

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

6th DECEMBER, 2010

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 6th December, 2010:

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

40. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1st November, 2010, adopted by Council on 23rd November, 2010, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

41. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Dorset Waste Forum – 20th January, 2011**

The Committee considered whether to nominate a Member to attend the next meeting of the Dorset Waste Forum which would be held on Thursday, 20th January, 2011 in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester commencing at 10.00am.

It was

RESOLVED

That Councillor L.E. Heath represent this Council at the next meeting of the Dorset Waste Forum.

(b) **Northernhay Retaining Wall**

The Committee received and noted a letter dated 4th November, 2010 from the Dorset Engineering Consultancy regard works scheduled to begin on 17th January, 2011 on a replacement wall along Northernhay up to Glyde Path Hill.

(c) **Review of Waiting Restrictions – Edward and Coburg Roads**

The Committee received and considered a letter and drawing dated 19th November, 2010 from the Traffic Management Section at Dorset County Council with an amended scheme for the above roads following consultation with residents.

Three members of the public attended the meeting to offer their support to the scheme which was felt to meet all the requirements of the residents and the County Council.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council fully supporting the proposed scheme.

(Councillor Trevor Jones left the meeting at this point.)

(d) Street Lighting Replacement Works

Further to Minute 33 the Committee noted that the street lighting replacement works had now been suspended until early 2011. In response to a question the Clerk confirmed that Scottish & Southern Electricity Contracting had confirmed that works were progressing on schedule and that all comments and concerns should be directed via e-mail.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to invite representatives from Scottish & Southern Electricity Contracting to a future meeting of this Committee as Members have concerns regarding the standard of work being carried out.

42. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(a) Local Air Quality Management – Air Quality Action Plan – Dorchester

The Committee received and considered a draft consultation document “Air Quality Action Plan” following concerns that the levels of nitrogen dioxide exceeded the national annual mean objective in some parts of the town centre.

Members stressed their considerable concerns that the Plan did not address the problem as it was reliant solely on the Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan which would not be progressed until at least 2014.

The Committee was also of the opinion that the level of nitrogen dioxide present in High East Street was in contravention of a European Union directive and the serious effects on public health must be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to write, in the strongest possible terms, to the West Dorset District Council objecting to this document and stressing the urgent need for a revised Plan which actually deals with the problems.

(b) Tree Work Applications

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

- To fell 2 Fir and 1 Silver Birch at 8 Herringston Road;
- Various works at Tall Trees, Culliford Road North;
- Various works at Culliford Court, Culliford Road North;
- To cut back Sycamores extending over path at Loders Garage site;
- To fell two Beech and carry out other works at 20 Farfrae Crescent;
- To fell 1 Sycamore at Southfield House, South Walks Road;
- To fell 1 Purple Leaf Cherry Plum and reduce crown of 1 Goat Willow at 9 Linden Avenue.

(c) Tree Works – Approvals

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

- Reshaping various trees at Robins Garth;
- To fell 1 Cypress at 8 Prince of Wales Road;
- To fell 1 Holly and reduce 1 Cherry at 2 Albert Road;
- To crown clean 1 Magnolia at Savernake House, 42 High West Street;
- To fell 2 Cherry and 2 Cypress trees and reshape 1 Prunus and 1 Thuja tree at Montserrat, Culliford Road North;
- To fell 4 Corsican Pines & 1 Hawthorn and plant replacements; reshape etc to 17 trees (Beech, Yew, Field Maple, ash, Lime, Walnut, Corsican Pine, Lawson's Cypress & Copper Beech all under Section 198 at Trinity Street Car Park;
- To crown lift 6 London Plane to 2.5m and 20% crown reduction to 4 trees under Section 198, Top O' Town Car Park;
- Surgery to 2 Himalayan Birch and 3 Norway Maples under Section 198 at Wollaston Road Car Park;
- To coppice 1 Maple and 1 Holly at 20 Bridport Road;
- To crown lift 11 Small Leafed Limes and remove epicormic growth on 1 Pear and 1 Norway Maple under Section 198 at Fairfield Car Park;
- To fell 1 Himalayan Birch (& replace), 2 Elder, 1 Grey Willow and 1 Cherry and perform surgery to 33 trees (various) at Charles Street Car Park.

43. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

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

44. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Withdrawals

The Committee noted that PA 1/D/10/1484 – Garage Extension at 47 Woodlands Crescent had been withdrawn from the Planning Register.

(b) Generally

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

Chairman

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Planning Applications considered on 6th December, 2010:

1 10656

Continue siting of cabin for temporary period of 2 years at The Hub, Great Western Road. 1/D/10/1747 (CA)

No objection.

2 10657

Demolish B8 Use store. New building containing two flats on land adjacent to 47 Monmouth Road. 1/D/10/1764

Recommend refusal. The Council are strongly of the opinion that this proposal does nothing to enhance the street scene and the proposed height of the building is overbearing. The Council also feel this proposal is over-development and the Juliet balcony is totally out of keeping.

3 10658

Demolish B8 Use store. New single dwelling on land adjacent to 47 Monmouth Road. 1/D/10/1765

Recommend refusal. The Council feel this proposal does nothing to enhance this historic street scene, the building is totally out of keeping with the proposed Juliet balcony and the overbearing height.

4 10659

First floor extension at 49 London Road. 1/D/10/1799

No objection.

5 10660

Listed Building consent to place new advertisement sign above existing sign at 64 High West Street. 1/D/10/1790 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

6 10661

Extend garage at 21 Fourgates. 1/D/10/1781

No objection.

7 10662

Outline application to demolish former fire station & ancillary building. Develop land by the erection of 16 dwellings at the Fire Station, Bridport Road. 1/D/10/1794 (Affects the setting of a LB)

No objection.

8 10663

Listed Building consent to carry out internal alterations at Damers House, Damers Road. 1/D/10/1859 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

9 10664

Change of use from D1 (non-residential institutions) to a single dwelling at 10 Cornwall Road. 1/D/10/1875 (CA)

No objection.

10 10665

Listed building consent to add trough light to top of existing fascia & 2 hidden spotlights to existing projector sign & carry out internal alterations at 55 High West Street. 1/D/10/1857 (Grade II LB & CA)

No objection.

11 10666

Change of use from C2 (residential institutions) to C3 (dwelling houses) Use Class at 20 Cornwall Road. 1/D/10/1877 (CA)

No objection.

12 10667

First floor extension on front elevation & alterations at 36 Manor Road. 1/D/10/1924

No objection.

13 10668

Change of Use to Children's Centre at Middle Farmhouse, Middle Farm Way, Poundbury.
1/D/10/1931

No objection.

14 10669

Change of use to rear of existing building from restaurant to flat at 35 High West Street.
1/D/10/1908 (CA & Affects the setting of a LB)

No objection.