



DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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Adrian Stuart, Town Clerk

31st July, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

A MEETING of the **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, DORCHESTER** on **MONDAY, 5th AUGUST, 2013** commencing at 7.00pm.

I hope that it will be convenient for you to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk

Public Rights to Speak

If any member of the public wishes to speak at this meeting they may be allowed to do so at the discretion of the Chair. It would be helpful if anyone who wishes to address the Committee made their desire known to the Chair before the meeting starts: anyone allowed to speak will be expected to confine their comments to the matter in hand and to be as brief as is reasonably possible.

Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct requires Members to declare pecuniary interests or disclosable non-pecuniary interests where appropriate. A member who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest defined by the Code must leave the room unless a suitable dispensation has been granted. A Member who declares a disclosable non-pecuniary interest may take part in the meeting and vote.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MINUTES**

To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee held on 1st July, 2013 (adopted by Council on 23rd July, 2013).

3. **MINUTE UPDATE REPORT**

To receive and consider the minute updates reported (enclosed).

4. **DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Further to Minute 83/12 (29 April 2013), to receive and consider the report of the Dorchester Area Community Partnership from April to July 2013 (enclosed). Representatives of the Partnership will be attending the meeting to answer any questions from Committee members.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT**

To receive and comment on planning applications received from West Dorset District Council (list enclosed).

6. **CAR PARKING ISSUES**

(a) **Alfred Place**

To receive and consider the content of an email (extract enclosed) from a resident of Alfred Place regarding the introduction of a residents' parking permit scheme in the road.

(b) **Woolaston Road**

To receive and consider the content of an email (enclosed) from a resident of Woolaston Road requesting that the Town Council supports a residents' petition calling for traffic calming measures to be introduced in the road.

7. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Proposed Changes to Bus Routes, subsidised by Dorset County Council, from 2014**

To note the letter (enclosed) from Councillor Flower, Leader of Dorset County Council regarding the proposed option for changes to bus routes from January 2014 and to give the Council's response to these changes, bearing in mind the financial position faced by the County Council. Councillor Flower has also asked for the Council to put forward any ideas or initiatives for community transport provision or other solutions to help develop support for the community that do not require the provision of a bus.

(b) **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order**

To note that Dorset County Council is intending to introduce a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order, creating a loading bay on the east side of Trinity Street, opposite the West Dorset District Council car park and immediately south of the disabled bay. This order is to alleviate the difficulties experienced by traders with their deliveries since the introduction of the loading restriction on the east side of Trinity Street.

(c) **Temporary Road Closure**

To note that there will be various road closures around the Dorchester Showground from 06:00 until 18:00 on the 7 and 8 September 2013. The roads to be closed are as follows:

(a) B3143, Piddle Valley Road from 400metres north of Slyers Cross to the junction with the B3150, Stinsford Hill closed to southbound traffic;

(b) B3150, Stinsford Hill from the junction of B3143, Piddle Valley Road to A35, Kingston Maurward roundabout closed to eastbound traffic;

(c) Unclassified road between B3143, Slyers Cross to B3150, Stinsford Hill closed to westbound traffic;

(d) Unclassified road between Lower Burton Road, Charminster and B3143, Slyers Cross closed to eastbound traffic.

(d) Temporary Road Closure

To note that Damers Road will be closed from its junction with Bridport Road to its junction with Maud Road from 5 to 9 August 2013 between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 daily.

8. WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

(a) Local Plan Submission

To note that West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Joint Local Plan and the Draft Charging Schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 24th June 2013. Paul Crysell BSc MSc MRTPI has been appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan is sound. He has also been appointed to consider the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule.

The precise date for the opening of any formal hearing part of the examination into the Local Plan and CIL will be decided by the Inspector and will be published on the Council's website shortly.

(b) Trees

To note that the following tree work application has been forwarded to Ward Members for comment:

- CA/13/00166 - to lift the crown of a Maple, by up to 4 metres and reduce it away from the building by 2 metres at Heathcote Lodge, Icen Way.

