

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 6 December 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Barry Irvine
Ian Bark Julian Jones
Sarah Carney Anne Rickard
Kelvin Clayton

ALSO PRESENT Will Austin (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended to speak during the Public Forum.

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dave Rickard.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dave Bolwell declared that he had predetermined his position on application P/LBC/2021/05017, and left the meeting for the duration of discussion and decision on this application.

Cllr Sarah Carney declared that she had predetermined her position on application P/NMA/2021/05028. She left the meeting for the duration of discussion and decision on this application, after providing her views.

61. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 November 2021 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Julian Jones asked whether the Access & Movement Study had been sent to the developers of the Foundry Lea site and whether any comment had been received. The Town Clerk advised that the document had been sent. No feedback had been received and the matter could be raised with them at the Foundry Lea Working Group on 8 December 2021.

62. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Dave Bolwell left the meeting for the duration of discussion and decision on application A5 – P/LBC/2021/05017. In his absence, Cllr Ian Bark assumed the chair as committee Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Sarah Carney addressed the committee in respect of application A6 – P/NMA/2021/05028. She considered that the proposals looked acceptable in principle as a way of achieving access to the development site, but that the path did not go anywhere and the point at which it joined the highway was dangerous. She said she

also opposed the loss of hedgerow, as this ran counter to addressing the climate emergency. She then left the meeting for the duration of discussion and decision on this application.

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

63. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3669. Members highlighted some spelling errors in the decision wording, and the absence of a determination in respect of application P/LBC/2021/00929. The Town Clerk reported that permission had been granted in respect of this application.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

64. CONSULTATIONS

The Town Clerk reported on the following consultations:

- Dorset Coast Forum draft Harbours Strategy
- Dorset Council Public Spaces Protection Orders

He asked members to consider whether responses should be submitted to the consultations. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: that the response of Bridport Local Area Partnership to the consultation on the draft Harbours Strategy be supported.

RESOLVED: that no response be submitted to the consultation on the Public Space Protection Orders.

65. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk presented draft plans for a Bridport Town Council planning application in respect of the Old Dairy Site, Rope Walks, Bridport. The proposal was to erect a two-storey building incorporating storage and offices for community use. He asked for informal feedback to inform a decision under delegation for the Town Surveyor to proceed with submission, and members commented as follows:

- A preference for the inclusion of solar panels.
- The orientation of the building could be changed so that the roof is south-facing to get the best from solar panels.
- There could be more windows, particularly on the first floor for natural light into offices.
- A desire for the development to be a good example to others of a sustainable building, and with electric heating.
- Subject to these comments being considered, there was agreement that the Town Surveyor should proceed to submission of the planning application.

The meeting closed at **8.12pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 10 January 2022