

MINUTES of a meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield on Monday 25 April 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the Chair)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Will Austin (Town Clerk)

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public attended for the Public Forum.

### **88. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barry Irvine.

### **89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **90. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 March 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

### **91. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

### **92. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3709.

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

### **93. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP**

The notes of the meeting held on 7 April 2022 were received.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting held on 7 April 2022 be received and the following recommendations approved:

- (i) Blue-badge holder parking on the double yellow lines adjacent to Chesil House

RESOLVED: that the Town Council maintains its support for hatching of yellow lines outside Chesil House in West Bay.

- (ii) Priority signage from both directions on the Sluice Bridge at West Bay

RESOLVED: that no action be taken at this time in respect of the Sluice Bridge signage, and that the matter be considered as part of any discussions with Dorset Highways, regarding a single traffic order for West Bay.

- (iii) Disabled access to the Spar shop on West Bay Road from Meadowlands

RESOLVED: that no action be taken, pending investigation by the Town Surveyor.

- (iv) Yellow lines at Folly Mill Gardens

RESOLVED: that no action be taken.

- (v) Resident only parking zone at Wanderwell

RESOLVED: that the request for a residents' parking zone in Wanderwell should not be supported.

#### **94. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL**

The Town Clerk reported on efforts by the Royal British Legion to retain a local branch in Bridport. A meeting held on 2 April 2022 convened by the County British Legion Branch had sought five volunteers to form a committee to enable the Bridport Branch to be restored to full status; at the time the branch was described as being under county administration. The meeting had elicited three volunteers to form a committee, and the County Branch had advised that a further period until May 2022 would be allowed in order that two further volunteers could be found. If successful this would allow the branch to re-form in full. If not, then the branch would fold altogether and the British Legion Hall would be sold commercially.

The Town Clerk advised that the branch was an important link with the British Legion for issues of protocol relating to Remembrance, and had been an important source of support to veterans locally. It had also run the hall successfully for community benefit before being closed at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members considered the Town Clerk's comments, and how the hall might be retained for community use in future. The option of nominating the building as an Asset of Community Value was considered as a means of enabling a community bid to be developed should the hall be offered for sale.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council should nominate the Royal British Legion Hall as an Asset of Community Value.

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

## 95. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES**

The Town Clerk reported that:

- A feasibility study for the redevelopment of Bridport Bus Station was nearing completion, and indicative options had been presented informally to members as part of the drafting process, at a drop-in session during the afternoon of 25 April. A range of stakeholders had been engaged during the drafting, and this engagement process would continue and be widened once the study had been finalised.
- The next meeting of the Foundry Lea Working Group would take place on 13 May 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

**The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 6 June 2022**

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