

MINUTES of a VIRTUAL meeting (GoToMeeting ID: 480-682-413) of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on Monday 4 January 2021 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

ALSO PRESENT Paul Hoffmann (C G Fry and Son) and one representative of the press.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

#### **67. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Barry Irvine.

#### **68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Sarah Williams declared an interest in planning application WD/D/20/001421 as a near neighbour. She addressed the committee in objection during minute 70 below, and then left the meeting for the duration of discussion and voting.

#### **69. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 November 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record, and that the Chairman should sign the minutes at the earliest available opportunity.

#### **70. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

In respect of planning application WD/D/20/002771, members further

RESOLVED: that the Town Council should write to Hastoe Housing Association requesting that energy conservation and the climate emergency be considered when providing specifications for housing construction.

Paul Hoffman advised that he would refer back to his seniors regarding the possibility of incorporation of energy conservation measures, such as solar panels, and the end of gas powered heating by 2030, in the design of the proposed units.

Cllr Sarah Williams asked that her abstention in respect of planning application WD/D/20/002707 be noted in the minutes.

Cllr Sarah Williams addressed the committee in objection to application WD/D/20/001421, and then left the meeting for the duration of discussion and voting on this application.

**71. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by this Committee, ENCL: 3575.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

**72. LOCAL PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3576, advising that a draft Dorset Council Local Plan had been published and that consultation would begin in mid-January.

Members considered:

- Town Council promotion, including working with the local press and social media, to encourage public engagement with the consultation.
- The creation of a working group to coordinate the Council's response and activity.
- The need to review the work carried out in 2018 for the aborted review of the current Local Plan.
- Engagement with other groups such as the CPRE, Neighbourhood Plan JCC, and the community land trust, and knowledgeable individuals such as Jim Tigg and Glenn Crawford.

RESOLVED: that a working group be established, open to all members and with a voting membership comprising Cllrs Sarah Carney, Kelvin Clayton, Dave Rickard and Sarah Williams.

RESOLVED: that the working group should meet three times and that the matter be considered again at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

**73. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JOINT COUNCILS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on 22 October 2020 and 17 December 2020 be received and adopted.

**74. VEARSE FARM WORKING GROUP**

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

**75. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP**

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

**76. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES**

The Town Clerk reported that office and TIC based staff had moved to home working as a consequence of the lockdown, and that outdoor staff continued to work, with appropriate safety measures in place. The Council offices were closed to the public, but the Council remained available via telephone and email.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

The meeting closed at **7.54pm**.

**The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 25 January 2021**