

## **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**3rd AUGUST, 2009**

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3rd August, 2009:

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

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors C.M. Hebditch and Trevor Jones.

19. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6th July, 2009, adopted by Council on 28th July, 2009, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Further to Minute 8 the Committee considered correspondence from First Great Western regarding disabled access to the northbound railway platform at Dorchester West Station. Members also had before them correspondence from Councillor T. James seeking the Council's support for a letter to be sent to Dorset County Council to reinforce its bid to the Department of Transport's Access for All Scheme.

With regard to the assistance service provided by First Great Western it was reported that one Member had telephoned the service and after an unsuccessful initial conversation where incorrect advice had been given a supervisor had stated that First Great Western would arrange for a taxi to take disabled passengers from Dorchester to Yeovil Pen Mill which had suitable disabled access. However, this service had to be booked one day in advance. This was felt to be unacceptable and that the only proper solution was for Dorchester West Station to be made fully accessible. It was also noted that there was no telephone at the station so it was possible for a disabled person to become stranded there.

The Council's representative on the Heart of Wessex Rail Partnership informed the Committee that the Partnership was looking at accessibility at all stations along the line.

It was reported that if there was a disabled person on the train arrangements were often made for the train to use the southbound platform. Members felt that if arrangements could be made for the train to use the southbound platform as a matter of course then this would resolve the issue.

In regard to the correspondence from Councillor T. James the Committee agreed that a letter of support should be sent to Dorset County Council in respect of its new bid to the Department for Transport's Access for All Scheme.

It was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That First Great Western be informed that its assistance service had been tested and had proved to be wanting in that the original advice given would not have helped and that the offer of a taxi to Yeovil Pen Mill was not sufficient as it had to be arranged a day before the date of travel.
- (2) That First Great Western be informed that it is this Council's view that Dorchester West Station should be made accessible as a matter of urgency or that arrangements should be made for all trains to use the southbound platform.
- (3) That a letter of support be sent to Dorset County Council in respect of its new bid to the Department for Transport's Access for All Scheme to obtain funding for disabled access to the northbound platform.

21. **POUNDBURY – GRAVEL PATHS**

Further to Minute 15 it was noted that the Duchy of Cornwall had agreed to host a meeting on the afternoon of 17th September, 2009 to discuss gravel paths at Poundbury. In considering who should attend the meeting on behalf of the Council it was reported that Councillor D.J. Barrett had expressed a desire to attend. The Committee felt that the Mayor should attend on behalf of the Council and that the Duchy of Cornwall should be informed of the Council's opinion that a Dorchester County Councillor and the Chairman of the Poundbury Residents Association should also be invited to the meeting.

It was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Mayor be appointed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Town Council.
- (2) That the Duchy of Cornwall be informed of the Council's opinion that a Dorchester County Councillor and the Chairman of the Poundbury Residents Association should also be invited to the meeting.

22. **FORDINGTON DAIRY**

Further to Minute 2(e) and following the delivery of letters to local residents, to note that a resident of Fordington Dairy had suggested that banning all vehicles exiting

King's Road onto Prince of Wales Road would cause motorists to travel east up Athelstan Road. The resident had suggested that a two hour parking limit should be imposed at the Dairy and that the Driving Test Centre should be moved to an alternative location.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the correspondence be noted and that the situation be monitored following the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order.

23. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Dorset's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy**

The Committee noted that Dorset's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy had now been formally adopted as policy and could be viewed on the Dorset For You website.

(b) **Damers Road – Review of Waiting Restrictions**

Members considered correspondence from Dorset County Council seeking the Town Council's support to the revocation of an existing disabled parking bay in Damers Road. Members supported the proposed revocation and felt that the County Council's parking enforcement officers should be requested to look out for other disabled parking bays that were not used in order that they may also be revoked.

It was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the proposal to revoke the disabled parking bay in Damers Road be supported.
- (2) That the County Council's parking enforcement officers be requested to look out for other disabled parking bays that are not used in order that they may also be revoked.

24. **APPLICATION FOR ROAD CLOSURE ORDER – NEW STREET, SOUTH STREET AND CORNHILL**

The Committee noted that an application had been received requesting the closure of New Street, South Street and Cornhill between 7.00am and 6.00pm on 28th and 29th August, 2009.

