

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2019 in the Skyrm Room, Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

1531 PRESENT: Cllr Cheeseman (Chairman), Cllr Body, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, and Cllr Turner; also Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk)

1532 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Monks and Cllr Mrs Janet Page.

1533 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2019

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 5th November 2019 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

1534 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Turner declared a personal interest in Planning Application WD/D/19/002650 and 002651 – 8 Fleet Street.

1535 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

1. WD/D/19/002306

Whatley Farm, Cherry Cottage Lane

Demolition of conservatory & erection of two storey extension. Demolition of stable building & erection of new relocated stable building.

Recommend Approval.

2. WD/D/19/002545

Land North of 12-14 Southgate.

Outline application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling.

Recommend Refusal on the following grounds -

Whilst Dorset, as a county, might have difficulty in meeting its housing target Beaminster, with three housing sites identified, does not have demand. The development site is outside the Defined Development Boundary, the application makes no reference to "affordable" development and insufficient evidence with regard to the flood risk, the site being adjacent the river ENV5

3. WD/D/19/002650

8 Fleet Street, Beaminster

Erect single storey extension.

As the applicant members had no comment to make.

4. WD/D/19/002651

8 Fleet Street, Beaminster

Alterations and erection of single storey extension.

As the applicant members had no comment to make.

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

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

1536 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dorset Council – Planning Advisory Service – Peer Review

The Town Clerk advised the Planning Advisory Service would be visiting Dorset Council from 15th to 17th January 2020 to undertake a peer review of the Council's planning service, an invitation had been extended to town and parish councils to meet a member of the team to get views and hear ideas or suggestions how the Council might shape the future of planning services in Dorset.

Cllr Cheeseman advised he had reserved a space and would represent Beaminster Town Council, he sought members views on issues to raise. Issues highlighted were:

- No consultation with regard to tree applications
- No control over retrospective/outline planning applications
- Limited input into reserved matters applications
- Comments on infrastructure tend to be ignored in particular transport/drainage/water pressure and sewerage system
- levels on planning drawings are often missing or misleading
- local knowledge is ignored
- ECO issues

1537 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(a) TLU Contracts – suspension of bus stop

The Town Clerk advised of a request, on behalf of Openreach, to suspend the bus stop outside the Red Lion for a period of 10 days from 10th January 2020 to facilitate three way traffic lights. Members were in agreement, in principle however, as the key bus stop in the Square, if suspended it must be re-sited for the duration for the works.

1538 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

No items were raised for discussion.

1539 HIGHWAY ISSUES

(a) Introduction of 20mph speed limit – North Street

The Town Clerk advised, following the discussion at the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting held on 8th October, an approach had been made to Dorset Council with regard to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit however, with no significant collision history and lack of available funds Dorset Council would find it difficult to support any request made by the Town Council. Members regrettably accepted the decision of Dorset Council.

1540 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Page no report was given.

1541 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members **NOTED** the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 7th January 2020.

1542 MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman
7th January 2020