

## PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

**1519 PRESENT:** Cllr Cheeseman (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge and Cllr Turner; also Mrs Samantha Pearce (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

**1520 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Body, Cllr Mrs Cooke and Cllr Mrs Janet Page; also Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk)

**1521 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

In addition to this Councillor Turner stated that following a subsequent conversation with the Housing Enabler at Dorset Council Re: WD/D/19/001920 – Clipper Teas Ltd, Broadwindsor Road, he felt reassured that the developers, Aster Housing, intend to provide 100% 'Affordable' housing by way of the units being shared equity.

**1522 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

No declarations of interest were received.

**1523 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered:

**1. WD/D/19/002104**

**7 Culverhayes** – Erect extensions and alterations

RECOMMEND APPROVAL the extension would be a good improvement to the main dwelling and would not detract from the street scene.

**2. WD/D/19/002150**

**Trefoil House** – Conversion and alterations from 1No. dwelling to 2 No. dwelling

RECOMMEND REFUSAL there appeared to be insufficient parking available and no information on the proposed use of the mezzanine level

RECOMMEND REFUSAL the payphone should be retained for use in emergency situations

**(b) PLANNING APPROVALS**

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

**(c) PLANNING AMENDMENTS****WD/D/19/001534****31 Chantry Lane – Erection of detached garage**

Members **NOTED** the amended plans with no objection however it was pointed out that the original planning proposals should be included with any amended application to allow the changes to be clearly seen.

**1524 CORRESPONDENCE****(a) Dorset Council – Land availability 'Call for sites'**

Members **NOTED** correspondence received.

**1525 PUBLIC TRANSPORT****(a) Community Transport – CB3 Saturday service**

Cllr Turner reported:

- An incident had occurred in Beaminster Square on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. Details had been passed to the Council's insurers
- On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September the bus has sustained damage in Bridport High Street. The Council would pursue a claim via the other party insurers. In future accidents/incidents would be written in a report and photo evidence provided.

**1526 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY****(a)** Cllr Dawkins expressed his disappointment that none of the issues he had reported to the Dorset Council Rights of Way team had been addressed. Areas of concern were -

**Two Rivers** – Path un-accessible, particularly in the autumn/winter months

**Shorts Lane** – The path required some maintenance

**Half Acre Lane leading to the Wessex Ridge Way** – Repairs/Maintenance needed to the path and stile.

**Parnham**– Footpaths in the area were dangerous, overgrown branches.

Councillors request the Town Clerk contact the Dorset Council Rights of Way Team to arrange a meeting.

**1527 HIGHWAY ISSUES****(a) Speeding in North Street**

Having received correspondence from a resident regarding speeding in North Street, Councillors felt that many relevant points had been raised however an extension of the 20 mph zone would not be supported. Councillors felt a 20mph was unlikely to be enforced therefore it was unlikely to make a difference. It was generally felt that a traffic calming measure would be far more effective. The Town Clerk to reply to the resident advising the Town Council would support a traffic calming measure in North Street.

**(b) Traffic Issues – Tunnel Road**

Councillors **NOTED** details of a meeting between Cllr. Terry Beswarick, Cllr. David Longridge and Rob Camp (Dorset Council Highways). It was **AGREED** to purchase a SID for Tunnel Road, the location yet to be agreed but it was felt it should be before the School entrance on the tunnel side.

Councillors also requested that the hedge near the 30 MPH signs is cut as the signs are not clearly visible.

Parents using Monmouth Gardens as a drop off/pick up point for children had been raised and **AGREED** the Town Clerk write to the school to express concerns for the safety of children, particularly at pick up time due to the number of vehicles in the area.

Cllr Langridge also mentioned cars were advertised for sale at the bottom of Monmouth Gardens, **AGREED** the Town Clerk write an official complaint to Dorset Council Highways and the Police on this matter.

**(c) Dorset Council – Proposed Temporary Closure of North Street (SGN)**

Councillors **AGREED** the proposed Temporary Closure of North Street from the 19<sup>th</sup> October until the 8<sup>th</sup> November was **unacceptable** at the current time. It was felt Beaminster had far too many other road issues such as the works at Prout Hill and the scaffolding at 9 The Square.

Furthermore, Councillors felt the schedule of works proposed in the next three months to be unacceptable, particularly leading up to Christmas, however it was recognised that works should be completed before the resurfacing of Hogshill St and the Square. It was **AGREED** the Town Clerk contact Dorset Highways and Cllr Mrs Knox to request more consideration be given when scheduling works on the highway in Beaminster.

**(d) Dorset Council – Proposed Temporary Closure of North Street (BT)**

Councillors **AGREED** that the proposed Temporary Closure of North Street 20<sup>th</sup> November until 21<sup>st</sup> November was acceptable as it was only for the duration of 1 night.

**1528 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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

**1529 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members **NOTED** the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**1530 MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.25pm.

Chairman  
8<sup>th</sup> October 2019