

# **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**1st MARCH, 2010**

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st March, 2010:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor S.C. Hosford) (in the Chair) and Councillors M.A. Allwood, A.J. Canning, T.C.N. Harries, L.E. Heath, C.M. Hebditch, R.B. Potter and M.E. Rennie.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, V. Black, E.S. Jones, Trevor Jones and F.E. Kent-Ledger.

78. **REQUEST FOR 40MPH SPEED LIMIT – MIDDLE FARM WAY**

Further to Minute 72(a) the Committee welcomed Mr. S. Howard, Manager, Traffic Management, Dorset County Council who was attending the meeting to explain to Members the rationale behind the request from the Duchy of Cornwall and the County Council's decision to recommend its approval.

Mr. Howard informed the Committee that Middle Farm Way was unadopted at present. However the road had been designed to carry a 40mph speed limit to encourage road users to avoid the residential areas of Bridport Road and Peverell Avenue East and West.

Following lengthy discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to inform the Dorset County Council that the Council confirms the decision set out at Minute 72(a).

The Chairman thanked Mr. Howard for attending the Meeting.

79. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1st February, 2010 a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct copy.

80. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL – REVIEW OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS – VICTORIA PARK**

Further to Traffic Panel Minute 3(c) dated 20th October, 2009 the Committee received and considered a letter and map dated 22nd February, 2010 seeking this Council's support to three amendments to the proposals arising from consultation.

Firstly Alexandra Road was proposed to be subjected to No Waiting At Any Time from the existing limited waiting bay on the eastern side at the northern end to stretch over the entire dropped kerb adjacent to the Gurkha Nimto restaurant.

Secondly a two hour limited waiting bay between the hours of 8am and 8pm, Monday to Saturday with residents permit parking was proposed adjacent to the southern wall of the Victoria public house to help clients for the hairdressing businesses in Olga and Maud Road.

Lastly the proposed single yellow line from north of the junction of Edward Road to the existing 30 minute bay on the eastern side of Maud Road was proposed to be shortened to stop before these garages to allow business parking permitted by the garage owners.

The Committee also noted that business permits as previously proposed would not be introduced at the present time.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council supporting these proposals.

81. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(a) Community Planning Seminar

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 3rd February, 2010 from Democratic Services inviting this Council to send a representative to a Community Planning Seminar on Monday, 22nd March, 2010 to consider the consultation draft of the sustainable community plan.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor C.M. Hebditch be requested to represent the Council at this Seminar session.

(b) Application for Road Closure Order – Dorchester Carnival Procession – Saturday, 19th June, 2010

The Committee noted that an application had been received requesting the closure of Fairfield Road, part of Maumbury Road, part of Great Western Road, Cornwall Road, Albert Road, Top o' Town Roundabout, High West Street, part of High East Street, Church Street, Acland Road, part of South Walks Road and part of Weymouth Avenue between 6.00pm and 7.20pm for the Dorchester Carnival procession.

It was

## **RESOLVED**

That no objection be raised to the proposed road closure.

### (c) Trees

The Committee noted that the following tree works had been approved by the District Council:

- To coppice 1 Hawthorn to ground level at 2 York Terrace;
- To perform a crown clean, crown lift to 5.0m; remove deadwood, epicormic growth and ivy on 5 trees under Section 198 at Greenwood, Maiden Castle Road.

## 82. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

The Committee received and noted the various reports which had been submitted for information.

## 83. **O<sub>2</sub> TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL AT ALINGTON ROAD**

As an urgent item the Committee received and considered a letter dated 15th February, 2010 received from Babcock Networks concerning 3G mobile telephone coverage for the Dorchester area. They proposed to erect a 15m slim line monopole and adjacent cabinet at Alington Road on the grass verge by the Thomas Hardy public house and the Fordington Fields roundabout.

Following discussion it was

## **RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Babcock Networks informing them that it is this Council's opinion that this proposal would be obtrusive in this location and suggesting that they carry out further investigations with a view to sharing an existing structure in this area.

(Councillor R.B. Potter declared an interest in the above as he is a member of the West Dorset District Council's Development Control Committee and he left the meeting at this point.)

## 84. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### (a) Development Control Committee

In accordance with Minute 77(b) the Committee gave further consideration to the non attendance of a representative from this Council at meetings of the District Council's Development Control Committee.

