

MINUTES of a VIRTUAL meeting (GoToMeeting ID: 809-180-717) of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on Monday 27 April 2020 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Anne Rickard

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs Ian Bark (to item 1) and Gill Massey.
Town Council officers Will Austin (Town Clerk), Paul Fuszard (Finance & Office Manager) and Steven Yarde (Clerical Assistant).

PUBLIC FORUM

No submissions were received for the Public Forum.

92. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Geoff Ackerman.

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sarah Williams advised that she was a near neighbour of the applicant for planning applications WD/D/20/000419 and WD/D/20/000420. Neither the nature of the relationship with the applicant nor the impact of the development would be cause to withdraw from consideration of the applications.

Cllrs Anne Rickard and Dave Rickard declared interests in planning applications WD/D/20/000598 and WD/D/20/000598 as acquaintances of the applicant. The nature of the relationship would be cause to withdraw from consideration of the applications.

94. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 February 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

95. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

During consideration of planning applications WD/D/20/000419 and WD/D/20/000420, members expressed disappointment that the Enforcement and Conservation Officers' interpretation of local planning policy routinely required the removal of solar panels

from listed buildings and no option for timber framed heritage double glazing on a listed building. This was at odds with the declaration of a climate emergency.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to the planning authority expressing members' concerns regarding the blanket prohibition of solar panels and heritage double glazing on listed buildings.

During consideration of planning application WD/D/20/000798, members queried:

- Whether extensions that increased the capacity of a residence could be included in the planning authority's figures for delivered housing; and
- When such extensions triggered a property revaluation.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should investigate these matters and report back to members.

96. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3502.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

97. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- The Council's Coronavirus Helpline had received over 600 calls since its launch on 1 April 2020, and a supporting leaflet had been distributed by Royal Mail.
- The Annual Town Council Meeting would proceed as a virtual meeting on 14 May 2020.
- Scaffolding would be erected around the Town Hall on 11 May 2020 to enable exterior redecoration.

Cllr Sarah Williams reported that Dorset Council's Cabinet Meeting on 5 May 2020 would consider the making of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman advised that as this was the first meeting since the referendum vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, she wanted to place on record her thanks to the Joint Councils Committee, the Steering Group, Council officers and the voting public for their support. Members echoed her thanks.

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 1 June 2020