

# **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**6<sup>TH</sup>, JANUARY 2014**

**PRESENT** Councillors V.J. Allan, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, S.C. Hosford, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger (Chairman), R. Potter, M.E. Rennie and D.S. Roberts.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors K.E. Armitage, A.Canning, T.C.N. Harries, E.S. Jones and D. Taylor.

### **56. MINUTES**

A Councillor questioned the accuracy of Minute 52. (c) relating to Members 'commenting' on a number of points raised by public speakers and she was also disappointed at the lack of discussion on the resolution proposed at the meeting. Other Members were content that the Minute reflected the content of the meeting.

With regards to Minute 55. Planning Application 1/D/13/1561 – Pullman Court, the Committee were advised of the additional wording to the description of the planning application, regarding change of use, and it supported this addition.

With regards to Minute 55. following the Committee recommending refusal of this application because of the use of uncharacteristic materials i.e. the use of security film to the 'shop window' on the ground floor, the agent had put forward a proposal to use obscured (not two way) film on the internal face of the ground floor "shop window". The extent of the film would be limited to 1.80m from the internal finished floor level and the remainder of the glazing above would remain clear. This window treatment would mirror that of the former shop premises two doors down from the proposal site and a photograph of these premises was circulated, as a comparison, at the meeting. The agent had also advised that his client would be content for this to be added as a planning condition so that WDDC would have control over the type of window film used.

The Committee was pleased with this proposal that appeared to address their concerns that the original security film would have a reflective/mirrored appearance. They also accepted the suggestion that this window treatment be added as a planning condition if the application was approved and it was

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That West Dorset District Council be advised that the Town Council's objection to Planning Application 1/D/13/1593 be withdrawn, subject to the use of obscured (not two way) film on the internal face of the ground floor "shop window". The extent of the film to be limited to 1.80m from the internal finished floor level and the remainder of the glazing above would remain clear.

- 2) That West Dorset District Council be requested to add the proposed window treatment as a planning condition if the application was approved.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013 were then taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**57. MINUTE UPDATE REPORT**

Minute 54. – West Dorset Parking Annual Report

A Member asked if West Dorset District Council could be requested to start their consultation with the Town Council, on their Annual Parking Report, earlier in the year and the Committee agreed with this. Also the Committee Clerk reported that the recommendations in the final report were not those that had originally been passed to the Council for consultation.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That West Dorset District Council's Parking Manager be requested to start consultation with the Town Council on the Parking Annual Report earlier in the year and that the Town Council be provided with the most up to date recommendations in the report as they evolved.

**58. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME**

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) Mark Wordarek-Black and Ken Lightfoot gave the Committee a summary of how the Scheme operated and showed Members the basic kit, which at present cost £300.

West Dorset District Councillor Teresa Seall and Sally Little, of the Osmington Society, explained how the Scheme worked in Osmington, they detailed the role of volunteers, the support provided by the Police and they gave practical examples of their own experiences. They considered that the Scheme was an educational tool and this view was supported by the PCSOs.

Members discussed how the Scheme might operate in Dorchester, the co-ordination required to run the Scheme and the community response to the Scheme.

The Chairman thanked the guests for their useful and informative presentation.

**59. DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (DACP)**

Ms Maria Clark, West Dorset District Council Link Officer presented the most recent DACP update report which the Committee noted.

A Member suggested that it would be a useful exercise for the Planning and Environment Committee to meet with representatives of the Access Group, DCC, WDDC and Dorchester BID to assess how DCC's new 'A' Board Policy was working. Positive comments were also made about the Community Lunches.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That representatives of the Access Group, DCC, WDDC and Dorchester BID be invited to a future Planning and Environment Committee meeting to assess how DCC's new 'A' Board Policy was working.

**60. PARKING – QUEEN'S AVENUE AREA**

Dr Morris, a resident of Clarence Road, addressed the Committee and detailed the problems he experienced accessing his property due to the number of vehicles parked on the both sides of the road. He considered that additional parking restrictions would improve the situation.

Mr Kerr, a resident of Clarence Road, addressed the Committee. He experienced similar problems to Dr Morris and had concerns about visibility, childrens' safety and access for emergency vehicles.

The Chairman detailed the additional parking restrictions that had already been requested in Clarence Road through DCC.

Members noted the various parking problems in this and adjoining roads as well as traffic management issues in the whole of Victoria Park.

A Member proposed that the consultation, already agreed by the Committee to consider parking issues in Queen's Avenue, be extended to include Clarence Road and Lime Close. He said that although there might not be a manageable solution to the problems, the Council should consider all possible options for improvements. He also commented on arrangements for the proposed consultation. This proposal was seconded and agreed.

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Council's consultation, to consider parking issues in Queen's Avenue, be extended to include Clarence Road and Lime Close.

