

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the virtual Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 via Zoom.

1613 Members on line: Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Monks, Cllr Mrs Page; also the Town Clerk and County Councillor Mrs Knox.

1614 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Corbett.

1615 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 1st September 2020 having previously been circulated were **APPROVED** as a correct record, to be signed by the chairman.

1616 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Monks declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (b) – Temporary closure of Fleet Street

Cllr Mrs Page declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (b) – Temporary closure of Fleet Street

Cllr Turner declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (b) – Temporary closure of Fleet Street

1617 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

1. WD/D/20/001766 & 001767

COOMBE DOWN FARM

Display 3 no non-illuminated signs

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

2. WD/D/20/001962

6 SCHOOL HOUSE CLOSE

Erect single storey rear extension and
Rearrangement and enlargement of
Fenestration

RECOMMEND APPROVAL however members were concerned with regard to the loss of parking within the garage and in the current ECO climate the installation of larger windows with the potential for heat loss.

(b) AMENDED PLANS

1. WD/D/19/002564

BOWGROVE FARMHOUSE

Conversion of outbuilding to 1 no dwelling

Members had no further comments on the amended plans.

(c) PLANNING APPROVALS

Members **NOTED** four planning approvals:

1. WD/D/20/001348

27 WOODSWATER LANE

Conversion of outbuilding to 1 no dwelling

Approved subject to three conditions

2. WD/D/20/001177

43 THE BEECHES

Erect single storey side extension

Approved subject to four conditions

3. WD/D/20/001664

23 CULVERHAYES

Erect single storey extension

Approved subject to three conditions

4. WD/D/20/001470

32 HOLLYMOOR GARDENS

Erect garden room

Approved subject to two conditions.

1618 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

No items were raised for discussion.

1619 PUBLIC TRANSPORT – CB3

(a) No. 6 bus service

Members had previously been circulated with further correspondence received reiterating concerns with regard to the current timetable and the lack of connectivity with trains at Crewkerne and other bus services at Bridport. In response Cllr Turner thanked the correspondent for their interest however he stressed the bus timetables were not set by WATAG, and whilst the current timetable had been a slight improvement some issues had still not been addressed and the town Council would continue to put pressure on Dorset Council for further modifications.

(b) CB3 – Saturday service

Cllr Turner was delighted to report the outstanding insurance issue had been resolved, currently the bus was undergoing a safety inspection and pre-MOT. He anticipated the service would resume from Saturday 17th October, all the necessary measures would be put in place for safe travel including the reduction in seats available for passengers to comply with current government guidelines.

1620 HIGHWAY ISSUES

(a) Dorset Council – temporary road closures of various roads in Beaminster

Members **NOTED** the temporary closure of North Street, Gerrards Green and Woodswater Lane to permit British Telecom safe access to install new fibre cable with effect from 5th – 6th November 2020.

(b) Dorset Council – temporary closure of Fleet Street

Members **NOTED** advance notification of the closure of Fleet Street to permit British Telecom to access underground structure for cabling for new customer connection with effect from 26th October – 27th October 2020.

Prior to the closure of the meeting Cllr Mrs Page highlighted the deadline for responses to the Government Planning White paper as Thursday 29th October 2020. Councillor Mrs Knox drew attention to papers she had forwarded to the Town Council to be circulated to all members, the Town Clerk to action.

1621 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee is **Tuesday 3rd November 2020** but to be reviewed in accordance with Government guidelines.

1622 MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and ended at 8.10pm.

Chairman
3rd November 2020