To note that the following tree works have been approved by West Dorset District Council:

- CA/13/00151 - to crown lift 1 No Lime and 2 No Sycamore by 3 metres and shorten the limbs of the Sycamore overhanging neighbour's garden by 2 metres at 15 Bridport Road, DT1 2NG.
- CA/13/00150 - to crown, clean and carry out minor reduction of limbs of Laburnum overhanging south facing boundary wall at 8 Holloway Road, DT1 1LF.

To note that the following tree work application has been withdrawn:

- CA/13/00157 – Fell 3 No Ash - Heritage Bodyshop, The Grove, DT1 1XU.

(c) Decisions on Planning Applications

To note the decisions made by West Dorset District Council on planning applications previously referred to this Council for comment (list enclosed).

(e) Withdrawal of Planning Application – 1/D/13/000620 – Single storey side extension of ancillary accommodation at 8 Garfield Avenue

To note that this planning application has been withdrawn from the Planning Register.

9. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any other items which the Chairman or the Town Clerk decides are urgent.

Planning and Traffic Committee - 5th August, 2013

Minute Update Report

1. **Minute 82/12 (29 April 2013)**

QUEEN MOTHER SQUARE

The Duchy of Cornwall's Estate Director has responded to issues raised by the Council and considers that many of the traffic issues originally identified with Queen Mother Square have settled down in the intermediary. Users familiar with the space drive appropriately and those unfamiliar drive with caution. There has been demarcation of easier crossing points for pedestrians with gravel finishes, which acts as an additional caution to motorists, and the square itself has recently been laid with pink resin bonded gravel. The erection of a plinth and the statue on a traffic island in the centre of the highways, and the sense of enclosure from buildings shortly to be constructed on the north side, should both work to contain speeds without recourse to signage or white lines. Also the pink resin bonded gravel will be extended across the square including the highway.

He asks that if Councillors are still concerned with issues of pedestrian and traffic safety, they should contact him directly with the precise issues. Peter James and DCC Highway Engineer Ian Madgwick recently addressed the Poundbury Residents Association on the principles of shared surfaces and this seems to have allayed many of their fears.

2. **Minute 85(a)/12 (29 April 2013)**

20MPH AREAS

Dorset County Council's Road Safety Team Manager confirms that he is aware of the publication 'Road Safety: A Guide for Local Councillors in England' and advises that while this is a useful document it does not agree necessarily with County Council policy or the guidance from the Department for Transport. The publication's contents are the views of ROSPA and these do not always agree with traffic engineering professionals and the research data which has been and is being collected.

Road Safety and Traffic Engineering in Dorset are currently undertaking investigations concerning addressing collision casualty figures in Dorset. When the full information is gathered, this should be passed on to the relevant parish and town councils with any changes which may be made to current DCC policies.

DCC consider that it would not be a wise move to undertake any immediate action until all evidence and investigations are made as research from other councils show that the results of 20mph speed limits are not as effective as the public would hope for and there are big questions as to enforcement measures.

3. **Minute 3/13 (3 June 2013)**

TRAFFIC ISSUES – MANOR ROAD

Following the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee on 3 June 2013, the Town Clerk wrote to Dorset County Council (DCC) supporting residents' concerns about the road safety implications of flooding in Manor Road and asking for information on their proposals to deal with this issue

A response has been received from the Technical Officer, Dorset Highways advising that DCC has been made aware that the gullies and soakways in this area are currently

not operating at maximum efficiency and have organised for a contractor to attend and clear out the soakaways (as previously, only this time using a specialised lance to clear out the holes in the pre-cast concrete rings). This will increase the performance of all soakaways and gullies in this area, hopefully negating the need for extra soakaways here. This work is due to be carried out in September.

