

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1st JULY, 2013

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st July, 2013:

PRESENT Councillors V.J. Allan, T.C.N. Harries, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger (Chairman), R.B. Potter, M.E. Rennie and D.S. Roberts.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors E.S. Jones, K.E. Armitage, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, S.C. Hosford and D. Taylor.

8. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3rd June, 2013, 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.

9. **PARKING RESTRICTIONS – MAIDEN CASTLE HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD**

Representatives of Maiden Castle House addressed the Committee and explained the problems they were experiencing with members of the public parking over the access protection markings in front of the site entrances. This was creating difficulties for ambulances and delivery vehicles accessing the site and also impeded visibility. They had concerns about emergency vehicles being able to access the site safely and they had contacted Dorset Police about the problems.

The Committee discussed the issues around the enforcement of the access protection markings and were keen that both Dorset County Council and Dorset Police took this matter seriously as there were safety issues involved. They considered that double yellow lines should be installed at the visibility splays of the site entrances and suggested that Maiden Castle staff should contact Dorset Police every time the access protection markings were ignored. They also suggested that Maiden Castle House staff should seek the support of the emergency services when requesting double yellow lines. Councillors agreed to raise the issues of concern with Inspector Marsh when he next attended a Council meeting.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Town Clerk write to Dorset County Council and Dorset Police asking them to actively enforce the access protection markings at the entrances to Maiden Castle House, Gloucester Road.
- (2) That the Town Clerk write to Dorset County Council asking for double yellow lines to be installed at the visibility splays of the site entrances to Maiden Castle House.

- (3) That Town Councillors raise the issues of enforcing access protection markings with Inspector Marsh at a future Council meeting.

10. **TRAFFIC ISSUES – MANOR ROAD**

A Councillor proposed that the Council should purchase its own Speed Indicator Device (SID) and he pointed out the potential benefits such as options for its use across the town and evidence gathering. He indicated the likely cost of purchase and advised that the Council would need to provide trained staff to install the SID.

This proposal was supported and it was considered that the purchase could create an income stream by hiring out the SID to other councils.

With regards to traffic calming matters, a Councillor raised the lack of maintenance of the scheme installed at Fordington Green and the Committee agreed that Dorset County Council should be asked to ensure that maintenance works were carried out.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That, in the next budget round, a bid be made to Policy Committee for the Council to purchase a SID.
- (2) That the Town Clerk write to Dorset County Council asking it to ensure that maintenance works were carried out to the traffic calming scheme at Fordington Green.

11. **ROAD SAFETY – VICINITY OF DORCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOLS**

A Councillor reported that he had been advised that Dorset County Council's passenger transport staff were going to be holding a drop in session at the Thomas Hardy School in the autumn for residents to hear about possible changes to bus movements and parking in the area. The Town Council would be requested to carry out a mail drop to local residents to publicise the event.

The Committee was pleased to hear of this event which would promote engagement with the schools and be useful for residents. Councillors agreed that the resident who raised this issue at the last meeting should be advised of the drop in event.

The Committee noted that Dorset County Council's Traffic Engineering Team Manager would now be attending their meeting on 2 September 2013 and they would use the opportunity to ask questions about town wide road safety issues. The Chairman reported that the Team Manager had offered to meet Councillors in advance of that meeting and requests to do so should be made through the Committee Clerk.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk write to the resident who raised the issue of road safety in the vicinity of Dorchester Middle and Thomas Hardy Schools to inform him of the proposed drop in session.

12. **CAR PARKING IN SYDENHAM WAY**

The Committee noted Dorset Police's response to residents' concerns about parking in Sydenham Way.

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

13. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL - TREES**

The Committee Clerk reported that the tree work application at Whetstones, West Walk had now been approved by West Dorset District Council and there had been an application to fell three Ash trees at the Heritage Bodyshop, the Grove.

The Committee noted that the following tree work applications had been forwarded to Ward Members for their comment:

- Fell Sorbus, Spruce and Birch at Whetstones, West Walks.
- Crown clean and minor reduction of limbs of Laburnum overhanging south facing boundary wall at 8 Holloway Road.
- Crown lift 1 Lime and 2 Sycamores and shorten limbs of Sycamore overhanging neighbours garden at 15 Bridport Road.

