

# **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**1st JUNE, 2009**

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st June, 2009:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor S.C. Hosford) and Councillors V. Black, T.C.N. Harries, L.E. Heath, E.S. Jones, 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, A.J. Canning and C.M. Hebditch.

### 1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 27th April, 2009, adopted by Council on 19th May, 2009 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 2. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### (a) **Proposed Installation of a Puffin Crossing at Bridport Road**

The Committee noted that the County Council published the formal public notice for the installation of a puffin crossing on Bridport Road near its junction with Hawthorn Road on 28th May, 2009.

#### (b) **Dropped Kerb – Queen’s Avenue**

The Committee noted that the County Council had issued an order to alter the crossing point in Queen’s Avenue, which had been identified as being problematic.

In response to a question the Clerk confirmed that all interested parties had been informed.

#### (c) **Structural Maintenance Programme 2009-2010**

The Committee received and noted a letter and schedule dated 18th May, 2009 with a revised list of Highway Structural Maintenance schemes for the financial year 2009-2010.

#### (d) **Proposed Parking Scheme, Area Behind Hardye Arcade, Charles Street and Trinity Street**

The Committee received and considered a letter and map dated 29th April, 2009 detailing proposals associated with the pedestrianisation of South Street and non-compliance with the Access Only order in the southern portion of Charles Street.

Following discussion it was

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council fully supporting the proposals but expressing regret that the residents of Agra Place are not being afforded the residents parking scheme they were promised.
- (2) That Civil Enforcement Officers be requested to patrol this area on a regular basis.
- (3) That this Committee consider at its December meeting all aspects of town centre parking when this proposal and the on-street parking proposals have been in operation for a few months.

### (e) King's Road/Prince of Wales Road – No Left Turn

The Committee received and considered a letter and plan dated 30th April, 2009 proposing to make a traffic regulation order banning the left-turn for all vehicles exiting King's Road onto Prince of Wales Road.

It was

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council fully supporting this proposal and requesting if possible that the scheme is in place by the start of the September 2009 school term.
- (2) That a letter of thanks be hand delivered by Ward Councillors to all the residents of Fordington Dairy, Prince of Wales Road and the eastern end of Monmouth Road who had worked tirelessly to bring about the pedestrian crossing facility on Prince of Wales Road.

### 3. WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL - TREES

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

- To crown lift 12 Limes and to fell 1 Maple a 1 Lime at Lime Close/Queens Avenue under Section 198 (highway safety);
- To reduce canopy spread on 2 Chestnut trees at The Gables, Albert Road;
- To carry out tree works at Edgcumbe Manor & Somerleigh Court, Somerleigh Road;
- To remove the limb of 1 Cherry tree at 4 Weymouth Avenue.

During consideration of this item a Member expressed his concern regarding the number of trees currently being felled on the highway.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council suggesting that they submit a press release explaining why the trees are being removed and confirming that replacement trees are to be planted.

4. **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT – PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF THE HIGHWAY AT THE BUTTERCROSS, BRIDPORT ROAD, POUNDBURY**

The Committee noted that the Department of Transport proposed to stop up the highway at the Buttercross, Bridport Road between Hessary Street and Elvastone Street to enable the construction of a restaurant with a colonnade and outdoor seating area.

5. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITY – GREY’S BRIDGE**

The Committee considered a request from a resident of London Road requesting a pedestrian crossing facility at Grey’s Bridge.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council suggesting that the traffic lights at the junction of London Road and King’s Road should be more pedestrian friendly and include a pedestrian phase.

6. **PARKING – MONMOUTH ROAD/ALFRED ROAD JUNCTION**

The Committee considered a request for the introduction of parking restrictions at the junction of Monmouth Road and Alfred Road.

It was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council requesting the introduction of parking restrictions on all the junctions in this area.
- (2) That the possible introduction of a residents parking scheme be reconsidered at the December meeting of this Committee as referred to at Minute 2 (d) (3) above.

