

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 29 July 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Anne Rickard (in the chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Barry Irvine
Dave Bolwell Julian Jones
Sarah Carney Sarah Williams
Kelvin Clayton

PUBLIC FORUM

John Broomfield of McCarthy and Stone and Jeremy Osborne of Inspire Design spoke in the Public Forum, regarding proposals for the former Mountjoy School site. They explained that the number of units had been reduced to 38 and the materials had changed to reflect the listed building context. The height of the development reflected the surrounding buildings.

Members asked about the arrangements for affordable accommodation within the development but were advised that these were not within the remit of either of the attendees.

Members also asked about the possibility of installing solar panels on the roofs. Jeremy Osborne said this may be possible on the roof valleys.

The Chairman thanked Messrs Broomfield and Osborne for their input.

23. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Sarah Williams and Kelvin Clayton declared interests in planning application WD/D/18/002368 as members of Dorset Council as landowner and planning authority.

25. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 June 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. JONES LANG LASALLE, REPRESENTING PREMIER INN

The Town Clerk reported that John Kinsey of Jones Lang LaSalle had advised earlier in the day that he was unable to attend, and had requested a rearranged meeting in closed session as some matters were considered market sensitive.

Members considered the request, and the need for transparency in the Council's work. It was

RESOLVED: that the request for a meeting with Jones Lang LaSalle in closed session be declined.

27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RESOLVED: that the policy on sitting out licences including time restrictions be reported to the Committee.

28. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3440.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

Cllr Sarah Williams reported that, in relation to planning permission granted for the Highways Depot on South Mill Lane, planning application reference WD/D/19/000999, Dorset Council had agreed that the office building would be removed when no longer needed, and hedgerows would be planted to obscure it.

29. DORSET COUNCIL – DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Town Clerk reported on the draft response to Dorset Council's consultation on a draft Statement of Community Involvement. The draft response had been circulated to members and comments incorporated. The revised draft had been circulated and was presented to councillors at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the draft response to Dorset Council's consultation on a draft Statement of Community Involvement be submitted as tabled.

30. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on a request to carry out metal detecting at Asker Meadows. Although a decision could be made under delegation he felt that informal views of members should be sought. Members were concerned about the possibility of this being copied by others without authorisation. The Town Clerk agreed to consult with the Town Surveyor and the Council's insurers before responding.

The Town Clerk further reported on a request from a member of the public for Town Council to support the inclusion of provision of swift nesting boxes in all new buildings and renovations, as a condition of planning approval. Members expressed support for the idea, which would be fed into the Local Plan process.

Cllr Carney reported that she had encountered significant problems accessing planning application documents online for this meeting. The Clerk agreed to re-send concerns previously expressed to Dorset Council.

The meeting closed at **8.31pm**.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 29 August 2019