

# Dorchester Town Council

## Planning and Environment Committee

5 June 2017

Present: Councillors C. Biggs, R. Biggs, T. Harries, J. Hewitt, S. Hosford, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, T. Loakes, R. Potter (Chairman) and M. Rennie

Apologies: Councillor D. Taylor

1. **Declaration of Interest**

Councillors S. Jones and Potter stated that as members of WDDC's Planning Committee, they would keep an open mind on the planning applications and consider all information available at each stage of the decision process. They would take part in the debate but not vote on planning applications at this meeting.

2. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2 May 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Minute Update Report**

**Minute 92/17 Buses**

The Committee noted DCC's comments about not providing a school bus service from the Fordington area to Poundbury but they considered that there was a definite established need for a service bus to cover this route particularly at principal school times and concerns were raised for those who did not have their own transport and that needed to make this journey. The point was made that DCC were due to be changing their bus subsidy regime at the end of June so early action was required.

The Town Clerk was continuing to investigate the possible future role of the Town Council in community transport and he was undertaking a survey to gather evidence about bus services and usage etc across the Town.

**Minute 92/17 West Dorset District Council Review of the Local Plan**

The Committee Clerk suggested that WDDC officers be requested to attend a future meeting of the Committee as soon as they could provide a useful update on the review of the Local Plan and Members agreed with this.

**Minute 94/17 Herringston Road Kerb Stones**

The Committee noted that the Town Clerk would be putting a report to Policy Committee in July regarding consideration of the Town Council establishing a policy regarding supporting highways and related works.

The Committee Clerk reported that the Royal Mail's Field Operations Manager – West Region would ask the local manager to ensure that drivers are briefed on correct parking practices to ensure that the red fleet is not responsible for any damage to the grass verge.

### **Minute 96/17 Decisions on Planning Applications**

The Committee understood the issues relating to the withdrawal of the Max Gate car park planning application but were concerned that the parking problems in the area seemed to be getting worse particularly with inconsiderate parking.

#### **Resolved**

That the Town Council writes to DCC reiterating its view that there is a definite established need for a service bus to cover the route from the Fordington area to Poundbury and asking them to consider this further.

#### **4. Planning Applications**

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

#### **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.

#### **5. Ironman 70.3 Weymouth**

Members noted the route of the Ironman 70.3 Weymouth event and comments were made about how successful the recent Dorchester Marathon had been particularly in terms of regular communications from the organisers and the system of road closures.

#### **Resolved**

That the Town Council writes to the Dorchester Marathon organisers to congratulate them on the success of the event.

#### **6. Decisions on Planning Applications**

The Committee noted the decisions made by West Dorset District Council on planning applications, withdrawn applications and others of note.

**Chairman**

**Dorchester Town Council****Planning applications considered by the Planning and Environment Committee on 5 June 2017**

1. **30 BALMORAL CRESCENT, DORCHESTER, DT1 2BW - WD/D/17/000888**  
Erect front single storey lean-to porch extension  
No objection
2. **8 GATCOMBE CLOSE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2AW - WD/D/17/000872**  
Demolish existing garage and erect 2 storey side extension forming store, utility & living area to ground floor with 2 bedrooms to first floor. Form lean-to single storey extension to front to form porch area & extended kitchen/dining area  
No objection
3. **8 HIGH EAST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HS - WD/D/17/000898 + WD/D/17/000899**  
Internal and external Works  
No objection
4. **FLAT 8, PALACE COURT, DURNGATE STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1EU - WD/D/17/000916**  
Replacement windows  
No objection
5. **6 ALEXANDRA TERRACE, DORCHESTER, DT1 1UE - WD/D/17/001024**  
Internal alterations at ground floor level to improve fire precautions  
No objection
6. **SOUTHFIELD VETERINARY CENTRE, SOUTH WALKS ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1DU - WD/D/17/001018**  
Internal alterations to the second floor above veterinary practice, to provide a residential 2 bed roomed flat  
No objection
7. **17 BRIDPORT ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2NG - WD/D/17/000786**  
Erection of a log cabin in rear garden  
Recommend refusal/withdrawal of the application. From the two plans provided on DorsetForYou relating to the application, there is insufficient information available to be able to take a view on the application, for example there are no plans of the elevations.
8. **93 SOUTH COURT AVENUE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2DA - WD/D/17/001036**  
Erect new pitched roof to front elevation & conversion of roof space to form master bedroom with en-suite. Demolish existing garage & utility & erect new larger garage. Erect rear flat roof extension.  
No objection
9. **83 WEATHERBURY WAY, DORCHESTER, DT1 2EE - WD/D/17/000789**  
Replacement single storey "wrap round" structure  
Recommend refusal. Due to the close proximity of the extension to the living room on the south east side of the property, the development would have a detrimental impact on the

amenity and outlook of No 85 resulting in overbearing impact and loss of light on the primary window of this property. Therefore the development would be contrary to Policy ENV 16 of the adopted local plan.

10. **2 BRITANNIA WAY, DORCHESTER, DT1 2QR - WD/D/17/000930**  
Removal of plants and bushes and erect a 2000mm vertical high timber fence (with gravel board) along boundary  
No objection
11. **2 POPE STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1GW - WD/D/17/001033**  
A fascia sign, folded ALI powder coated tray with back illuminated push through acrylic letters and a bus stop sign, folded tray with vinyl applied lettering  
No objection
12. **UNIT 1 TO 2, JONSON TRADING PARK, JONSON TRADING ESTATE, ENTRANCE LANE, DORCHESTER, DT1 1QB - WD/D/17/000801**  
Erection of sign fixed on post at entrance to trading estate  
No objection
13. **31 SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1DD - WD/D/17/001143**  
Installation of 3no. outdoor roof mounted air conditioning condensers (part retrospective)  
No objection