

MINUTES of a VIRTUAL meeting (GoToMeeting ID: 970-758-197) of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on Monday 26 April 2021 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the Chair)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Will Austin (Town Clerk)

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Debbie Bond spoke on behalf of the applicant in respect of application P/FUL/2021/00316, summarising a note circulated prior to the meeting, covering the following in respect of the former Chancery House Day Centre:

- About Daniel Taylor Almshouses (the applicant)
- The development proposals
- The property
- The identified need for affordable accommodation
- Possible alternative uses that had been considered
- The advantages of the proposed development
- Design matters
- Sustainability

Responding to members' questions, David Partridge confirmed that:

- the bathrooms would be ventilated;
- corridor heights would meet Building Regulations standards;
- the applicant had agreed to the removal of windows overlooking a neighbouring property, if the neighbouring property owner was in agreement that this would solve concerns raised;
- windows would be obscured if required by the Planning Officer, who had not made such a request to date.

The Chairman thanked Debbie and David for their input.

### **102. APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Town Clerk reported that in respect of application P/HOU/2021/00235, the Town Council should formally record that it was a neighbouring property owner.

In respect of planning application P/FUL/2021/00316 Cllrs Kelvin Clayton and Julian Jones declared interests as acquaintances of David Partridge.

**104. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 March 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record, and that the Chairman should sign the minutes at the earliest available opportunity.

**105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**106. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that no notifications of planning decisions or appeals lodged have been received since the last meeting of the committee, and that he had pursued this with Dorset Council.

**107. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP**

The notes of the meeting held on 8 April 2021 were received.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting held on 8 April 2021 be received and the following recommendations approved:

(i) A35 Sea Road South

RESOLVED: that the request from Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council for support for a crossing on Sea Road South, near to Pasture Way, be supported.

RESOLVED: that the request for a hard standing across the grass verge between the pavement and the bus stop on Sea Road South, near to its junction with Pasture Way, be supported.

(ii) Residents parking in West Bay

RESOLVED: that no action be taken at the current time, pending completion of Dorset Council's review of parking

(iii) Definitive Map Order Modification

RESOLVED: that the Town Council confirm to Dorset Council that the four roads have been used for public pedestrian access purposes for a considerable number of years.

(iv) North Allington

RESOLVED: that the request for additional measures, including a Speed Indicator Device, be supported.

RESOLVED: that the 20 is Plenty group be invited to a future committee meeting.

(v) West Bay

RESOLVED: that a request to Dorset Council for the introduction of hatching on the existing yellow lines, or any other measure to prevent all parking outside Chesil House, be supported.

(vi) Bridport Rail Renewal

RESOLVED: that the Town Council defer any decision on support for rail renewal, pending receipt of the full detail of a feasibility study.

**108. VEARSE FARM WORKING GROUP**

The notes of the meeting held on 9 April 2021 were received.

The Town Clerk reported that further discussions were taking place regarding the Design Code and Design Panel for the development, and that the working group would meet again in May. Members requested that a response to the draft Design Code be circulated and thanked the Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer for his work on this issue.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting held on the 9 April 2021 be noted.

**109. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP**

The notes of the meeting held on 15 April 2021 were received.

The Town Clerk reported that a schools engagement session was to take place on 28 April 2021, and that the working group was scheduled to meet next on 20 May 2021. Members stressed the need for further media and social media promotion of the Access & Movement Study.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting held on the 15 April 2021 be noted.

**110. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES**

Cllr Dave Rickard asked that Dorset Council ward members investigate delays in local land searches.

The meeting closed at 6.59pm.

**The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 7 June 2021**