**61. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**RESOLVED**

That West Dorset District Council be notified of the comments agreed on the various planning applications as set out at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

**62. BUDGET ISSUES**

The Chairman outlined the options for consideration and Members gave their views on the possible purchase of a Speed Indication Device (SID) and making a financial commitment to the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

Those Members supporting the Community Speed Watch Scheme considered it was a more sustainable option, it was an easier Scheme to operate, there were likely to be a large number of residents interested in operating the Scheme and it would be accessible to residents across the Town. They also raised the issue of the management and operation of the Scheme and various suggestions on how this might be achieved were put forward.

A Member commented that while the SID application procedure was very complex it could be worthwhile leaving this as a budget bid to be accessed if required.

Having considered the options, the Committee agreed to support a financial commitment to the Community Speed Watch Scheme and it was

**RESOLVED**

- 1) That a budget bid of £1,000 be made to Policy Committee, for 2014/15, for equipment and training to be spent on supporting the Community Speed Watch Scheme as required and when sufficient volunteers were available.
- 2) That the Traffic Management Panel be asked to investigate the best way for the Community Speed Watch Scheme to be administered in Dorchester

**63. TELEPHONE BOXES**

A Member had raised a concern about the poor condition of the telephone box adjacent to the (old) Exhibition Hotel and he also commented about the similar state of the telephone box at Wessex Road. Another Member said that he had already reported the condition of the first box to BT.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That a letter be sent to BT drawing their attention to the poor condition of the telephone boxes adjacent to the (old) Exhibition Hotel and at Wessex Road

and asking for their response.

**64. URGENT ITEMS**

A Member suggested that the Town Council become involved in the editorial of a commercial publication promoting Dorchester that she had received through the post and she was advised to speak to the Town Clerk.

**65. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

**RESOLVED**

That, in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matter, the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during its discussion.

**66. QUEEN'S AVENUE PARKING ISSUES CONSULTATION**

A Member asked about the staff resources required for the Queen's Avenue consultation and about the details of the practical arrangements of the consultation. Another Member provided fuller details of what he understood to be the consultation process that he had discussed with the Town Clerk.

Following this discussion, the Chairman offered her resignation as Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee and members of the Committee thanked her for her work in the role.

Chairman

## **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

Planning applications considered by the Planning and Environment Committee on 6 January 2014

1. Dorset County Council application  
**1/D/13/001646**  
COLLITON ANNEXE, COUNTY HALL, DORCHESTER DT1 1XJ  
Installation of new external boiler flue to north elevation of Colliton Annexe block  
No objection
2. **1/D/13/001575**  
14 OLGA ROAD, DORCHESTER DT1 2LX  
Single storey rear flat roof extension  
Conservation Area  
No objection
3. **1/D/13/001672**  
THE POUNDBURY DENTAL PRACTICE, WINSLADE HOUSE, WINSLADE STREET, POUNDBURY, DORCHESTER, DT1 3UX  
Knocking through into flat next door and installing a third dental surgery. This will involve change of use, where the dental surgery will increase in size into a residential two bedroom flat and the flat will decrease in size to a one bed flat.  
No objection
4. **1/D/13/001667** (Retrospective)  
30A TRINITY STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1TT  
Change of use from butchers shop to hot food takeaway (A5 use class) with removal of condition 1 of planning permission 1/E/07/000241 to allow a full A5 hot food takeaway with opening from 11am until 3am  
Conservation Area  
The Planning and Environment Committee supported the comments of Public Health, West Dorset District Council and therefore were unable to give a considered comment on the application.
5. **1/D/13/001664** (Advertisement Consent)  
UNIT 2, WEYMOUTH AVENUE, DORCHESTER DT1 2RY  
New fascia signage  
No objection
6. **1/D/13/001617**  
51 OLGA ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2LY  
Provide conservation rooflight to front elevation. Provide dormer window to rear elevation  
Conservation Area  
No objection
7. **1/D/13/001678**  
1 GREENINGS COURT, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HR  
Carry out internal & external alterations to dwelling & outbuilding  
Conservation Area and Grade II Listed Building

No objection

8. **1/D/13/001637**  
31 QUEENS AVENUE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2EP  
Attached single garage to side  
No objection
9. **1/D/13/001600**  
4 CASTERBRIDGE ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2AQ  
Single storey wrap around extension, two storey side extension  
No objection
10. **1/D/13/001720**  
12 CAME VIEW ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2AE  
Proposed two storey extension to form new master bedroom with en-suite & dressing room facilities to first floor and garage and utility to ground floor, and installation of velux rooflights to existing roofspace  
No objection
11. **1/D/13/001744**  
GLYDE PATH HOUSE, GLYDE PATH ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1JB  
Change of use from B1 business use to C3 residential use  
Conservation Area  
No objection
12. **1/D/13/001656**  
16 GROSVENOR ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2BB  
Remove a detached single bay garage and rear ground floor bay window. New single storey, flat roofed rear extension and two storey side extension. Internal remodelling on both storeys. Create a new main entrance porch  
No objection