4. Minute 9/13 (1 July 2013)

PARKING RESTRICTIONS – MAIDEN CASTLE HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD

(a) Following the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee on 3 June 2013, the Town Clerk wrote to Dorset Police and DCC asking them to actively enforce the access protection markings at the entrances to Maiden Castle House, Gloucester Road. Their responses are:

Dorset Police

PC Brown of Dorchester Safer Neighbourhood Team has had an initial look at this issue and visited the site, liaising with DCC parking enforcement, and unfortunately it is not a clear cut matter. The dropped curb and white line at the location extends a good distance beyond the actual entrance to the residential home. This was obviously done for a reason and was likely to be to do with safety and visibility as you enter Gloucester Road from Maiden Castle House. It was noted that the two cars in situ when PC Brown visited were both registered out of Dorchester.

The Police can enforce an unnecessary obstruction so if cars were completely blocking the entrance and no vehicle could actually enter Maiden Castle House car park then they could enforce that with a fixed penalty ticket. However, willful obstruction needs to be proved before enforcement can be carried out and from what has been seen on site there was no willful obstruction.

Dorset County Council advise that their enforcement stance is very similar. They will not and cannot enforce a simple breach of the drop curb and white line system unless it causes a clear obstruction of the entrance way. With this in mind, Dorset Police consider that enforcement here is going to be challenging but this must be based on a case by case situation.

PC Brown has discussed the situation with staff at Maiden Castle House and has agreed the short term plan of staff using polite notices on the nearby fence and on the vehicles, advising drivers of the issues that are being caused with the cars being parked there and asking them to park elsewhere, as an initial step. Dorset Police will monitor this for a few weeks and see if this has the desired affect.

Dorset Police ask that if the Town Council receives any further information about these issues, then this should be forwarded on to them.

Dorset County Council

DCC enforces parking restrictions designated by Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) and as such will serve Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) upon vehicles they witness parked in contravention of these orders. Regrettably, they can offer little in the way of help with inconsiderate parking where motorists park ignoring white courtesy lines as these are not being support by a TRO. The only offer the County Council can make is that should someone park so as to completely obstruct a dropped kerb, then they do have powers to issue a PCN and are happy to attend such an occasion if they have an

officer in the vicinity. There are a couple of conditions attached to this, namely that the resident who is being obstructed is there to confirm the situation and that the access is not just difficult but is completely blocked.

(b) Following the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee on 3 June 2013, the Town Clerk wrote to Dorset County Council requesting that double yellow lines be installed at the visibility splays of the site entrances to Maiden Castle House.

DCC's Senior Technician, Traffic Engineering advises that this request has been added to the County Council's list of requests for ranking and prioritising in the 2014/15 financial year. However, it is unlikely to score highly as the County Council is not aware of any recorded accidents at this location and there may not be an unusually high number of vehicle movements from the site given the nature of the facility. Further advice given was that if the management of Maiden Castle House was able to evidence a high frequency of emergency attendance by ambulances as opposed to non-emergency visits, then that would lend greater support to the request and Maiden Castle House has been advised of this.

5. Minute 10/13 (1 July 2013)

TRAFFIC ISSUES – MANOR ROAD

At its meeting on 16 July 2013, the Policy Committee noted the request of the Planning and Environment Committee that in the next budget round, a bid be made to Policy Committee for the Council to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID).

6. Minute 15/13 (1 July 2013)

URGENT ITEMS

Following the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee on 3 June 2013, the Town Clerk wrote to the agent dealing with 14 South Street, highlighting the Council's concerns about the condition and appearance of the shop premises. Copies of this letter were sent to the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Dorchester BID and West Dorset District Council.

A response was received from the Group Director of Wadham and Isherwood advising that, on behalf of the freeholder, his company is arranging for the shopfront glazing to be cleared of closing down stickers and for the fascia to be improved. The former tenant, JJB Sports, went into liquidation and unfortunately left the building in poor order. He assures the Council that no environmental health issues are likely to emerge since the property is inspected once a week and any issues reported to the company for rectification. It is intended to repair and redecorate the upper floor windows in preparation for new occupiers and all being well the shop will be relet in the near future.

