

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2nd MARCH, 2009

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd March, 2009:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Hebditch) and Councillors M.A. Allwood, V. Black, A.J. Canning, T.C.N. Harries, L.E. Heath, S.C. Hosford, F.E. Kent-Ledger (Chairman), R.B. Potter and M.E. Rennie.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs and Trevor Jones.

69. **COUNCILLORS CONDUCT AT MEETINGS**

The Chairman referred to Councillors' conduct in the past and asked them to refrain from interrupting and to raise their hands when they wished to speak. The Vice-Chairman supported the Chairman's comments.

70. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2nd February, 2009, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members of the Committee, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Further to Minute 65 and in response to a question from The Mayor the Clerk confirmed that she had not received a letter from a resident indicating that they would purchase a grit bin. The Mayor agreed to investigate the matter further.

71. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Review of Waiting Restrictions**

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 14th February, 2009 together with a schedule, an overview map of Dorchester and individual site maps for various proposals to introduce new and modify existing waiting restrictions in various locations around the town.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to inform the County Council that this Committee has no objection to the following proposals set out at Items 1, 3, 4, 4a, 5, 6, 6a, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18.
- (2) That the Dorset County Council be requested to consider applying the proposal

referred to at Item 2 to both sides of Dukes Avenue at its junction with Icen Way and to consider the introduction of a 'No Waiting' restriction at the junction of Dukes Avenue and Fordington Green.

- (3) That the County Council be requested to confirm that the four additional parking places in Glyde Path Road referred to at Item 12 would be included in the residents parking scheme as previously promised.
- (4) That the County Council be requested to apply similar proposals to those referred to at Item 14 to the junctions of Alfred Road and Ashley Road with Monmouth Road.

(b) Pedestrian Crossing Facility – Trinity Street

Further to Minute 61 the Committee noted that the Dorset County Council currently had no resources available to undertake this proposal in isolation. The Committee also noted that the Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan would include pedestrian crossing facilities at Weymouth Avenue and Trinity Street in its design proposals.

(c) Pedestrian Crossing Facilities – King's Road, Prince of Wales Road and Poundbury Road

Further to Minute 64 the Committee received and noted a letter dated 20th February, 2009 from the Traffic Management Section, Dorset County Council regarding a possible pedestrian crossing facility in the vicinity of Fordington Cross, which would be subject to a survey being undertaken; the crossing facility on Prince of Wales Road in the vicinity of Barnes Way should be in place by the end of this calendar year; and the request for the upgrading to a pelican crossing in Poundbury Road would also be subject to a pedestrian/vehicle survey.

(d) Pedestrian Refuge and Road Layout – The Grove

Further to Minute 64 the Committee received and noted a letter dated 24th February, 2009 from the Dorset County Council indicating that this scheme did not secure the necessary capital resource to enable it to proceed at the present time.

(e) Street Lighting at Footpath Link – Apollo Close to Maiden Castle Road

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 11th February, 2009 from Dorset County Council together with copy correspondence seeking this Council's support for a street light on the footpath link between Apollo Close to Maiden Castle Road.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council supporting this proposal provided that any street light provided is sensitive to neighbours.

(f) Review of Public Bus Services

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 5th December, 2008 (which was received via email on 25th February, 2009) from the Dorset Passenger Transport Section requesting this Council's observations on proposed changes to Service 188 Weymouth – Dorchester, Blandford & Salisbury, to Service 311 Dorchester – Milton Abbas & Blandford and to Service 387 Dorchester – Puddletown.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council expressing the Council's regret and disappointment that this letter was not circulated in time for detailed consideration as bus links are vital for the communities they serve and this Council therefore strongly opposes any reduction in service.
- (2) That the County Council be informed of this Council's opinion that the frequency of Services 188 and 311 between Dorchester and Blandford should be increased as many NHS patients from the Dorchester area use Blandford Hospital.

72. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL – TREES**

The Committee noted that the West Dorset District Council had approved the following tree works:

- To repollard 4 Horse Chestnuts at 10 Sydenham Way;
- To reduce 1 Thuja Plicata at 20 Frome Terrace;
- To fell 1 Monterey Cypress and carry out tree works to 2 Horse Chestnuts, 1 Norway Maple, 1 Holly, 1 Whitebeam and 1 Sycamore and to generally lift all crowns over highway at 1-19 Maen Gardens;
- To raise the crown of 1 Copper Beech at Beech Court, South Walks Road;
- To fell 2 Sycamores at 13 & 15 Olga Road;
- To fell 1 Yew, 1 Conifer and 1 Eucalyptus tree at 5 West Walks.

73. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

74. **APPLICATION FOR ROAD CLOSURE – DORCHESTER SKATEPARK OPENING EVENT**

The Clerk informed the Committee that an application had been received for the closure of Upper Fairfield Road between 8.00am and 8.00pm on Saturday, 4th April, 2009 for the official opening of Dorchester Skatepark.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That this Committee raises no objection to this proposal.