7. **FOOTPATH – BLUE BRIDGE TO GREY’S BRIDGE**

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 26th April, 2009 from Dorchester Area Community Partnership’s Access for All Group seeking this Council’s support in improving access to ‘Ratty’s Trail’.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Duchy of Cornwall requesting that the metal gate on the river path at Grey’s Bridge be unlocked at all times; however the Committee does not support the removal of the kissing gate as they are an historic feature of this walk.

8. **DORCHESTER WEST STATION – NORTHBOUND PLATFORM**

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 21st May, 2009 from a member seeking this Council’s support in efforts to secure funding to improve the access to the northbound platform at Dorchester West Station.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Network Rail in the strongest possible terms seeking an urgent solution to this problem.

9. **TRAFFIC PANEL**

The Committee considered the membership of the Traffic Panel for the ensuing year. The Clerk informed the Committee that five members of this Committee had indicated that they would like to be considered for membership of this Panel. However, three members who had previously been on the Panel had not responded.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That The Mayor and Councillors T.C.N. Harries, A.J. Canning, L.E. Heath, E.S. Jones and R.B. Potter be appointed to serve on the Traffic Panel and that the vacancy remaining be filled at the Council meeting on 28th July, 2009.

10. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

(Councillors E.S. Jones and R.B. Potter left the meeting at this point.)

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Appeals

(i) PA 1/D/08/1892 – Loft Conversion/Erect Dormer Window at 63 Alexandra Road

The Committee noted that the Planning Inspectorate had dismissed this Appeal and refused planning permission.

(ii) PA 1/D/08/1598 & 1599 – Demolish Part of Boundary Wall and Erect Gates at 8 North Square

The Committee noted that an Appeal had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against the West Dorset District Council's refusal of this application. The Appeal would proceed by way of written representation on or after 28th May, 2009.

(iii) PA 1/D/09/0160 & 0161 – Internal and External Alterations to Convert Chapel into 5 Dwellings at Salvation Army, Durngate Street

The Committee noted that an Appeal had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against the West Dorset District Council's refusal of this application. The Appeal would proceed by way of a hearing on a date to be agreed.

(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 June, 2009:

**1 10307**

Change of use from solicitors (Use Class A2) to physiotherapy and sports injury clinic (Use Class D1) at 48 High West Street. 1/D/09/0532 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

**2 10308**

Listed Building consent to erect a single storey extension & internal alterations at 29 Glyde Path Road. 1/D/09/0632 (LB Grade II & CA)

No objection.

**3 10309**

Garden room/summer house at 1 Fordington Green. 1/D/09/0651 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

**4 10310**

Advertisement consent to erect new signage at 11 Cornhill. 1/D/09/0668 (Affects the setting of a LB & CA)

Recommend refusal. The internally illuminated fascia is contrary to the Shop Fronts policy.

**5 10311**

Retain youth shelter on The Great Field. 1/D/09/0628

No objection.

**6 10312**

Advertisement consent for car park signage at Unit A, St. Martins Place. 1/D/09/0656

No objection.

**7 10313**

Install external condensers at Unit 1, Weymouth Avenue. 1/D/09/0692

No objection.

**8 10314**

Erect 11 houses and 3 flats with associated parking on land at Kings Road/LübbeckeWay. 1/D/09/0733 (Adjacent to a CA)

No objection. This Council are of the opinion that this proposal would strongly enhance this area, however, they would suggest that additional tree planting within the development should be encouraged.

**9 10315**

Listed Building consent to install security grilles at 2a Cornhill. 1/D/09/0697 (LB Grade II & CA)

No objection.

**10 10316**

Alter lean-to roof to flat roof at 22 Olga Road. 1/D/09/0714 (CA)

No objection.

**11 10317**

Change of Use of land for parking of 2 lorries & 5 cars at 21 St. George's Road. 1/D/09/0775

No objection.

**12 10318**

Unit for B1 Use (bakery) at Unit 6D Parkway Farm. 1/D/09/0791

No objection.

**13 10319**

Replace existing single garage with enlarged single garage & alter vehicular access at 40 Herringston Road. 1/D/09/0707

No objection, provided any highway trees are not endangered.

**14 10320**

Listed Building consent to retain externally illuminated sign at 2 South Terrace, South Street.  
1/D/09/0654 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.