

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

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

As a member of the public Cllr Dawkins drew attention to the current noise levels at the Clipper Tea site and expressed resident's concerns as to whether the soundproofing would be adequate

1634 Members on line: Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge and Cllr Mrs Page; also the Town Clerk and one member of the public.

1635 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Cooke and Cllr Monks.

1636 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 3RD NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2020 having previously been circulated were **APPROVED** as a correct record, to be signed by the chairman.

1637 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

As a resident of Half Acre Lane Cllr Dawkins declared a personal interest in respect of Planning Application WD/D/20/002189 – Clipper Teas Ltd.

As a resident of Monmouth Gardens Cllr Langridge declared a personal interest in respect of Planning Application WD/D/20/002203 – land at Jesmond Farm.

1638 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

1. WD/D/20/002203

LAND AT JESMOND FARM, MONMOUTH GDNS

Erection of temporary mobile home.

Beaminster Town Council were disappointed to be asked to consider yet another retrospective application.

Members of the Council had no objections subject to a condition requiring the removal of the temporary mobile home at the point the new dwelling becomes occupied.

Members of the Council once again reiterated their concerns at another structure on the site that is part of the Beaminster's Flood defences and the potential for flooding of properties should the holding area be breached.

2. WD/D/20/002213 & 4

BARN & PIG STY AT CHAPEL MARSH FARM

Change of use to dwelling and internal and external alterations

No objections but noted there appeared to be no mention of the biodiversity of the barn and surrounds. A barn of that age would provide a habitat for wildlife and members would very much like an environmental survey to be undertaken prior to determination of the application by Dorset Council.

3. WD/D/20/002288 & 9

22 HOGSHILL STREET

Proposed alterations to extension

Recommend approval, the proposed alterations were in keeping with the main property and neighbouring area.

4. WD/D/20/002322

12 BRIDPORT ROAD

Erection of extension to form Art Studio.

Recommend approval – the extension would not have a detrimental effect on the main property or impact on the area.

5. WD/D/20/002189

CLIPPER TEAS LTD, BROADWINDSOR ROAD

Erect factory extension.

Recommend Approval.

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

No planning approvals had been received.

1639 DORSET LOCAL PLAN

With the formal consultation on the Dorset Local Plan due to commence in January 2021 members **AGREED** to form a small Working Group to discuss and compile a corporate response for consideration by the Council. The following members were **APPOINTED** – Cllrs Langridge, Page and Turner.

1640 CORRESPONDENCE

Under this heading attention was drawn to an email recently received in which concerns had been expressed with regard to the possible breach of planning consent in respect of the positioning of the new Scout hut on land west of Holy Trinity Burial Ground. Members were advised of the Enforcement Officer's response to the concerns raised. **NOTED.**

1641 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Dawkins advised the footpath at Two Rivers had been closed by Dorset Council due to concerns with regard to the condition of the footbridge. Having spoken with the ranger the outstanding issues in respect of Shorts Lane and Half Acre Lane would be investigated however staff resources were limited.

1642 PUBLIC TRANSPORT – CB3

Cllr Turner advised the X51 & X53 were both operating to a new timetable with limited Sunday service.

With regard to the CB3 Cllr Turner was pleased to report it was back in operation, passenger numbers were not as high as usual which could be attributed to the latest local lockdown. The bus would be used to deliver Beaminster Charities Christmas Hampers in the coming week and finally there would be no CB3 service on Boxing Day.

1643 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Members **NOTED** the following proposed Temporary Road Closures:

- **The Square – 14th to 16th December 2020** between 21:00 and 06:00 to permit BT to provide fibre cabling to existing boxes.
- **Church Street – 4th – 29th January 2021** to permit SGN to carry out gas main replacement to approximately 17 properties.
- **Potwell Lane, Littlewindsor – 16th – 17th December 2020** between 09:00 and 15:30 to permit BT to install 6 new telegraph poles.

Cllr Cheeseman advised he had recently spoken to the local highways team with regard to the sinking of the road surface at Prout Bridge and could confirm the damage was to the road surface and not due to any underlying problem with the drain under the road.

1644 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee is **Tuesday 5th January 2021** but to be reviewed in accordance with Government guidelines.

Prior to the meeting closing Cllr Langridge congratulated everyone involved in the Christmas lighting, Cllr Mrs Page also added her thanks for their hard work. Cllr Cheeseman stated that the Council were fortunate to have the funding and support of local businesses and residents.

On closing the meeting the Chairman extended Seasons Greetings to all.

1645 MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and ended at 8.00pm.

Chairman
5th January 2021