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Agenda for the meeting of the **Planning and Environment Committee** which will be held in the **Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester** on 30 April 2018 at **7.00pm**.

Adrian Stuart
Town Clerk

Public Speaking at the Meeting

The Chairman has discretion to allow members of the public to speak at the meeting. If you wish to address the Committee, please contact the Committee Clerk at least one day in advance of the meeting. We ask speakers to confine their comments to the matter in hand and to be as brief as is reasonably possible.

Member Code of Conduct: Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests where appropriate. A Member who declares a pecuniary interest must leave the room unless a suitable dispensation has been granted. A Member who declares a non-pecuniary interest may take part in the meeting and vote.

Membership of the Committee

Councillors C. Biggs, R. Biggs (Vice Chairman), A. Canning, T. Harries, J. Hewitt, S. Hosford (the Mayor ex-officio), S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, T. Loakes, R. Potter (Chairman), M. Rennie and D. Taylor

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

It is recommended that any twin hatted Dorchester Town Council and West Dorset District Council Councillors make a statement regarding their participation in the consideration of planning applications at this agenda item.

2. Minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 April 2018 (attached).

3. Minute Update Report

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

4. Planning Applications for Comment

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

5. Parking Issue – Fordington Green

The Town Council has been contacted by a local resident about a parking issue on land close to Fordington Green. The Committee is asked consider the issue and respond formally, on behalf of the Council, to the resident. (Details attached).

6. Urgent Items

To consider any other items that the Chairman or Town Clerk decides are urgent and that cannot wait for consideration at a future meeting.

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Agenda Item 3. Minute Update Report

1. **Minute 96/17 (2 May 2017)**

Max Gate Planning Application

The National Trust advises that it is still very much committed to exploring how it can resolve parking issues at Max Gate and is working through the challenges raised by Historic England in response to their planning application. In December 2017, Hannah Jefferson was appointed as General Manager for the National Trust's North and West Dorset Properties and she will be seeking to progress things. There is still a commitment to resolving the parking issues both for the local community and for visitors but it is unlikely that there will be a new parking facility in place at Max Gate within this tourism season.

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Agenda Item 4. Planning Applications for Comment

East Ward (Councillors T Harries/S Jones/F Kent-Ledger)

1. **88 PRINCE OF WALES ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1PR - WD/D/18/000489 [Link](#)**
Display of 2 no. floodlit BMW & MINI flag poles & flags, 1no. internally illuminated BMW freestanding exclusive pylon sign, 1no. internally illuminated MINI freestanding exclusive pylon sign (existing), 1no. non-illuminated BMW entrance sign & 1no. internally illuminated façade banner sign
2. **ONE STOP SHOP, 1 & 3 KINGS ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1NJ - WD/D/18/000449 [Link](#)**
Display of 1no. non-illuminated fascia sign, 2no. non-illuminated window graphics, 1no. non-illuminated panel & 4no. non-illuminated poster frames
Dorchester Conservation Area
3. **18 ALFRED PLACE, DORCHESTER, DT1 1NW - WD/D/18/000661**
Installation of flat roof rear dormer

North Ward (Councillors R Biggs/A Canning/S Hosford/T Loakes/D Taylor)

4. **53 SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1DQ - WD/D/18/000466 [Link](#)**
Internally illuminated with LED aluminium pan
Dorchester Conservation Area
5. **POUNDBURY CEMETERY, POUNDBURY ROAD, DORCHESTER - WD/D/18/000468 [Link](#)**
Erect Boundary Wall to North-West Side Of Cemetery
(Dorchester Town Council application)
6. **POUNDBURY PHASES 3 AND 4, PEVERELL AVENUE EAST, POUNDBURY - WD/D/18/000544**
Approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to outline Planning Permission 1/D/09/001363 – 35 Apartments in Blocks 4.05B and 4.05C.

South Ward (Councillors C Biggs/R Potter/M Rennie)

7. **31B HERRINGSTON ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2BT - WD/D/18/000488 [Link](#)**
Alterations to existing dormers

West Ward (Councillor J Hewitt)