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

- Fell Beech, Evergreen Oak, and Maple and prune Pine at 3 Arbutus Close.
- Re-pollard Willow at Moule House, Trinity Street.
- Remove Juniper at 28 South Walks Road.

14. **SELECTION OF MEMBERS AND CHAIRMAN FOR THE TRAFFIC PANEL**

The Chairman advised that there were seven requests from Councillors to fill the six places on the Traffic Panel. After some discussion, the Committee agreed that the membership of the Panel should be revised to seven members of the Planning and Environment Committee.

Councillor T.C.N. Harries was elected as Chairman of the Traffic Panel.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Traffic Panel membership be revised to seven members of the Planning and Environment Committee.

- (2) That Councillors V. Allan, T.C.N. Harries, D.Roberts, A. Canning, R. Biggs, S. Hosford and R. Potter be appointed to the Traffic Panel for the ensuing Council year until the July 2014 meeting of full Council.
- (3) That Councillor T.C.N. Harries be elected as Chairman of the Traffic Panel for the ensuing Council year until the July 2014 meeting of full Council.

15. **URGENT ITEMS**

The Committee noted the Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Orders relating to Damers Road, Albert Road, Cornwall Road and Westleaze, Lower Burton.

A Councillor raised concerns about the condition and appearance of the shop premises at 14 South Street and the Committee agreed that the Council should approach the agent dealing with the sale of the property to highlight the Council's concerns.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk write to the agent dealing with the sale of 14 South Street to highlight the Council's concerns about the condition and appearance of the shop premises. Copies of the letter to be sent to the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Dorchester BID and West Dorset District Council.

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

16. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) Appeal – PA1/D/13/000156 – Construction of a pair of semi detached homes with associated parking and access at 38 London Road, DT1 1NE

The Committee noted that an Appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against West Dorset District Council's refusal of the above application.

- (b) Installation of a Broadband Cabinet at 8 Trinity Street

The Committee noted that West Dorset District Council had given approval for the siting of a broadband cabinet at 8 Trinity Street.

- (c) Generally

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

A Councillor raised the issue of the Committee reconsidering the Council's policy on illuminated shop signs and it was agreed that this should be added to a future agenda.

A representative of Dorchester Civic Society addressed the Committee and advised that the Society had made an objection to the signature building in Queen Mother Square, Poundbury as it considered that as the building contained residential penthouse flat it could not be classed as a signature building.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the comments on the various planning applications as now agreed and set out at Appendix 1 be notified to the West Dorset District Council.
- (2) That an item be added to a future Planning and Environment agenda to reconsider the Council's policy on illuminated shop signs.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Planning Applications considered on 1st July, 2013:

1 11184

Installation of new ATM through shopfront with new non-illuminated acrylic ATM tablet at 64 High West Street. 1/D/13/0713. CA and Grade II LB).

No objection.

2 11185

Advertisement consent for installation of new ATM through shopfront with new non-illuminated acrylic ATM tablet at 64 High East Street. 1/D/13/0714. (CA and Grade II).

No objection.

3 11186

Listed building consent for the installation of new ATM through shopfront with new non-illuminated acrylic ATM tablet at 64 High West Street. 1/D/13/0722. (CA and Grade II LB).

No objection.

4 11187

Porch at 4 Braemar Road. 1/D/13/0749.

No objection.

5 11188

Advertisement consent for installation of 1 no. projecting internally illuminated sign and 1 no. illuminated fascia sign (both LED) at 7 Brewery Square. 1/D/13/0752. (CA).

Recommend refusal as illuminated signs are against the Town Council's policy.

6 11189

Erect two-storey and single storey extensions and re-build garage at 7 Came View Road. 1/D/13/0748.

No objection.

7 11190

Construct single storey extension and carry out internal and external alternations at 97 High Street, Fordington. 1/D/13/0776. (CA and Grade II LB).

No objection.

8 11191

Listed Building consent to construct single storey extension and carry out internal and external alterations at 97 High Street, Fordington. 1/D/13/0777. (CA and Grade II LB).

No objection.

9 11192

Proposed side dormer at 22 Mountain Ash Road. 1/D/13/0429.

No objection.

10 11193

Single storey extension at Greenwood, Maiden Castle Road. 1/D/13/0795

No objection.

11 11194

Replacement of existing conservatory with new flat-roofed extension at 50B Icen Way. 1/D/13/0663 (CA).

No objection.