

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 6th August 2019 in the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

1495 PRESENT: Cllr Cheeseman (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Mrs Cook, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Mrs J Page and Cllr Turner; also Mrs Bright (Town Clerk) and one member of the public.

1496 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Drinnan.

1497 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 2ND JULY 2019
The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2019 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

1498 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
There were no Declarations of Interests received.

1499 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

- 1. WD/D/19/001653 (Retro) LOWER CHAPEL MARSH FARM, AXNOLLER LANE**
Erection of Menage
Recommend Approval with some concerns as another retrospective application.
- 2. WD/D/19/001828 CHAPEL MARSH FARM, AXNOLLER LANE**
Infilling of chalk pit with soils and restoration to agricultural use
The Town Council noted the requirement for a reptile survey prior to filling in the pit however members felt that the survey should be undertaken before a decision was taken on the application to enable a better understanding of the impact on wildlife inhabiting the pit and its environs.
- 3. WD/D/19/001534 31 CHANTRY LANE, NEWTOWN**
Erection of a Detached Garage
Recommend Refusal – the garage would overdevelop the site in an AONB; concerns were expressed with the potential loss of light to neighbouring property.

4. WD/D/19/001113 (FULL)

4 TUNNEL ROAD

Repair/rebuild retaining wall in curtilage of listed Building

Recommend Approval – members welcomed the substantial repair to the wall.

5. WD/D/19/001114 (LBC)

4 TUNNEL ROAD

Repair/rebuild retaining wall in curtilage of listed building

Recommend Approval – members welcomed the substantial repair to the wall.

6. WD/D/19/001536

17 NORTH STREET

Reinstate internal doorway

Recommend Approval – members welcomed the re-instatement of the doorway.

7. WD/D/19/001689

COCKROAD FARM, COCKROAD LANE

Demolition of a derelict piggery and the erection of a new stable block, feed and dung store

Recommend Refusal – insufficient information with regard to size and scale to be able to make an informed comment on the application.

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

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

(c) PLANNING AMENDMENT

WD/D/19/000854 – Tanyard Barn, Shorts Lane (Revised scheme to previously approved WD/D/16/002085)

Members **NOTED** the amendment with no comments to make.

1500 CORRESPONDENCE

Dorset Council: Notice of Public Path Order and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order

Members **NOTED** correspondence received confirming the above Order had been made on 5th July 2019 in respect of the diversion of Footpath 5 at Lower Chapel Marsh Farm, Beaminster.

(b) Mr M Dower – Development of workspace in Beaminster

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of Mr Dower's correspondence which included a paper produced following a meeting of the Dorset Rural Enterprise Group, the paper focused on the need for developed workspace in rural Dorset.

The Chairman granted Mr Dower permission to address the meeting during which he urged the Town Council to re-iterate to Dorset Council, in light of the suspension of the Review of the West Dorset Local Plan Review, the existing 2015 Plan included an industrial use site in Broadwindsor Road and should therefore, be the basis on which planning decisions are made.

After due consideration members **AGREED** to revisit this issue with Dorset Council via the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

1501 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(a) Community Transport – CB3 Saturday service

Cllr Turner had no significant update but issued a plea for more volunteer ‘Clippies’

1502 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Dawkins advised of the following issues:

- still awaiting new metal posts at Two Rivers
- landowner had been asked to cut the footpath from Stoke Road to the top copse

Under this heading Cllr Langridge drew members attention to a recent incident whereby a motorcyclist had lost control of the bike and crashed into the hedge on the path between Beaminster School and Monmouth Gardens. He expressed his concern with regard to the danger to pedestrians as motorcyclists regularly used this path. The incident had been reported to Dorset Police and the School.

1503 HIGHWAY ISSUES

The following highway issues were raised to be reported to Dorset Council:

- sign at Half Acre Lane had been pushed over
- vegetation obscured 30mph signs in Tunnel Road and Bridport Road
- verges required cutting in The Beeches and Tunnel Road

Under this heading Cllr Cheeseman expressed his concern at the implications of potential delays due to frost, in particular the removal of the scaffolding. Members AGREED that it was imperative for the external scaffolding to be removed before there was the possibility of frost, the Town Clerk was asked to write to the relevant parties.

1504 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mrs Page advised the date of the next scheduled meeting of the Group would take place on Wednesday 14th August at 10.30am.

1505 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members **NOTED** the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

1506 MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman
3rd September 2019