The Town Clerk summarised the meeting held on 16 January 2019, which had considered:

- Delays in the processing of an insurance claim following the fire at St Michael's. The Town Council had offered to write to Haywards expressing concern.
- Development of a River Brit Corridor management plan by the Town Council, part of its contribution to the development.
- The Section 106 agreement in respect of the outline planning permission, which was reported as being about six weeks from being finalised.
- An application for a £0.75m loan submitted to the LEP.
- A project plan that had been drafted for the development.
- Links with the Bus Station redevelopment.
- The possible reinstatement of a mural on Gundry Lane.
- Initial discussions about the former Cattle Market area and its possible use as event area.

The next meeting was due to be held in early March.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

88. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported the following:

- A letter received regarding planning application WD/D/18/2332, ENCL: 3401. The Town Clerk advised that the Committee had already commented on the application offering no objection provided delivery and parking restrictions are in place. The correspondent wanted this comment to be reconsidered. The application was out of time for formal consultation.

RESOLVED: that the correspondent be recommended to approach the Planning Authority direct.

- An additional Planning Committee meeting had been scheduled for 25th March 2019 at 7pm, Mountfield.

Cllr S Horniman submitted her apologies for the next meeting of the Committee on 25 February 2019.

Cllr D Rickard reported that the new Dorset Council would determine planning applications in April and May 2019 only if necessary, pending election and training of new councillors.

The meeting closed at **8.11pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 25 February 2019