

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5th DECEMBER, 2011

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th December, 2011:

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

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors D.J. Barrett and R.B. Potter.

42. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7th November, 2011, adopted by Council on 29th November, 2011, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

A Member raised his concerns that the promised presentation to business in the Town regarding A boards in the town centre had not yet taken place.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Mr. I. Doyle suggesting that the presentation should take place early in 2012.

43. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Traffic Regulation Orders**

In accordance with Minute 36(a) the Committee gave further consideration to the list of outstanding traffic regulation orders and prioritised the list as follows:

- Durnover Court/Mill Street/River Crescent – parking restrictions;
- Lancaster Road extending to Earls Close – restricted parking during the day;
- Wessex Road – parking restrictions;
- Rothesay Road/Monmouth Road/Alfred Road/Cromwell Road – parking restrictions at junctions;
- Fordington Green/Icen Way/Fordington High Street – parking restrictions;
- Coburg Road/Windsor Road – parking restrictions at junction;
- Fourgates Road – parking restrictions;
- Windsor Road/Damers Road – parking restrictions at junction;
- Williams Avenue – loading/unloading restriction to discourage disabled parking;
- Clarence Road/Queens Avenue – possible extension to residents parking scheme or parking restrictions.

- The Grove – change pay and display signage;
- South Court Avenue/Herringston Road/Monmouth Road – parking restrictions at junctions.

The Committee was of the opinion that the suggesting parking restrictions for Syward Close and Lucetta Lane/Farfrae Crescent should be deleted from the schedule.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be authorised to forward the County Council the above prioritised list but to suggest that Dukes Avenue be removed from the proposals affecting the Fordington Green area as residents in this area have difficulty parking.

(b) Various Highway Traffic Issues

The Committee received and noted a letter dated 21st November, 2011 from Mr. A. Brown regarding the issues raised at Minute 36.

The Clerk informed the Committee that she had received further correspondence from the County Council in respect of Herringston Road speed limit and traffic restrictions in Somerleigh Road which would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Clerk confirmed that when the reply from the Transport Planning Team regarding the request for traffic calming in Buckingham Way would be submitted to the Committee when it was received.

(c) Street Lighting – Greenings Court

Further to Minute 37(c) the Committee received a letter dated 21st November, 2011 from the Dorset County Lighting Engineer and noted that the two residents who initiated the request for an amended scheme had been asked to secure the petition referred to in the letter.

44. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(a) Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document – Issues and Options Consultation

The Committee noted that the Issues and Options document was the first stage of the Development Plan Document and was subject to public consultation between 18th November, 2011 and 10th February, 2012.

The document and comment form were available to view on the Dorset For You web site.

(b) Tree Work – Applications

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

- To prune and reduce by 30% 1 Magnolia grandiflora at Savernake House, 42 High West Street;
- To prune and crown thin 4 Sorbus, 3 Birch and 1 Plane and remove 1 dead Birch at Benjamin Ferrey House, Somerleigh Road;
- To reduce and prune to approx 8ft 1 Willow at Bulls Head Inn, 92 High Street Fordington.

(c) Tree Work – Approvals

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

- To fell 1 Yew at 28 South Walks Road;
- To crown thin 1 Beech at 20 Farfrae Crescent;
- To reduce the crown of 1 Field Maple at Maple Bank Cottage, 51 High Street Fordington.

45. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Dorset County Show Ground – Cokers Frome

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 18th November, 2011 from the Honorary Land Agent to the Dorset County Show seeking this Council's support for a relaxation of the S106 agreement which stated that no event shall exceed 4 consecutive days (excluding a period for setting up and dismantling which shall not exceed 14 days).

The Committee noted that because of the problems experienced three years ago when bad weather disrupted the setting up of the site there was a risk of the Show not being ready on time and the Show hoped to extend the setting up period to 21 days.

It was

RESOLVED

That this Committee raise no objection to the proposal.

(b) Withdrawals

The Committee noted that the following planning applications had been withdrawn from the Planning Register:

- PA 1/D/11/1141 – Install CCTV camera to front elevation at 10 South Street;
- PA 1/D/11/1534 – Advertisement consent at Education Centre, Grove Trading Estate.

(c) Generally

The Committee welcomed Mr. A. Wadsworth to the meeting to explain the changes to the Brewery Square development referred to at Planning Applications 10873 and 10874.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wadsworth for the detailed explanation of the changes and it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to send a letter to Brewery Square development congratulating them on the progress being made and the innovative design.

(Councillors E.S. Jones and Trevor Jones left the meeting at this point.)

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

It was

RESOLVED

- (2) 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 5th December, 2011:

1 10871

Change of use from retail (A1 Use Class) to business (B1 Use Class) at 35 Great Cranford Street. 1/D/11/1806

No objection.

2 10872

Erect brick wall & railings to South East boundary at 13 Manor Road. 1/D/11/1809

No objection.

3 10873

Listed Building consent to convert and extend former Brewhouse to create 52-bedroom hotel/spa and 17 apartments. Make alterations to former Maltings Building in association with change of use to arts centre at Brewery Square. 1/D/11/1692 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

4 10874

Convert and extend former Brewhouse to create 52-bedroom hotel/spa and 17 apartments. Erect new building (Maltings Mews) to provide 5 apartments, 11 town houses, 157 sq. m. of B1 floorspace and parking. Erect new building (Brewery Square Gardens) to provide 146 apartments, 1,554 sq. m. of A1 floorspace (units 2-12 Pope Street and 7 Copper Crescent) 793 sq. m. of flexible A1/A3/B1 floorspace (units 7-11 Eldridge Street) and 332 sq. m. of flexible A1/A3/B1/D1 floorspace (units 13-16 Copper Crescent and 1 Hop House) and parking. Make alterations to former Maltings Building in association with change of use to arts centre. Provide access and landscaping at Brewery Square. 1/D/11/1691 (CA & Grade 11LB)

This application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan

No objection.

5 10875

Erect extension & install metal chimney at 12 Rothesay Road. 1/D/11/1863

No objection.

6 10876

Create mini soccer pitch & site 2 portable buildings to provide changing facilities at DTFC, Weymouth Avenue. 1/D/11/1775

No objection.

7 10877

Advertisement consent for 1 externally illuminated letters, 1 internally illuminated hex lantern, 1 non-illuminated door plaque, 1 externally illuminated single post sign & 1 double sided post sign at The Original Thomas Hardy, Alington Road. 1/D/11/1890

No objection.

8 10878

Demolish showroom & erect 3 dwellings with gardens & off road parking at The Showrooms, Alington Road. 1/D/11/1833

No objection.

9 10879

Conservatory at 1 Caseberry Court. 1/D/11/1943

No objection.