Arising from the consideration of this matter it was also

RECOMMENDED

- (2) That the Deputy Town Clerk be requested to send copy e-mails to all Members of Council on the progress on the construction of the skatepark.

75. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) **New Health Centre – Weymouth Avenue**

The Committee noted that the West Dorset District Council's Planning Officer had reported that there had been nothing on the original planning application to suggest that this building would be illuminated and that there little or nothing that the local planning authority could do about it. However, they have written to the Dorset Primary Care Trust as the prospective owner of the building enquiring as to their intentions in respect of the lighting in view of the need to reduce its carbon footprint and costs. The Committee also noted that the District Council's Environmental Health Department had confirmed that they had powers to take action where lighting caused a nuisance and had agreed to investigate the matter further if the response from the Primary Care Trust suggested that the lighting would remain on for unreasonable periods of time. The Committee noted, however, that the powers available to Environmental Health were limited.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the developer and NHS Dorset reiterating the concerns of the West Dorset District Council regarding carbon footprint and light pollution in the neighbourhood.

(Councillor R.B. Potter left the meeting at this point.)

(b) Generally

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

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the comments on the various planning applications as now agreed and set out at Appendix I be submitted to the Dorset County Council and the West Dorset District Council.

During consideration of the planning applications concern was expressed regarding the amount of ad-hoc signage which was appearing around the town and the number of A-boards in the town centre.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council requesting an officer to attend a further meeting of this Committee to discuss the proliferation of signage and A boards.

Chairman

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Planning Applications considered on 2nd March, 2009:

1 10248

Construct 2 additional flats as an amendment to planning approval 1/E/06/000897 at Building 1, Sector 3.02B, Poundbury. 1/D/09/0079

No objection.

2 10249

Erect canopy over viewing area at Dorchester Bowls Club, Armada Way. 1/D/09/0140

No objection.

3 10250

Listed Building consent to carry out external and internal alterations at 2 Salisbury Villas. 1/D/09/0154

No objection.

4 10251

Advertisement consent to erect two non-illuminated signs at the Sydney Arms, Bridport Road. 1/D/09/0116 (CA)

Recommend Refusal. This proposal is not in keeping with the Conservation Area.

5 10252

Redevelopment of site to provide facilities for the modernisation of mental health services, including partial demolition of existing building and new build extension at Maiden Castle House. 1/D/09/0167

No objection. The Council would however like additional planting to shield the view from Maiden Castle Road.

6 10253

Internal and external alterations to convert chapel into 5 dwellings at the Salvation Army, Durngate Street. 1/D/09/0160 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

7 10254

Listed Building consent for the internal and external alterations to convert chapel into 5 dwellings at the Salvation Army, Durngate Street. 1/D/09/0161 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

8 10255

Erect detached house at 10 Ackerman Road. 1/D/09/0145

Recommend Refusal. This Council are still of the opinion that this proposal detracts from the street scene.

9 10256

Advertisement consent to erect non-illuminated sign at 8 Bridport Road. 1/D/09/0117 (CA)

Recommend Refusal. This proposal is not in keeping with the Conservation Area.

10 10257

Replace flat roof on garage with pitched at 22 Rothesay Road. 1/D/09/0212

No objection.

11 10258

Advertisement consent to erect 6 fascia signs, 4 poster frames and 1 hanging sign at Unit B, St. Martins Place. 1/D/09/0192

No objection.

12 10259

Erect two storey and single storey extensions at 7 Treves Road. 1/D/09/0166

No objection.

13 10260

Replace entrance canopy with lean-to porch. Replace single storey extension with two storey at 15 Barnes Way. 1/D/09/0220

No objection.

14 10261

Erect two storey extension at 11 Rothesay Road. 1/D/09/0175

Recommend Refusal. This proposal is inappropriate on this corner site and would detract from the street scene.

15 10262

Erect first floor extension at 5 Wellbridge Close. 1/D/09/0221

Recommend Refusal. Over development of the site and this proposal would detract from the street scene.

16 10263

Erect conservatory at 56 Cambridge Road. 1/D/09/0241

No objection.

17 10264

Replace windows. Internal alterations at 1-17 Old Mill Flats & 1 Holloway Road. 1/D/09/0263 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

18 10265

Listed Building consent to replace windows. Internal alterations at 1-17 Old Mill Flats & 1 Holloway Road. 1/D/09/0264 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

19 10266

Change of use of offices to educational support service at South Grove Cottage, Trinity Street. 1/D/09/0205 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

20 10267

Erect garden chalet/shed at 47/48 Icen Way. 1/D/09/0281 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

21 10268

Erect a lean-to at Flat 1, 25 Ashley Road. 1/D/09/0273

No objection.

22 10269

Replace timber windows with UPVC double glazed windows at Flat 6, Church Close.
1/D/09/0173 (CA)

No objection.

23 10270

Listed Building consent for the proposed demolition & re-build of boundary wall at Wadham House, 50 High West Street. 1/D/09/0199 (LB & CA)

No objection.