Dorchester Town Council

Planning and Environment Committee

5 March 2018

Present: Councillors C. Biggs, R. Biggs, A. Canning, J. Hewitt, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, R. Potter (Chairman), M. Rennie and D. Taylor
Apologies: Councillors T. Harries and S. Hosford

58. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Jones and Potter stated that as members of WDDC's Planning Committee, they would keep an open mind on the planning applications and consider all information available at each stage of the decision process. They would take part in the debate but not vote on planning applications at this meeting. Councillor Rennie declared that she had spoken to the residents of 39 South Court Avenue regarding their planning applications WD/D/18/000016 and WD/D/18/000012.

59. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 February 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

60. Minute Update Report

The Chairman summarised the meeting held with the representatives of Stinsford and Charminster Parish Councils and advised that West Dorset District Councillors would be receiving a briefing about preferred option sites later in the month.

Members raised a couple of points such as the need for the parishes to involve their district councillors, the possibility of Government funding towards a 'link' road and establishing who would meet the costs of engaging Feria Urbanism for additional work.

It was agreed that if the north Dorchester site was to ever go ahead, having a masterplan for the development was absolutely critical and issues relating to boundary changes would need to be discussed at a very early stage.

Resolved

That the Minute Update Report be noted.

61. Planning Applications

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

Resolved

That West Dorset District Council be notified of the comments agreed on the various planning applications as set out at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

62. Planning Issues to Note

Resolved

The Committee noted the decisions on planning applications and withdrawn applications.

63. Urgent Items

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by the Winterbourne Hospital and the Joseph Weld Hospice raising concerns that the stretch of Herringston Road in front of their premises had not been gritted by DCC during the recent bad weather and asking for the Town Council's support in putting this request to DCC. The Committee appreciated the difficulties this could cause and agreed that DCC should be requested to add this part of Herringston Road to their salting/gritting network.

Resolved

That DCC be requested to add the stretch of Herringston Road from the junction of Mellstock Avenue to the entrance of the Joseph Weld Hospice to its salting/gritting network.

Chairman

Dorchester Town Council Planning applications considered by Dorchester Town Council on 5 March 2018

1. 20 SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1BS - WD/D/18/000072

Display of 3no non-illuminated fascia pods, 2no. non-illuminated descriptor text and 1no. nonilluminated conservation style projecting sign. No objection

2. SITE 3.20 VICKERY COURT, CROWN STREET WEST & MARSDEN STREET, POUNDBURY -WD/D/18/000228

Approval of reserved matters for appearance, layout & scale in relation to outline p.p 1/D/09/001363: 4 flats & 1 maisonette together with associated parking No objection

3. 28 VICTORIA ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1SB - WD/D/18/000164

Erect Kitchen Extension and remodel Garage Extension No objection

4. FIRST FLOOR AND SECOND FLOOR, 64 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XA - WD/D/18/000231

Removal of modern partitioning on first floor. Creation of internal doorway within existing partition on second floor

No objection

5. 39 SOUTH COURT AVENUE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2BY

WD/D/18/000016 - Proposed swimming pool and pool enclosure in rear garden No objection and the Committee supported the comments of Environmental Health with regards to the planning officer considering adding a planning condition relating to the possible installation of plant and machinery.

WD/D/18/000012 - Two storey side extension forming garage, utility & kitchen to ground floor with bedroom & family bathroom to first floor and loft conversion. Single storey rear extension. Form high brick wall with wrought iron to boundaries (Variation of condition 1 of planning approval WD/D/16/001210 - amended materials to front elevation) No objection

6. 20 WEATHERBURY WAY, DORCHESTER, DT1 2EF - WD/D/18/000315

Erection of porch, first floor side extension and rear single storey extension, No objection

7. 6 VESPASIAN WAY, DORCHESTER, DT1 2RD - WD/D/18/000326

Erection of single storey front and rear extension and covered walkway No objection

8. 29 GLYDE PATH ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XE - WD/D/18/000364

Erection of new boundary wall

Recommend refusal. The Committee considered that the brick wall and iron railings, of Victorian design, were out of keeping with the Grade II Listed building that is 18th century in origin. As such they were detrimental to the historic and traditional character of the building

and the Conservation Area. The close boarded timber fence was considered to be unduly dominant and prominent in this enclosed area and would detract from and adversely impact on the amenity of the area. As such, it was considered that this proposal will be contrary to policies ENV 4. and ENV. 10 of the West Dorset District Local Plan.