This response was forwarded to the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

**DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (DACP)
REPORT TO DORCHSTER TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL - JULY 2013**

Key Achievements

- **Community Plan** – The final copy of the Community Plan was signed off and went to the WDDC graphics team. Who as usual made our pictures and text look very professional.
- The CommuniTea event to launch our new three year Community Plan was held on Thursday 13th June. 15 local organisations bought displays and along long with journalists from BBC Radio Solent and Wessex FM, 50+ local people attended. The feedback was positive and everyone enjoyed the delicious cream teas.
- The event was discussed at the recent steering group. Members felt that although the event was a success, it was disappointing that very few new faces attended. Further discussion took place about wider communications and DACP developing and adopting a communications strategy.
- **Community Lunch** – Attendance at the March lunch was slightly lower than usual. The steering group and volunteers did a great job and managed the lunch arrangements in Pauline's absence.
- The lunches have kindly been sponsored again for this year by Magna Housing Association.
- A review of the Community Lunches has been carried out by the partnership. A questionnaire was sent to all attendees as part of the review. These were collated and discussed at the steering group meeting on 15th April. It was overwhelmingly agreed that the lunches should carry on. People liked the opportunity to meeting other organisations and group and to network. The next lunch is on September 26th at the Dorford Centre.
- **Skills Share Project** – Now named **Try This** A number of further planning meetings have taken place, a very strong steering group led by Hettie Burn, is in place. To test the format, 3 pilot sessions took place in April.
- Try This ...Has received grants for £300 from O2 Think Big Fund and £1.450 from Dorset YOP Fund. A week-long festival is planned for 16th – 20th Sept. An email along with a poster with an invite to get involved and offer a skill that others might like to learn was circulated in June/July. The programme will be ready in August..
- **Access for All Group** – Held a coffee morning drop in on 16th May, local people attended and raised accessibility issues and concerns with the group. The group was also able to feedback on its latest achievements.
- The group held their AGM on 27th June. Ray Bartlett has been re elected as Chairman and Sue Blake as Secretary.
- 5 Drop Kerb sites in the Manor Park area should be completed by the end of June.
- Progress with resolving the A-Board issue remains at an impasse, although there is still a local authority incentive to get something done, the key problem is finding a way forward that is acceptable without alienating the business community. It is clear that local business support will be crucial there is to any success in dealing with this problem.
- **Dorchester Strollers** – The average number of people on the Strollers walks continue to be over 20. On the 2nd July they celebrated their 10th Anniversary with a party, attended by the Mayor, in the Borough Gardens.
- **Friends of West Station** – Continue to work at the station weekly. The new planters have bought colour and cheer to the station and the new information boards have been well received and the installation of the water butt has been a great help in keeping then planters watered.. The producer of the new Radio Solent Dorset Breakfast Programme popped by to a Friday work session. He was very interested in what they have achieved and interviewed the members and for radio item.

- **Access to North platform of West Station** – With regard the new access to the northbound platform at Dorchester West station. A decision from Network Rail regarding their input is awaited and is believed to be imminent. Some preparatory work clearing the proposed site for the new ramp has recently been done.
- **Safer Routes to School** – More research is needed to take this project forward.
- **Cycle Route from Broadmayne** – Pauline & Tess have arranged to meet with Broadmayne PC on 23rd July. To discuss ideas and possibilities of taking this project forward.
- **Stop the Drop** – We are in discussions with the group to identify how we can offer them support.
- A group representative attended our recent steering group meeting and Stop the Drop is an agenda item for the September meeting.
- **One World Festival** - The date has been changed to September 15th. The original date in July fell in the middle of Ramadan and the steering group felt it wasn't appropriate to hold the festival during that period. The steering group are very grateful to the Town Council for their continued support of the project.
- **Consultation** - The Partnership made a comprehensive response to the proposal for development of 1,000 new homes in Dorchester in the Draft Local Plan.
- **DACP Steering Group** – We continue to attract new members to the steering group. Dorchester Prison and Dorchester Arts have been very actively involved in recent discussions and events

Good News

- **Queens Honours** - DACP are very proud that Sue Blake, a long term member of DACP steering group, and a very active member of Dorchester Strollers, Friends of the West Station and The Access for All Group, has been awarded a BEM for her work in the community, in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Any questions about this report please contact Pauline Trimming.

