

## PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the virtual Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 via Zoom.

- 1594 Members on line:** Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Mrs Page; also the Town Clerk and one member of the public.

Prior to the meeting a member of the public addressed the Committee with regard to Planning Application WD/D/20/0016617 – land west of Holy Trinity Burial Ground, lane to Whatley Mill. He expressed his concerns with regard to the design and scale of the proposed building as it would impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property.

**1595 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Dawkins and Cllr Monks.

**1596 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 having previously been circulated were amended to record Cllr Cheeseman's attendance at the meeting and **APPROVED** as a correct record, to be signed by the chairman. It was also **NOTED** Cllr Turner had been included twice in the names of those attending.

**1597 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

As a member of the AONB Board Cllr Mrs Page declared a personal interest in agenda item 3 (a) (4) WD/D/20/001700 – Land north and west of Cockroad Lane.

**1598 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered:

**(1) WD/D/20/001470**

**32 HOLLYMOOR GARDENS**

Erect garden room

RECOMMEND APPROVAL the development would not have a detrimental impact on the area.

**(2) WD/D/20/001582**

**VARIOUS SITES IN WDDC AREA**

Notification of intention to remove 23 public payphones. Proposal for Beaminster is to remove the payphone at Hogshill, Clay Lane (average calls per month 0).

RECOMMEND REFUSAL to remove the payphone at Hogshill, Clay Lane, Beaminster on the grounds that:

mobile phone signals in Beaminster were very poor

999 emergency calls

the loss of the facility to make a reverse charge phone call

the loss of privacy for vulnerable person(s) to make confidential calls to Childline, Samaritans etc.

the loss of communication for community resilience (potential loss of mobile signals)

**(3) WD/D/20/001617**

**LAND WEST OF HOLY TRINITY BURIAL GROUND, LANE TO WHATLEY MILL**

Remove existing garage and erect new scout hut building.

Beaminster Town Council, whilst supporting in principle the improvement of facilities for the Scouts, RECOMMEND REFUSAL of this proposal on the following grounds -

The site lies within an AONB, adjacent to residential properties, adjacent to a public right of way and cemetery, the Town Council were extremely concerned at the impact a building of the proposed scale, mass, height and appearance would have on the visual amenity of the area contrary to Policy ENV12.

The size of the proposed building on the footprint shown on the plans would have a detrimental affect on the neighbouring property on land immediately adjacent to the site contrary to Policy ENV16.

**(4) WD/D/20/001700**

**LAND TO NORTH AND WEST OF COCKROAD LANE, BEAMINSTER**

Discharge of planning obligations on Section 106 Agreement dated 10 March 1989 ref 1/W/88/458.

Members expressed their disappointment at notification of the application and expressed the importance of retaining the Section 106 agreement. Following a meeting with representatives from Dorset Council's planning team in order to comply with the deadline members agreed to comment that further discussions were needed with the case officer as suggested during the meeting held.

**(b) AMENDED PLAN**

**(1) WD/D/19/001689**

**COCKROAD FARM, COCKROAD LANE**

Demolition of derelict piggery, erection of new stable block and feed/hay store and menage.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL of the amended plans in respect of this development, members shared the concerns expressed by the AONB in respect of the impact a building of this size and scale would have on the landscape within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**(2) WD/D/20/000705**

**7 Tunnel Road**

Erection of Garage/store

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

**(c) PLANNING APPROVALS**

Members **NOTED** four planning approvals received since the last meeting.

**1599 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

In the absence of Cllr Dawkins no report was received.

**1600 PUBLIC TRANSPORT – CB3**

Cllr Turner had no further update.

**1601 HIGHWAY ISSUES**

**(a) Welcome to Beaminster Signs**

The Town Clerk advised of an identified location for the new sign at the Bridport side of the town to which members were in agreement however, the site suggested for Whitcombe Road, in members opinion would be too far out of the town. A site meeting to be arranged to agree a more suitable location.

**(b) Temporary closure of Church Street**

The Town Clerk advised of an application from Western Power Distribution to close Church Street, between its junction with Tower Hill for a distance of approximately 30 metres in a westerly direction. The closure had been requested to allow Western Power Distribution to excavate to underground service cables. These works were programmed to commence from 7 September 2020 until 15 September 2020. Members had no comment to make.

**1602 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee is **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020** but to be reviewed in accordance with Government guidelines.

Chairman  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

