

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1st AUGUST, 2011

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st August, 2011:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor T. James) and Councillors V.J. Allan, K.E. Armitage, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger (Chairman) T.F. Loakes, M.E. Rennie and D.S. Roberts.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors D.J. Barrett, A.J. Canning, R.B. Potter and D. Taylor.

15. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4th July, 2011, adopted by Council on 26th July, 2011 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16. **TRAFFIC – LONDON ROAD**

Further to Minute 11 the Committee noted that Dorset Police had agreed to monitor heavy goods vehicle traffic through the Town under the “No Excuse” initiative. As discussed at Council Minute 28 the Committee noted that advance signage indicating the town centre weight restriction was not evident on the A35 or the A37 approaches to the Town until heavy goods vehicles were committed to their route.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council and the Highways Agency requesting a review of the adequacy of the signage in the light of the air quality issues being experienced in the Town Centre.
- (2) That Dorset Police be requested to perhaps follow heavy goods vehicles in unmarked police cars to identify if there is a serious problem.
- (3) That the operators of the CCTV cameras be reminded that this Council contribute to the running costs and their assistance in monitoring offenders should be forthcoming.

- (4) A Member suggested that the public could assist the Police by passing on number plate information of persistent offenders.
- (5) That the Town Clerk be requested to investigate whether satellite navigation providers are in a position to relay weight restriction information to drivers.

17. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Review of the Highways and Transportation Service**

The Committee received and noted correspondence from the new head of Dorset Highways Operations regarding changes to the Highways and Transportation Service with effect from 1st September, 2011. The Committee noted that the new e-mail address was dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk and the new telephone number for highways issues was 01305 221010.

(b) **Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Consultation on the Revised Draft Minerals Core Strategy**

The Committee noted that the Revised Draft Minerals Core strategy had now been published for consultation and was available to view at www.dorsetforyou.com/mcs. The Committee noted that comments on the Strategy must be received by 9th September, 2011.

(c) **Surface Dressing in Dorchester – July and August, 2011**

The Committee noted that surface dressing had commenced on 25th July and would continue until 11th August, 2011 on the roads named in the temporary traffic management notice.

A Member expressed his concern that, whilst not objecting to the roads which were being resurfaced, he was of the opinion that some roads in the Town were not being done but were in need of repair.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to enquire of the Dorset County Council how the list of roads being resurfaced was chosen and suggesting that Edward Road be included in the works.

(d) **Disabled Parking Bay – 34 Wessex Road**

The Committee noted the County Council would shortly be advertising an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act to introduce a disabled parking bay outside 34 Wessex Road.

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

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

- To fell 1 Willow under Section 198 (dead) at West Walks House, 7 West Walks;
- To fell 1 Ash at 38 Prince of Wales Road;
- To fell 1 Tree of Heaven at 8 Prince of Wales Road;
- To raise crown of 1 Sycamore at 12 Prince of Wales Road;
- To remove deadwood and crown lift 1 Sycamore. to crown lift 1 Lime and reduce height of mixed trees & shrubs to 3ft at Heathcote Close;
- To fell 1 Persian Ironwood at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road North;
- To fell 1 Cherry (dead) at County Hall, Colliton Park.

The Committee also noted that an application had been received for the following tree works:

- To fell 1 Yew and 1 Cherry, to reduce 1 Yew and 1 Sycamore at 31 Queens Avenue;

19. **HERRINGSTON ROAD – BEYOND THE A35 TOWN BOUNDARY**

The Committee consider whether to asked the Dorset County Council to consider extending the 30mph speed limit along the length of Herringston Road from the town boundary towards Winterbourne Herringston.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Clerk of Winterbourne Herringston Parish Council seeking their agreement to the proposal prior to formally writing to the Dorset County Council.

20. **AGE UK’S PRIDE OF PLACE – CULLIFORD ROAD**

The Committee considered whether to support the provision of handrails on both sides of the pavement by the railway bridge in Culliford Road; the request had been received as part of Age UK’s campaign “Please make my neighbourhood better”.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Brewery Square Limited inviting them to sponsor and provide the handrails.

21. **QUEENS PARK DEVELOPMENT**

At the request of the Chairman and as an urgent item the Committee considered issues concerning the junction of Edward Road with the access road to the Queens Park Development, the treatment of which required vehicles entering and exiting it to swing into the path of oncoming vehicles. A Member informed the Committee of his opinion that the layout helped to ensure the safety of pedestrians but double yellow lines were urgently required in this area as vehicles had to mount the build outs to use and pass the junction due to the presence of parked cars.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Clerk be requested to seek confirmation from the West Dorset District Council that the road layout has been constructed in accordance with the planning consent.
- (2) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council drawing their attention to the urgent need for parking restrictions in this area.

(Councillor Trevor Jones left the Meeting at this point.)

22. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) Withdrawals – PA 1/D/08/0337 – Erect building comprising of 57no apartments, business accommodation, crèche; together with new access, surface and basement parking; and landscaping on Land behind the former Eldridge Pope, Weymouth Avenue.

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

- (b) 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.

Chairman

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Planning Applications considered on 1st August, 2011

1 10806

Rear extension at 57 Cambridge Road. 1/D/11/1062

No objection.

2 10807

Listed Building consent for partial demolition, alterations & extensions to provide function room/bar/restaurant units & apartments; & landscaping (Amended Scheme) at the former Bonded Stores, Weymouth Avenue. 1/D/11/1048 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

3 10808

Change of use of part of ground floor from office to art gallery at Escalus House, Queen Mother Square. 1/D/11/1146

No objection.

4 10809

Listed Building consent for internal alterations at 49 South Street. 111/D/11/1149 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

5 10810

Variation of condition 1 of P.A. 1/D/11/000107 at 120 Weatherbury Way. 1/D/11/1136

No objection.

6 10811

Install CCTV camera to front elevation at 10 South Street. 1/D/11/1141 (Grade II* LB & CA)

No objection.

7 10812

Replace surfacing to rear access & removal of section of wall. Install steps & new security gates/fencing at Dorset County Museum. (Grade II LB & CA)

Recommend refusal. The Council has concerns that the proposed security gates could impede the fire exit if vehicles were parked too close, concern was also expressed that the gates could also be locked again impeding safe passage from the building. The Council also expressed concern that once the car parking is formalised there would be no turning space and vehicles would have to reverse onto a busy road with no visibility of oncoming traffic.

8 10813

Retain timber fence at 13 Barnes Way. 1/D/11/1183

No objection.

9 10814

Single storey extension at 4 Osborne Close. 1/D/11/1177

No objection.

10 10815

Two storey & single storey extensions. Replace flat roof with pitched roof on rear extension at 24 Grosvenor Road. 1/D/11/1187

No objection.

11 10816

Single storey extension at 27 Prospect Road. 1/D/11/1158

No objection.

12 10817

Mount 3 refrigeration & air conditioning units on rear west wall at 65 High West Street. 1/D/11/0741 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.