

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the virtual Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 via Zoom.

1603 Members on line: Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Mrs Page; also the Town Clerk and County Councillor Mrs Knox.

1604 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Monks.

1605 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 4TH AUGUST 2020

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 4th August 2020 having previously been circulated were **APPROVED** as a correct record, to be signed by the chairman.

1606 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest were received.

1607 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

1. WD/D/19/002255

Recommend Approval

9 THE SQUARE

Rebuild the gable wall, and left hand chimney and rebuild the front left hand column to the shop-front (part retrospective)

2. WD/D/20/001664

Beaminstertown Council expressed some concern that the plans appeared to lack a satisfactory emergency exit from the proposed extension however with no adverse effect on the area
Recommend Approval.

22 CULVERHAYES

Erect single storey extension

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

Members **NOTED** four planning approvals:

1. WD/D/19/002238

Approved subject to two conditions

31 NORTH STREET

Installation of replacement central heating system

2. WD/D/19/002757

18 FLEET STREET

Replacement windows

Approved subject to three conditions

3. WD/D/20/000228

**LAND AT JESMOND FARM,
MONMOUTH GARDENS**

Approved subject to eight conditions

Members expressed their concern at the approval of the application to erect a dwelling on land that formed part of the Beaminster Flood Alleviation Scheme and **AGREED** to make written representation to Dorset Council.

4. WD/D/20/000705

7 TUNNEL ROAD

Erection of garage/store

Approved subject to three conditions.

(c) PLANNING REFUSAL

Members NOTED one planning refusal:

1. WD/D/20/000583

82 EAST STREET

Demolition of existing bungalow
And erection of 5 no. dwellings

1608 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

(a) Dorset Council – Proposed extinguishment and proposed diversion of Public Footpaths

Members considered Dorset Councils proposals to extinguish Footpaths 92 and 96 and divert Footpath 69 onto a route currently in public use. The proposal would correct a previous error and reflect current public use of Footpath 69. **NOTED** with no comment to make.

1609 PUBLIC TRANSPORT – CB3

Cllr Turner had no further update on the CB3.

(a) No. 6 bus service

Members had previously been circulated with correspondence received expressing concern at the No. 6 service. **NOTED** however in the meanwhile a revised time table for the No. 6 had been released with effect from 7th September that greatly enhanced the existing service and connectivity.

1610 HIGHWAY ISSUES

(a) Dorset Council – temporary closure of Church Street

Members **NOTED** the temporary closure of Church Street to permit Western Power safe access to excavate underground cables with effect from 7th – 15th September 2020.

(b) Dorset Council – temporary closure of the Square

Members **NOTED** advance notification of the closure of the Square to permit BT safe access to install fibre cables to existing boxes with effect from 14th – 16th December 2020. The closure would be between the hours of 9.00pm and 6.00am with no excavation works or loss of parking.

(c) Welcome to Beaminster Signs

The Town Clerk advised members of the three remaining locations for the new signs as discussed during a meeting with Dorset Council highway officers –

- 1) the boundary sign for Whitcombe Road would remain at the same location and foliage would be cut back on installation.
- 2) The A3066 approach from Bridport can be located adjacent to the Dower House
- 3) The location in Tunnel Road would be in line with the middle SLOW marking stripe a few metres from the current location.

Members were in **AGREEMENT** with the sites proposed.

1611 ISSUES RAISED WITH DORSET COUNCILLOR MRS KNOX

- (a) Cycle routes** – Cllr Cheeseman enquired whether there was funding available to establish cycle routes, in particular from Beaminster to Bridport via Netherbury as he felt part of the Bridleway at the rear of Parnham House could be used for this purpose. In response Cllr Knox advised there would be a conflict of surface dressing when utilising a Bridlepath for cyclists, Dorset Council had no plans to establish a cycle route from Beaminster to any neighbouring towns or villages, the priority being cycle routes within urban areas.
- (b) Climate Change** – Cllr Mrs Page enquired on Dorset Councils agenda for climate change and eco issues, in response Cllr Knox stressed Dorset Council had to focus on national issues due to pressure from large lobby groups however, she acknowledged that the focus needed to be on more local issues.
- (c) Land to the North and west of Cockroad Lane** – Cllr Turner referred to an unsatisfactory meeting with the Planning Officer therefore the Town Council were unable to comment on the planning application to discharge planning obligations on Section 106 agreement dated 10th March 1989. Cllr Mrs Knox alluded to a 'master plan' for the area in question plus an additional site to the north and advised the Town Council to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan as a matter of urgency.

1612 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee is **Tuesday 6th October 2020** but to be reviewed in accordance with Government guidelines.

Chairman
6th October 2020

