

## **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**2nd AUGUST, 2010**

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd August, 2010:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) and Councillors R.M. Biggs, V. Black, A.J. Canning, L.E. Heath, S.C. Hosford (in the Chair) and M.E. Rennie.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors C.S. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, C.M. Hebditch, F.E. Kent-Ledger and R.B. Potter.

17. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5th July 2010, adopted by Council on 27th July, 2010, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(a) **Application for Road Closure – New Street, South Street and Cornhill**

The Committee noted that West Dorset District Council had received an application for the closure of New Street, South Street and Cornhill between 7.00am and 6.00pm on 27th, 28th and 29th August, 2010 so as to enable a French Market to take place.

(b) **Parish and Town Council Survey on the Development Control Function**

The Committee considered a questionnaire from West Dorset District Council about its operation of the Development Control function. Members were generally satisfied with the way the Development Control function operated but felt that the quality of the plans sometimes submitted for consideration were not of a good enough quality for the Committee to form a judgement on the planning application.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Vice-Chairman complete and return the questionnaire on behalf of the Committee taking into consideration the views expressed above.

19. **TRAFFIC PANEL**

Further to Planning and Environment Committee Minute 11 and Council Minute 27 the Committee gave further consideration to the election of a Chairman to the Traffic Panel for the ensuing Council Year and it was

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor L.E. Heath be elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-11 Council Year.

20. **STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT WORKS**

Further to Planning and Environment Committee Minute 2 and Council Minute 30 Members considered whether to make representations to the Dorset County Council regarding the need for further footpath lighting columns in lanes and alleys around the town following the repositioning of street lighting columns as part of the ongoing refurbishment programme.

The Committee felt that if any Member identified an area that required additional lighting or a change in position of the street lighting column they should report it direct to Dorset County Council. It was also reported that the proposed new positioning of columns was identified with yellow marks, prior to installation, and the contractor had previously changed the proposed position of columns following representations being received.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That Members identify areas that may be of concern and report them directly to Dorset County Council.

21. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

22. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) Proposed Upgrade Installation at Wessex Water Tower, Wessex Road by Vodafone and O2

The Committee considered correspondence from Babcock International in respect of a proposed mast upgrade at the Wessex Water Tower, Wessex Road, Dorchester and it was

**RESOLVED**

That no objection be made to the proposal.

- (b) Refusal of Planning Application

The Committee noted that West Dorset District Council had refused planning application 1/D/10/0919 – Raise ridge height; and alter and extend roof to create new first floor at 17 Rothsay Road.

(c) Appeal

The Committee noted that the appeal in respect of Planning Application 1/D/09/1785 – Double driveway incorporating retaining walls on three sides at 12 Wessex Road had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

(d) Withdrawal of Planning Application

The Committee noted that Planning Application 1/D/10/0668 – Non-illuminated sign adjacent to Poundbury Road had been withdrawn. It was also noted that this application had been resubmitted.

(e) Generally

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

(The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) and Councillors A.J. Canning, L.E. Heath and M.E. Rennie declared an interest in Planning Application 10596 as they were all members of the Council's Management Committee.)

Chairman

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

Planning Applications considered on 2nd August, 2010:

**1 10578**

Single storey extension at York House. 1/D/10/1068 (CA)

No objection.

**2 10579**

Advertisement consent to erect non-illuminated advertisement sign on the verge adjacent to Poundbury Road. 1/D/10/0697

Recommend refusal. Obstruction to the highway. Obstruction to the maintenance of the highway verge. Detrimental to the amenity of the area. Detrimental to the approach of a scheduled ancient monument.

**3 10580**

Replace single storey extension with two storey pitched roof extension. New front porch at 33 Mellstock Avenue. 1/D/10/1083

No objection.

**4 10581**

Single storey lean-to rear extension at 35 Weatherbury Way. 1/D/10/1081

No objection.

**5 10582**

Single storey front extension at 5 Gatcombe Close. 1/D/10/1101

No objection.

**6 10583**

Change of use to convert 3 ground floor retail shop units into 3 flats. Internal & external alterations at Phoenix House, 16 High East Street. 1/D/10/1092 (Grade II LB)

No objection.

**7 10584**

Listed Building consent for internal & external alterations to convert ground floor retail shop units into 3 flats at Phoenix House, 16 High East Street. 1/D/10/1093 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

**8 10585**

Advertisement consent for fascia signs, flat panel & trolley signs at The Forum Centre. 1/D/10/1127 (CA)

No objection.

**9 10586**

Advertisement consent to erect a free-standing non-illuminated sign at 91-93 High Street, Fordington. (Grade II LB &CA)

Recommend refusal. Detrimental to the street scene and to a listed building. Out of keeping in a conservation area.

**10 10587**

Listed Building consent to replace windows at Kings Arms. 1/D/10/1009 (Grade II\* LB & CA)

No objection on the understanding that the replacement windows are like for like with the existing windows and are agreed by the Listed Buildings Officer.

**11 10588**

Erect Conservatory at 21a Mountain Ash Road. 1/D/10/1146

No objection.

**12 10589**

Advertisement consent to erect a non-illuminated panel at Trinity House. 1/D/10/1180

No objection.

**13 10590**

Erect conservatory at 4 Claudius Close. 1/D/10/1171

Recommend refusal. Not in keeping with the local area. Detrimental to the street scene.

**14 10591**

Summerhouse at 5 West Walks. 1/D/10/0944 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

**15 10592**

Change of use to rear of existing building from restaurant to flat at 35 High West Street. 1/D/10/1140 (CA & Affects the setting of a LB)

No objection.

**16 10593**

New clubhouse, squash courts & covered tennis courts with external terrace & outdoor tennis courts. Provide chain link enclosure & floodlights to outdoor courts. Form access road & cycle/footpath. Form car park on land adjacent to Kingdom Hall, Weymouth Avenue. 1/D/10/1156

Recommend refusal. The Council has grave concerns regarding the flood risk to the houses adjacent to the proposal in Castle Park. Detrimental impact of light pollution from the outside tennis courts on local residents. Contrary to policies SA3, SS3, C8, DA1, DA5 and DA7 of the West Dorset District Local Plan (2006).

**17 10594**

Remove wood & wire fence on top of garden wall & raise height of wall at Southgate, 7 Linden Avenue. 1/D/10/1220 (CA)

No objection.

**18 10595**

Install antenna at Unit 2 Parkway Farm Business Park. 1/D/10/1223

No objection.

**19 10596**

River enhancement to the Dorchester Mill Stream. 1/D/10/1244

No objection.