

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 27 January 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT            Cllr    Anne Rickard (in the Chair)

                          Cllrs:  Geoffrey Ackerman            Barry Irvine  
    Dave Bolwell                            Dave Rickard  
    Sarah Carney                            Kelvin Clayton

Also Present:            One representative of the press.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

### **76. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Julian Jones and Sarah Williams.

### **77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Anne Rickard advised that she was distantly acquainted with the applicant for planning application WD/D/19/002540.

### **78. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 January 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **79. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

### **80. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3485.

The Clerk advised that he had approached Dorset Council to provide a more detailed explanation where decisions did not match with the comments of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

### **81. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP**

The notes of the meeting held on 16 January 2020 were received.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting held on 16 January 2020 be received and the following recommendations approved:

**(Min 4) WATAG Public Transport Issues**

RESOLVED: that a response be drafted by the Town Clerk.

**(Min 5a) Request for double yellow line in St Andrews Road**

RESOLVED: that item be deferred pending receipt of further information from Dorset Highways.

**(Min 5b) Request for double yellow lines in St Swithins Road**

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred pending receipt of further information from Dorset Highways.

**(Min 5c) Dangerous parking at the entrance to The Bridge House Hotel**

RESOLVED: that enforcement be sought from Dorset Council and the Police, and that consideration be given to additional road markings or the placement of a bus stop to prevent vehicle parking at this location.

**(Min 5d) Damaged pavement outside Beach and Barnicott**

RESOLVED: that this matter be referred to Dorset Highways for consideration.

**(Min 5e) Dropped kerb request in Jessop Avenue**

RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to Bradpole Parish Council.

**(Min 5f) Request for 20mph speed limit on West Allington**

RESOLVED: that the request be referred to the Town Centre Working Group for inclusion in its work on town centre traffic.

**82. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Clerk reported that the two most recent Neighbourhood Plan JCC meetings had been inquorate, and that as a consequence there were no minutes tabled. However, matters agreed under delegation with the Chairman had focused on preparing for the referendum which had been confirmed for 27 February 2020. The JCC's role was to promote voting and a poster and leaflet had been produced. The leaflet would be delivered to every registered electoral address in the Neighbourhood Plan area during week beginning 10 February.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

**83. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP**

The Town Clerk reminded members that Committee had asked Full Council to consider membership of the working group in light of poor attendance of late. Full

Council had subsequently resolved that the working group should focus on the important strategic aspects of the town centre including the recent Health Check, that its existing members be contacted to encourage attendance and ascertain reasons for non-attendance, and that the next meeting should look at other groups that could be engaged including an environmental group such as TTB.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

#### **84. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES**

The Town Clerk reported the following:

- Fisherman's Arms – the recent demolition appeared not to require planning permission and was in accordance with the timetable provided by Dorset Council. Concern had been expressed however that the demolition seemed not to have considered re-use of any of the materials, in particular the roof tiles. The Clerk had written to Dorset Council requesting an explanation.
- Indoor Skate Park – the Town Surveyor had been working with the group that recently announced a venture to create an indoor skate park at Gore Cross. He had advised that a range of plans were needed to support a change of use, but in line with the views expressed by members at Full Council he was supporting their efforts and would report back at next Finance & General Purposes Committee.
- The Chairman, Leader and Town Clerk had attended a Town and Larger Parish Council-specific 'Peer Review' of Dorset Council's planning function. There had been some positive comments about support for Neighbourhood Plans and training, but the meeting had been dominated by constructive criticism in a number of areas including communications, not listening to town/parish comments, and the planning portal. Town Council representatives had left a lengthy list of concerns with the review team, whose report would be considered by Dorset Council in due course.

Cllr Sarah Carney reported that a Judicial Review hearing relating to the proposed Vearse Farm development would take place on 28 January.

The meeting closed at **8.13pm**.

**The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 24 February 2020**