MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 25 February 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Williams (in the Chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Anne Rickard Terry Harrison Dave Rickard

One member of the public and a representative of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the public forum.

89. APOLOGIES

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

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosable pecuniary or personal interests were declared by councillors.

91. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 January 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

92. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that planning application WD/D/19/000272 be considered before the remaining tabled applications.

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

93. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3402.

Members noted their disappointment that application WD/D/17/002874 had been refused due to Environment Agency concerns. It was hoped that a new application would be forthcoming. The Town Clerk advised that he would write to the Tennis Club accordingly.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

94. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported on the latest position. A revised draft Neighbourhood Plan was nearing completion, incorporating the outcomes of the Regulation 14 consultation and advice from AECOM. Additional evidence was needed to support certain policies, particularly in the area of housing, and this was being pursued. The Joint Councils Committee would meet next on 11 March 2019, and it was expected that the remaining text for a final draft would be received for approval at that meeting.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

95. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on the following items:

- A request for financial support for a Community Speedwatch group for East Road. This would be referred to Highways & Transportation Working Group and Best Value & Scrutiny Sub-Committee.
- A request for support for residents' parking and other restrictions at Coneygar Close. This would be referred to Highways & Transportation Working Group.

Cllr Williams reported that she had received a representation from the group developing proposals for housing at Watton Hill, and this would be referred to the Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.

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