



PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the virtual Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 via Zoom.

1668 Members on line: Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Monks; also the Town Clerk and one member of the public.

1669 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

1670 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2021

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2021 having previously been circulated were **APPROVED** as a correct record, to be signed by the chairman.

1671 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest were received.

1672 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was considered:

(1) WD/D/20/003180

**COOMBE DOWN FARM, BRIDPORT ROAD,
BEAMINSTER**

Relocation of farm track and access.

Recommend Approval.

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

No planning approvals had been received since the previous meeting.

1673 DORSET COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Cllr Cheeseman advised that members of the Working Group had systematically worked their way through the document and tried to address the issues raised within. He felt it was worth noting the Plan did not address the effects of the Covid pandemic or climate change.

Four sites had been identified within Beaminster for, in the main, future housing development much to the Council's disappointment. In line with concerns expressed by the Beaminster ECO groups and Beaminster Society the Council believed the proposed number of new residential properties were unacceptable without employment, public transport and infrastructure to cope. Beaminster had an aging population together with a large number of second homes and without provision for those who wishing to live and work in the town the decline in population would continue.

Members **NOTED** a final response to the consultation document would be drafted and circulated prior to submission before the deadline.

1674 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dorset Council – No Through Road signage – Fleet Street

Members **NOTED**, following further enquiries with the highways officer, the intention to replace the existing faded NTR sign at Beaminster School with additional signage to advise 'Unsuitable for HGV' would be reviewed by Dorset Council in April.

1675 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

No issues were raised.

1676 PUBLIC TRANSPORT – CB3

Cllr Turner advised of tentative plans to restart the CB3 service in time of the Easter weekend, restrictions permitting.

1677 HIGHWAY ISSUES

A number of small highways issues were raised to be reported to Dorset Council.

1678 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee is **Tuesday 6th April 2021**.

1679 MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and ended at 7.50pm.

Chairman
6th April 2021

