

MINUTES of a VIRTUAL meeting (GoToMeeting ID: 349-073-829) of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on Monday 22 June 2020 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Anne Rickard
Sarah Carney Dave Rickard
Kelvin Clayton Sarah Williams
Julian Jones (from 6.20pm, agenda item 4, application A7)

Also Present: Will Austin (Town Clerk) and two members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers at the Public Forum.

11. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sarah Carney declared an interest in agenda item 8 (correspondence in respect of the Vearse Farm development) as a representative of ADVEARSE.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman at the first available opportunity.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Cllr Sarah Williams declared an interest in planning application WD/D/20/001326 as a member of Dorset Council, the applicant. She did not vote on this application.

Cllr Julian Jones joined the meeting during this item, at the start of consideration of planning application WD/D/20/001320.

15. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3521.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

16. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 18 June 2020 were received and summarised by the Town Clerk.

The following recommendations therein were approved:

(Min 8) Other Highway Matters

a. Signage at James Walk, Bridport

RESOLVED: that Dorset Council be asked to install 'Cyclists Dismount' signs at James Walk, Bridport in the short term, and further work be done to establish the feasibility of widening the path.

RESOLVED: that a joint press statement be issued by the Town Mayor and Leader in respect of safe cycling.

The Town Clerk agreed to follow up concerns regarding speeding and noise on Sea Road South, West Bay Road, and the A35 heading west from the Crown roundabout.

17. SUSPENSION OF MEETING

At 6.57pm it was

RESOLVED: that the meeting be suspended until 7.00pm to enable the Chairman to connect a charger to his laptop computer.

The meeting resumed at 7.00pm.

18. JURASSIC FIELDS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2021

The Town Clerk reported that the organisers of the festival had responded to issues raised by members at the previous meeting, in respect of their request to extend the festival to include a Sunday in 2021 at Asker Meadows. Members had expressed concern regarding the potential impact of noise, particularly on nearby residential properties. The organisers advised in their reply that:

- The proposal to run the festival on a Sunday aimed to raise additional funding to secure the event for future years.
- The festival was due to relocate in 2022 to Broomhills, so the proposal would apply only for 2021 at Asker Meadows.
- Sound monitoring figures were submitted to Environmental Health each year for review.
- The proposed finish time for the Sunday had been brought forward to 10pm.
- Performances would be on one stage only.
- They were happy to consider free tickets for nearby residents provided this did not impact on revenues.
- The proposal had not been raised as a concern by the Safety Advisory Group.

Members discussed the mitigation that had been proposed for the Sunday of the festival, and

RESOLVED: that the request from Jurassic Fields, to use Asker Meadows on the Sunday of the festival in 2021 be granted, subject to:

- (i) the organisers writing to local residents explaining the reasons for the extension to the event, including that it is for one year only;
- (ii) the organisers considering quieter performances after 7pm on the Sunday.

19. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

Consideration was given to ENCL, 3522

The Town Clerk reported on replies from Dorset Council to members queries regarding (i) the Housing Land Supply and the impact of extensions, annexes, etc., (ii) policy on solar panels, double glazing etc. on listed buildings, and (iii) Town Council comments on planning applications.

RESOLVED: that the responses from Dorset Council be noted.

The Town Clerk further reported on a copy of a letter sent by a representative of ADVEARSE to Dorset Council regarding the Vearse Farm development. The letter had been copied to the Town Council and asked questions about the detailed planning stage, possible variations from the original planning application, and the impact of the development on the Bridport area.

Cllr Sarah Carney advised that the letter had been acknowledged, and that no formal response had been received. She had been advised separately that the Town Council should consider taking a strong lead from this point onwards, and that the emphasis should be on mitigating any adverse effects of the development.

Members considered the Section 106 Agreement for the development and how best to proceed in protecting and representing community interests, and

RESOLVED: that

- (i) Cllrs Dave Bolwell, Dave Rickard and Sarah Carney be delegated to bring forward the reestablishment of a Vearse Farm Working Group;
- (ii) the Town Council should write to Hallam Land requesting details of their role and how the development would be coordinated once the land had been sold; and
- (iii) the Town Clerk should circulate a link to the S106 Agreement.

The meeting closed at **7.40pm**.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 27 July 2020