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DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 5th AUGUST, 2013

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Applications can be accessed via:

dorsetforyou.com/Home/Environment and Planning/Planning/Planning Applications/Planning Application Search/West Dorset District Council, or

[http://webapps.westdorset-dc.gov.uk/PlanAppsWDDC/\(S\(zi0g3h55hwqiqt55gp32yuqy\)\)/pages/ApplicationSearch.aspx](http://webapps.westdorset-dc.gov.uk/PlanAppsWDDC/(S(zi0g3h55hwqiqt55gp32yuqy))/pages/ApplicationSearch.aspx)

1. **1/D/13/000819**
6 WESSEX WAY, DORCHESTER, DT1 2NR
Erection of 1 new dwelling and formation of new vehicular access to existing dwelling
2. **1/D/13/000726**
9 LONDON ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1NF
Change of use from light industrial to provide a one bedroom mezzanine dwelling, including re-building of the existing northern extensions
(Conservation Area)
3. **1/D/13/000818**
LITTLE MAEN, 37 PRINCE OF WALES ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1QE
Demolish existing garage and build a two storey dwelling in existing footprint
4. **1/D/13/000896**
55 MELLSTOCK AVENUE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2BG
Alteration and extension to extend study and porch
5. **1/D/13/000807 Listed Building Consent**
22 HIGH EAST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1EZ
Change of use/conversion of part of building to 7 No. dwellings
(Grade II Listed Building and Conservation Area)
6. **1/D/13/000806**
22 HIGH EAST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1EZ
Change of use/conversion of part of building to 7 No. dwellings
(Grade II Listed Building and Conservation Area)
7. **1/D/13/000900 Advertisement Consent**
HERITAGE AUTOMOTIVE LTD, THE GROVE, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XU
2 x 48 sheet poster boards to the south elevation facing Lidl.
(Conservation Area)

8. **1/D/13/000904**
19 KINGSBERE CRESCENT, DORCHESTER, DT1 2DY
Demolition of an existing single storey, flat roofed, portion of the dwelling and replacement with a 2-storey side extension with a pitched roof to tie into the main dwelling
9. **1/D/13/000915 Listed Building Consent**
MOULE HOUSE, TRINITY STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1TT
Reroofing and associated external repairs. Replacement of lead parapet and valley gutters. Improvement to east front roof of modern garage. Minor internal alterations (Grade II* Listed Building and Conservation Area)
(There is a detailed 49 page Design and Access Statement supporting this application which is available on dorsetforyou via the link above.)
10. **1/D/13/000799**
47 QUEENS AVENUE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2EP
Second storey extension over existing garage to form bedroom, family bathroom & en-suite. Replacement dormer & new dormer to front elevation. K render over existing reconstructed stone Replacement windows/doors to property
11. **1/D/13/000767**
109 BRIDPORT ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2NH
Loft conversion
12. **1/D/13/000766**
99 WEATHERBURY WAY, DORCHESTER, DT1 2EE
Two storey side extension and porch
13. **1/D/13/000847**
THE GREAT FIELD, PEVERELL AVENUE EAST, POUNDBURY
To provide play equipment for older young people at the Great Field
14. **1/D/13/000977**
9 SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1BL
Installation of 1No. externally illuminated fascia sign and 1No. non-illuminated hanging sign
(Grade II Listed Building and Conservation Area)
15. **1/D/13/000978 Listed Building Consent**
9 SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1BL
Installation of 1No. externally illuminated fascia sign. Installation of 1No. non-illuminated hanging sign. Decoration to existing shopfront. Internal shop re-fit.
(Grade II Listed Building and Conservation Area)
16. **1/D/13/001015**
4 PUMMERY SQUARE, POUNDBURY, DORCHESTER, DT1 3GW
Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 1/E/2002/1157 to change opening hours from 08:00 to 18:00hrs to 08:00 to 23:00hrs

17. **1/D/13/001046**
50 MARIE ROAD, DT1 2LF
Extension on footprint of current conservatory (Larger single storey rear extension)
18. **1/D/13/001035**
14 VESPASIAN WAY, DORCHESTER, DT1 2RD
Extension to existing flat roofed porch. New Porch to have 30° pitch roof.
19. **1/D/13/000908**
6 COPPER STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1GH
Installation of three fixed parasols within the external seating area. These will be fixed with ground sockets.