Following discussion it was

## RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor L.E. Heath be requested to represent this Council at the next meeting of the District Council's Development Control Committee to be held on 18th March, 2010.
- (2) That an item be placed on every agenda of this Committee to nominate a representative to attend each meeting of the Development Control Committee.

(b) Withdrawal – PA 1/D/09/1979 – Conversion of Existing Building from Garage Workshop into 2no. Two Bedroom Houses at 21 Colliton Street

The Committee noted that this planning application had been withdrawn from the Planning Register.

(c) Appeal – PA 1/D/09/0654 – Retain Externally Illuminated Sign at 2 South Terrace, South Street

The Committee noted that an Appeal had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against the District Council's refusal of this application and that the appeal would proceed by way of written representation on or after 3rd March, 2010.

(d) Generally

The Committee considered planning applications referred to this Council for comment by the West Dorset District Council.

It was

## RESOLVED

That the comments on the various planning applications as now agreed and set out at Appendix I be notified to the West Dorset District Council.

(The Mayor and Councillor M.E. Rennie declared Personal Interests in Planning Application 10485 as they are both members of the Committee of Dorchester Municipal Charities.)

Chairman

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

Planning Applications considered on 1st March, 2010:

**1 10481**

Double glazed conservatory. Install/replace front door to existing pre-school/playgroup at The Bungalow, Damers Road. 1/D/10/0012

No objection.

**2 10482**

Extend time limit for implementation of 1/E/05/000114 to erect fencing and gates to form Garden Centre and Secure Compound within existing parking area together with the carrying out of alterations to access and existing parking at Focus DIY, Great Western Industrial Estate. 1/D/10/0176

No objection.

**3 10483**

Advertisement consent to erect non-illuminated fascia, poster & yard signs at Scats, Grove Trading estate. 1/D/10/0162

No objection.

**4 10484**

Change of use of snooker club into mixed use retail/showroom, workshop, storage & fitness area at Dorchester Snooker Club, Great Western Industrial Estate. 1/D/10/0100

No objection.

**5 10485**

Remove south eastern chimney stack to below roof level & extend roof tiling over at 1-4 Whetstones. 1/D/10/0149 (CA)

No objection.

**6 10486**

Rear extension at 4 Alington Terrace. 1/D/10/0154 (CA)

No objection.

**7 10487**

Single storey rear extension at 15 Syward Road. 1/D/10/0148

No objection.

**8 10488**

Change of use from A1 (retail) to A2 (financial and professional services). Replace metal with UPVC windows to south elevation, new roof, & roof lights to north elevation at Trinity House, Trinity Street. 1/D/10/0178 (CA)

No objection.

**9 10489**

Listed Building consent to replace windows on North & West elevations at Old Mill Flats, Holloway Road. 1/D/10/0183 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**10 10490**

First floor extension at 37 Bridport Road. 1/D/10/0208 (CA)

No objection.

**11 10491**

Demolish house & erect 12 houses & 12 flats with associated car parking at Louds Piece. 1/D/10/0193

Recommend refusal. The Council are strongly of the opinion that this proposal is over development of the site, the lose of so many trees and the mature hedgerow on Smokey Hole Lane is unacceptable, concern was also expressed that the remaining trees would be under threat with undermining of the roots system. Concern was also expressed regarding the impact on the neighbours in Friars Close together with the impact on Max gate. The Council are also of the opinion that the road layout is substandard and the proposed access to the highway is dangerous and inadequate.

**12 10492**

Replace windows on North & West elevations at Old Mill Flats, Holloway Road. 1/D/10/0246

No objection.

**13 10493**

Change of use from offices to martial arts training centre at the offices above Iceland, Trinity Street. 1/D/10/0236 (CA)

No objection.

**14 10494**

Single storey rear extension. First floor side extension. Internal & external alterations at 4 Athelstan Road. 1/D/10/0272

No objection.

**15 10495**

Listed Building consent for internal alterations to convert former caretaker's flat to additional classrooms (re-submission of 1/D/08/002279) at Sunninghill Preparatory School. 1/D/10/0238 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

**16 10496**

First floor extension at 8 Alfred Road 1/D/10/0258

No objection.