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

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

- To reduce the height of 1 Cupressus at Zullacre, Queens Avenue;
- To perform a crown lift under Section 198 for highway safety at the junction of Icen Way/Kings Road;
- To crown lift, remove base suckers/epicormic growth on 20 Limes at Culliford Road North;
- To fell 1 Lime and remove base suckers/epicormic growth to 17 Limes at York Road;
- To reduce and reshape crown of 1 Yew at Fordington Cemetery;
- To fell 1 Beech, 3 Sycamore, 2 Hawthorn, 1 Holly and 2 Ashes to clear ivy from 1 Beech, 1 Hawthorn and 1 Yew, crown reduction and reshape 2 hawthorn, 2 Holly, 1 Field Maple and 1 Yew on land east of West Walks adjacent to the tennis courts;
- To pollard 2 Ash at Kingscote, Queens Avenue;
- To fell 3 Lime and to perform pruning to 1 Lime on land to the rear of 45/47 Bridport Road.

Members queried whether the work to pollard the 2 Ash at Kingscote, Queens Avenue had been necessary as the tree had previously been pollarded.

26. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

27. **EDWARD ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

The representative from the Civic Society queried whether the developer of the Edward Road Development had obtained the necessary authority for the development to be called Queens Park. It was noted that developments often changed names once the properties had been built. It was also noted that the development was actually located in the Victoria Park district.

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

28. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

In respect of the application for external seating outside of Starbucks the Committee felt that it would be useful for a licensing officer from West Dorset District Council and an officer from Dorset County Council to attend a future meeting of the Committee to clarify the legal and licensing issues in respect of companies using the public highway to trade.

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 3rd August, 2009:

**1 10342**

Detached garage. Form driveway with retaining walls at 10 Damers Road. 1/D/09/1018

No objection.

**2 10343**

Listed Building consent to erect a new non-illuminated fascia & projecting signage at 2a Cornhill. 1/D/09/1060 (LB Grade II & CA)

Recommend refusal. The Council is of the opinion that the sign has a plain and utilitarian design with no traditional detailing and that it is unsympathetic to the appearance of the listed building and conservation area.

**3 10344**

Advertisement consent to erect new non-illuminated fascia & projecting signage at 2a Cornhill. 1/D/09/0904 (Grade II LB & CA)

Recommend refusal. The Council is of the opinion that the sign has a plain and utilitarian design with no traditional detailing and that it is unsympathetic to the appearance of the listed building and conservation area.

**4 10345**

Listed Building consent to erect single storey extension to the front elevation & internal alterations at 29 Glyde Path Road. 1/D/09/1067 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

**5 10346**

Listed Building consent to erect a bike shed & solar thermal panels at 36 High Street, Fordington. 1/D/09/0986 (Grade II LB & CA)

The Council is of the opinion that the application should be withdrawn and resubmitted with further detailed plans so as to enable proper consideration of the application.

**6 10347**

4 air conditioning condensing units at 42 Trinity Street. 1/D/09/1023

No objection so long as the air conditioning condensing units are only used during working hours.

**7 10348**

Adjacent planning consultation to construct track and bridge at The Oasthouse, St. George's Road. 1/D/09/1070

The Council does not wish to see additional vehicular encroachment onto the water meadows. The application opens up the possibility of increased vehicular movement in the area. The application would have a negative impact on the adjacent SSSI. The application gives the opportunity for further development in the area.

**8 10349**

Erect single storey extension at 16 Syward Road. 1/D/09/1144

No objection.

**9 10350**

Erect Boundary wall & gates. New steel & glass lean-to extension at 15 Cornwall Road. 1/D/09/1064 (CA)

Recommend refusal. Loss of trees. Loss of visibility to the vehicular access and egress. The Council raised no objection to the proposed steel and glass lean-to.

**10 10351**

Change of Use application to use of public highway as outdoor seating area at Unit 1, 43 South Street. (Grade II LB & CA)

Recommend refusal. Inappropriate use of a public space as the proposed seating area does not appear to be for public use.

**11 10352**

New first floor to detached garage at 81 Great Cranford Street. 1/D/09/1153

No objection.

**12 10353**

Advertising consent - Replacement fascia signs at Loders Skoda, London Road. 1/D/09/1104

No objection.

**13 10354**

Retain two shipping containers at Jonson Trading Park 1/D/09/1099

No objection.

**14 10355**

Vehicular access, parking space & turning space. Remove part of boundary wall & drop kerb at 5 Kings Road. 1/D/09/1129

Recommend refusal. Inappropriate vehicular access. Danger to road users and pedestrians.

**15 10356**

Install two LPG bottles in cabinet at St George's Church, Fordington. 1/D/09/1105

No objection.

**16 10357**

Replace windows at Weld Court, West Walks. 1/D/09/0828

No objection.