Dorchester Town Council - Planning and Environment Committee
5th August 2013

Agenda Item 6 - Car Parking Issues

6(a) - Alfred Place

Email from Mr Paul Siwek, 14 Alfred Place, Dorchester dated 30 June 2013

I live at number 14 Alfred Place. I come home some nights from work and find our road is completely full, some cars I've not seen before. Parking for all the residents is quite a nightmare and is starting to cause me stress. I have emailed Parking services at Dorset County Council in a request to get marked parking spaces all along Alfred Place, and have a permit system in place to stop non residents using our road. I have 3 small children and parking near is a must, I'm sure other residents would also love to park near to their own property. What do I need to do to have a permit system in place all along Alfred Place? Myself and my wife are more than happy to pay a permit to park on our road, if it means I'm almost guaranteed a space when I come home from work. If you can help me in this matter I would be truly grateful!

Many thanks
Paul S

6(b) - Woolaston Road

Email from Clare Stokes dated 18 July 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

I just wanted to make you aware that the residents of Wollaston Road are very concerned of the speed the traffic travels down our road. I contacted Oliver Letwin MP who has written on our behalf to the County Council, have put in place traffic monitoring system to assess the problem.

I would very much like you to also support us to achieve some sort of traffic calming as there are a lot of young children that live down our road and with resident cars parked on one side, vehicles use it as a rat run to Fordington. We can only see this problem getting worse when the Charles Street development takes place, a child was knocked down by a car last year, luckily it wasn't serious but next time it could be.

Our road is a thoroughfare from Fordington which is great as long as it is safe, I have sent a petition of all of the residents and more in favour of this happening to Oliver Letwin and he is going to email you a copy.

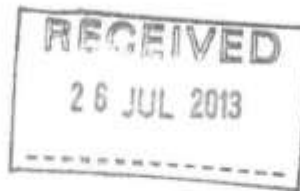
I will look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Stokes



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My ref: SF/DW/LMP

Dear Mr Stuart

Some of you may be aware that the County Council has been conducting a wide ranging consultation on the general passenger usage of the bus routes that receive a subsidy from the Council.

This consultation was started in the first place to give us help in finding a way of running subsidised bus routes which not only meet the needs of the majority that use the service, but offer good value for our subsidy of more than £2.0 million.

As part of this process, we have looked at other local authorities across the UK, and have found that few operate subsidised routes to the extent that Dorset currently does. Most withdrew large elements of subsidy when the government grant was cut back in 2011/12.

Public transport is important in the County, and whilst we have found the need to reduce the annual budget by £850,000, we remain committed to providing a transport service.

We have settled on a probable model for the use of the bus subsidy that offers value for money for the local taxpayer, meets our budget savings requirement and continues to offer bus routes that have reasonable passenger numbers.

To ensure any funding and service reduction are implemented in a structured and informed manner, in recent months we have been carrying out a full review of the subsidised bus network in Dorset to ascertain the level and type of passenger usage and calculate the unit cost of passenger journeys across the network.

This review included on-bus surveys, analysis of performance data, discussions with the bus operators, and most importantly, inviting all our Stakeholders to attend workshop events. These processes enabled us to ascertain when and why people utilised bus services, and how important such services were for them. We also carried out a further survey work exercises via the Citizens' Panel and the Dorset For You website.

From this consultation, the top priorities for service users were found to be the provision of bus services during the daytime on Mondays to Fridays to enable access to health, shopping and leisure opportunities.