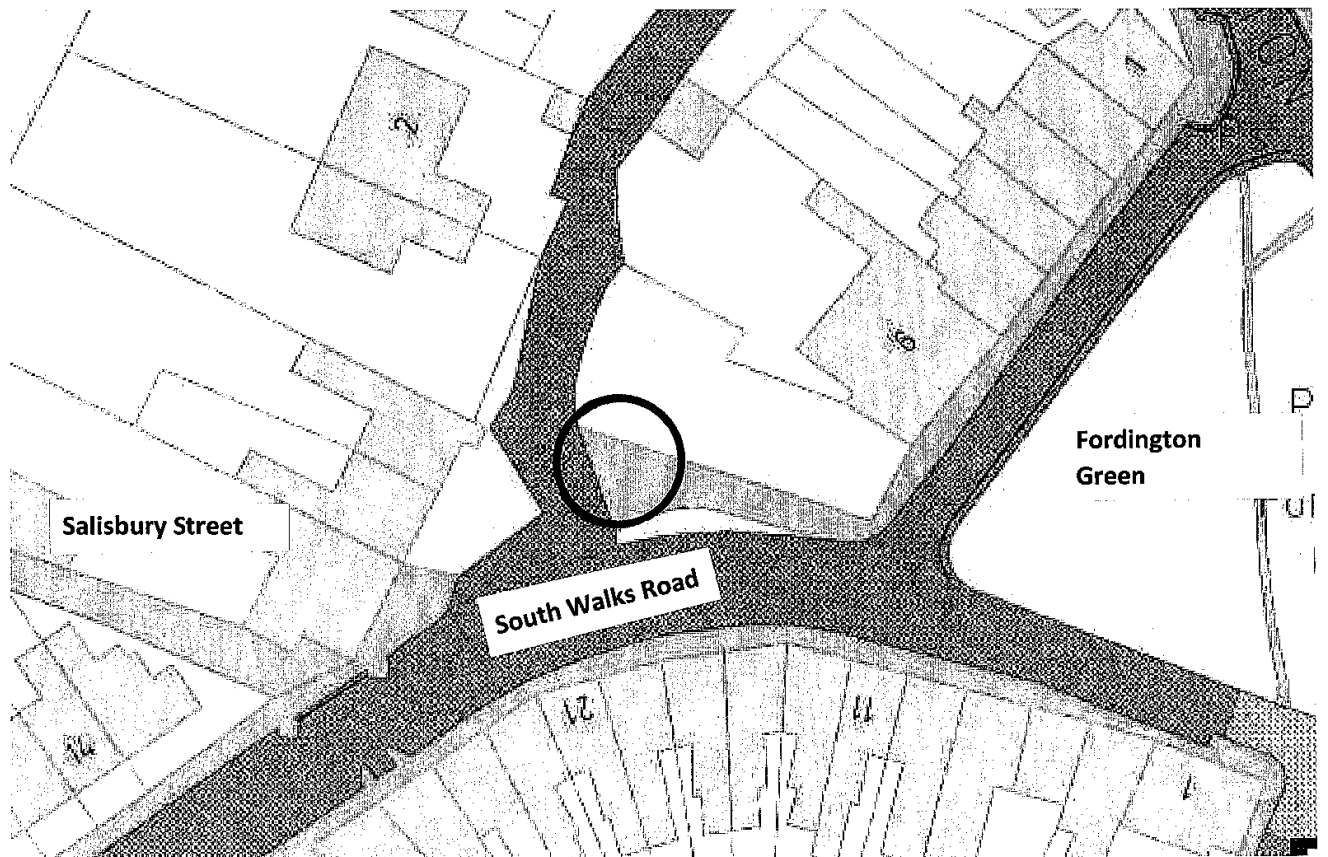
8. **DOMINOS PIZZA, GREAT WESTERN ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1RD - WD/D/18/000464 [Link](#)**
External refurbishment including:- repainting of existing doors and windows; repair and redecoration of existing walls, soffits and fascias; replacement of missing ridge tiles and guttering; replacement external signage. Internal alterations and refurbishment including:- replacement of counter and staff door; removal of non-original partitions; new partitions; replacement suspended ceilings, lighting and finishes; alterations to first floor to create store and meeting room.
Dorchester Conservation Area and Grade II Listed Building
9. **47 QUEENS AVENUE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2EP - WD/D/18/000513 [Link](#)**
Erection of a single storey annexe.

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Agenda Item 5. Parking Issue – Fordington Green

1. For some time now, local ward councillors and officers have been contacted on several occasions by a resident of South Walks Road regarding an issue that has arisen with unauthorised parking on a small piece of private land close to Fordington Green (map attached). This area had previously been planted with a large shrub and tree which have been removed by a local resident who decided to use the area for parking.
2. Although not an area of Town Council responsibility, officers offered some 'hands off' support by providing three 'no parking on the verge' signs (recycled from South Court Avenue) to be installed on the piece of private land. The land owner (not the resident of South Walks Road) had given approval for the installation of this sign on their land by a private contractor.
3. Unfortunately, it was not possible for the contractor to install the signs at the appointed time and the intervention of a local Police Community Support Officer was required due to confrontation between local residents regarding the status and use of the piece of land.
4. The issue remains ongoing and the South Walks resident has now approached the Town Council with a view to it taking responsibility for resolving this issue. The resident has also contacted the local MP. Copies of correspondence attached.
5. This is essentially a private matter/dispute which the Town Council has no responsibility for and it would set a precedent to become involved in this.
6. The Committee is asked to consider this issue and to make a formal response, on behalf of the Town Council, to the South Walks resident.



The Town Clerk,
Dorchester Town Council
14 North Square
Dorchester DT1 1JF
5th April 2018

Dear Sir,

There is an on-going problem to the Conservation Area near Fordington Green, Dorchester.

The issue: a) a private piece of land is being used as an unauthorised parking area, partially obstructing the public footpath and turning a pleasant grassy area into a mud slick.
b) the misuse of this land has been causing confrontation between neighbours, resulting in the local police being involved.

Proposals are here put forward for the council to consider:

Option 1: that the piece of land is formally adopted by the council(s) as an authorised car-parking space, and is properly administered and maintained;

Option 2: the land is restored to what it was – a cultivated verge with shrubs and trees (replacing the one that was cut down without a permit.)

Both options would require the agreement of the owner.

Can the Town Council decide which option is the way forward and, if necessary, canvas local householders.

I look forward to your reply within the next two weeks. .

RT HON SIR OLIVER LETWIN MP



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17th January 2018

Thank you for your letter of 13th January, which I received yesterday.

I am sorry there has been such dispute about the use of this particular piece of land at Fordington Green.

I am afraid, however, that there isn't any way in which I can myself intervene in a dispute between different residents, all of whom are constituents of mine.

I am afraid that it is only the Town Council that can really involve itself in this - as I don't think it sounds as if there are any planning issues involved (which is, no doubt, why WDDC has not been able to help you).

Apart from the Town Council, the only thing I can suggest is a possible approach to Dorset Mediation, in order to see whether they could facilitate some kind of agreement between those in the area who feel as you do and the residents who have been taking an opposing view.

I would be happy to make an approach on your behalf to Dorset Mediation, if you would like me to do that.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oliver Letwin".

SIR OLIVER LETWIN

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