

MINUTES of a meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield on Monday 21 March 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the Chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Anne Rickard
 Kelvin Clayton Dave Rickard
 Julian Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Will Austin (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended to address the Public Forum.

80. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ian Bark, Sarah Carney and Barry Irvine.

81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

82. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31 January 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

83. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

84. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3694.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Town Clerk be noted.

85. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk summarised the notes of a meeting of the working group held on 10 March 2022. He reported that the main business was a report back on the Town Centre Health Check, and that this had led to a vibrant discussion about measures to support businesses in the town centre. As a consequence a task and finish group had been recommended.

RESOLVED: that a Task and Finish Group be established, to develop actions arising from the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the Town Centre Working Group meeting held on 10 March 2022 be received and noted.

86. CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICES

The Town Clerk reported that Dorset Council had opened a consultation on school transport policies, and invited members to consider whether a response should be drafted. Members considered the expertise required to formulate a response, and it was felt that the Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG) might provide this.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should ascertain whether WATAG would be responding to the consultation, and that support be offered for such a response, if deemed appropriate by the Chairman.

87. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

Cllr Dave Rickard reported that a resident had expressed satisfaction that the new owner of a property in Sparacre Gardens would not be pursuing previously approved plans.

The Chairman reported that the Enforcement Officer was now dealing with concerns about signage at Gunz barber shop in East Street, and Hawa barber shop in West Street. It was expected that both would be required to submit retrospective planning applications.

The Chairman further reported that discussions were ongoing regarding the Custom House in West Bay.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 25 April 2022