Spencer Flower: County Councillor for Verwood & Three Legged Cross Electoral Division



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Once all the results were received, Officers developed a range of options for the County Council's Cabinet to consider to meet the new budget target for 2014/15 of £2,152,796.

Only one of the options met the financial targets set within the County Council's budget for the current year. In addition consultation meetings were held with County Councillors to appraise them in detail of the proposals so they were in a position to contribute to the decision making process.

The option which meets the 2014/15 financial targets is included in the attachment to this letter and I am seeking your comments on these proposals, which are intended to begin in early January 2014.

I would appreciate your considered response on the impact of those route changes that impact most on your Parish. In addition, it would be most useful if you have any ideas or initiatives for community transport provision or other solutions to help to develop support for your community that does not require the provision of a bus.

To assist with this task, I have enclosed a leaflet that gives an overview of the type of community transport opportunities that exist. It is our intention to ensure that some of the savings from this value for money review of bus subsidy be set aside to fund transport solutions other than the continuation of heavily underused subsidised bus routes.

Having been a Parish Councillor myself for more than 20 years, I appreciate this is not an easy time to put together a response. However, I have decided that rather than to take a decision at our most recent Cabinet meeting, that we should pause for two months to allow sufficient time to include comments from Town and Parish Councils as part of the report that will come to the 2 October 2013 Cabinet when the final decision will be made. I am therefore asking for your assistance in meeting this necessary timescale.

Your response should be directed to David Coates, if you require any assistance in making a contribution please contact him on extension 01305 221587 or by e-mail at d.coates@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



Spencer Flower
Leader of the Council

Encs.

Extract from enclosure to Councillor Flower's letter dated 22 July 2013

**Changes to Dorset Local Bus Network
From 5 January 2014**

Option 3

- Rural services costing over £5 per passenger withdrawn
- Services carrying an average of less than 7 passengers per journey withdrawn
- School services not carrying entitled children withdrawn
- Summer only tourist services withdrawn
- No subsidised services evenings, Saturdays (unless they average 20 passengers per journey or more), Sundays, Bank Holidays and school holidays unless additional external funding
- No specific subsidised journeys early mornings/evening peaks
- Service 103 not replaced
- Dorchester to Poole route – significant changes - no service between Bere Regis & Poole
- Revised North Dorset network
- Revised Dorchester – Yeovil services
- Revised Christchurch services
- Southill service extended to run during school holidays
- Cross boundary route support significantly curtailed

Service	Operator	Route	Notes
1,2	Damory	Dorchester Town Services	Saturday service withdrawn - circa 10 passengers per journey
6	Damory (from September 2013)	Dorchester – Hospital - Poundbury	Saturday service withdrawn (from January 2014) – averages 8.7 passengers per journey. Hourly service 31 parallels
NEW 20	Damory	Dorchester - Blandford - Salisbury	Replaces most of service 183/4. 3 full return trips plus short workings. No Saturday or Sunday service
NEW 36	Damory	Blandford – Bere Regis - Dorchester	Revised service – part replaces 387. No Saturday service
40	Damory	Gillingham –Todber – Winterbournes – Dorchester (Wednesdays)	No change
61	Damory	Wyke Regis – Dorchester (Wednesdays)	No change
74/74A/212, 216, 307	Damory + SW Coaches	Dorchester – Yeovil via various routes	74/74A & 212 revised due to low demand & high cost. No Saturday services – averages around 6 passengers per journey

Service	Operator	Route	Notes
101	Damory	Dorchester - Crossways	Saturday service withdrawn – averages 6.5 passengers per journey
103	Damory	Dorchester – Bovington/Wareham.	WITHDRAWN – Existing service poorly used (average 5 passengers per journey). Cost per passenger £6.42.
104	Damory	Dorchester – Wool – Wareham/Bovington	Saturday service withdrawn – averages 6.7 passengers per journey Danger of overloading
183/4/5	Damory	Salisbury – Blandford – Dorchester – Weymouth.	Replaced by new service 20 (Salisbury – Blandford – Dorchester) & 21 (Blandford Camp) – see above. No SATURDAY, SUNDAY/BANK HOLIDAY services
211/207	Damory	Weymouth – Upwey/Downclose	Saturday service withdrawn – 211 averages 4.9 passengers per journey
213	Damory	Broadwindsor – Dorchester (Wednesdays only)	No change
311	Damory	Blandford - Dorchester	Revised service. Saturday service withdrawn - averages 4.7 passengers per journey
387	First	Dorchester - Bere Regis – Lytchett Matravers - Poole	WITHDRAWN between Dorchester & Lytchett Matravers. Bere Regis to Dorchester section replaced by new service 36 – see above. Commercial (off peak) service between Lytchett Matravers and Poole runs Mondays to Fridays. No Saturday services...
Sydling taxi	Damory	Sydling – Dorchester (Wednesdays)	WITHDRAWN – Averages 5.5 passengers per journey.

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 5th AUGUST, 2013

Decisions on planning applications reported at the meeting on 5th August, 2013:

1. **1/D/13/000271**
9 SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1BL
Installation of 1No. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1No. non-illuminated hanging sign.
Decorations to existing shopfront. Internal shop re-fit.
Listed Building consent approved.
2. **1/D/13/000270**
9 SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1BL
Installation of 1No. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1No. non-illuminated hanging sign.
Advertisement consent approved.
3. **1/D/13/000215**
27 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, DORCHESTER, DT1 2BA
Two storey extension, new garage and SUDS compliant drive/turning area
Planning permission approved.
4. **1/D/13/000714**
64 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XA
Installation of new ATM through shopfront with new non-illuminated acrylic ATM
tablet. Non-illuminated Acrylic ATM tablet
Advertisement consent approved.
5. **1/D/13/000713**
64 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XA
Installation of new ATM through shopfront with new non-illuminated acrylic ATM
tablet
Planning permission approved.
6. **1/D/13/000722**
64 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XA
Installation of new ATM through shopfront with new non-illuminated acrylic ATM
tablet
Listed Building consent approved.
7. **1/D/13/000611**
PORTFOLIO HOUSE, 3 PRINCES STREET, DORCHESTER
Install 2 no. air conditioning units. Fix window bars to 2No ground floor windows
Planning permission approved.
8. **1/D/13/000430**
LOUDS PIECE DEVELOPMENT SITE, ALINGTON AVENUE, DORCHESTER
Variation of condition 4 of PP 1/D/10/001501 to substitute a revised landscaping scheme
Planning permission approved.

9. **1/D/13/000748**
7 CAME VIEW CLOSE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2AF
Erect two-storey and single storey extensions and re-build garage
Planning permission approved.
10. **1/D/13/000749**
4 BRAEMAR ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2AR
Porch
Planning permission approved.
11. **1/D/13/000777**
97 HIGH STREET FORDINGTON, DORCHESTER, DT1 1LD
Construct single storey extension and carry out internal and external alterations
Listed Building consent approved
12. **1/D/13/000776**
97 HIGH STREET FORDINGTON, DORCHESTER, DT1 1LD
Construct single storey extension and carry out internal and external alterations
Planning permission approved.
13. **1/D/13/000662**
THE ROYAL OAK, 20-22 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1UW
ONE x set letters, finished gold with green outline and returns. ONE x fascia panel to rear. ONE x double sided hanging panel beneath arch. TWO x amenity boards. ONE x set of small letters to existing fascia area painted green by others. TWO x double sided pictorial panels with fret cut and applied logos. One new bracket and linolites to rear.
Advertisement consent approved.
Following the Town Council's objection to the halo lighting aspect of this application, as it neither preserved nor enhanced the Conservation Area or this Listed Building, the applicant submitted revised plans which removed the 'halo' illumination for the main frontage lettering. West Dorset District Council's Principal Planning Officer believed that this adequately dealt with the Town Council's concerns and progressed the application under the Council's delegation process.