

Dorchester Town Council
Planning and Environment Committee
2 September 2019

Present: The Mayor (Councillor R. Biggs) and Councillors A. Canning, L. Fry, T. Harries, J. Hewitt, S. Hosford, G. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, R. Major, R. Potter (Chairman), M. Rennie and R. Ricardo

Apologies: Councillor S. Jones

Also in attendance: Councillor F. Hogwood

21. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fry stated that as a member of Dorset Council's Area Planning Committee, he would keep an open mind on the planning applications and consider all information available at each stage of the decision process. He would take part in the debate but not vote on planning applications at this meeting.

22. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 August 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

23. Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Members received a presentation from Rob Camp and Joe Allen from Dorset Council's Sustainable and Safer Travel Environment, Infrastructure and Economy Team about the SID programme.

Members heard that a SID would cost £2495 + VAT to have the more advanced model with an additional cost of £175 for a solar modification battery and a fee for the bracket and post for the SID to be sited on. (A budget SID would be available for £2000 + VAT but had a smaller screen and limited functionality). Members noted that a SID should not be deployed permanently in any one site, but should be deployed over 2 – 3 sites for a period of between 4-6 weeks before being moved to the next. Members were informed that a SID could only be deployed at a site that was approved and assessed by the Dorset Council providing that it met the required speed and risk assessment criteria. Members were informed that they would be required to identify sites for the SID to be deployed and a survey would need to be conducted to ascertain if the sites were suitable. The first survey would cost £250 and any additional surveys for additional sites would cost £175. It was noted that the Dorset Council held existing data for certain roads that they would be willing to share.

The Committee heard that the existing SID currently sited at Bridport Road would be removed should the Council purchase a SID and it would be for the Council to decide if the new SID should be relocated there.

It was proposed and seconded that it should be recommended to the Policy Committee that a SID should be purchased by the Council to be deployed at sites identified at the next Planning and Environment Committee.

Resolved

That it should be recommended to the Policy Committee that a SID should be purchased by the Council to be deployed at sites identified at the next Planning and Environment Committee.

24. **Lubbecke Way and Stinsford View**

Members heard comments from an East Ward Councillor regarding the experimental Traffic Order for Lubbecke Way which came into effect on 16 April 2019. It was noted that concerns had been raised as there were currently no 'No Vehicle' signs at Longbridge Way which meant that large vehicles were continuing to use St Georges Road to gain access to and from Louds Mill. It was also suggested that a passing place between the Lubbecke Way Retirement properties and the Dorset Youth Association would alleviate the problem of it being difficult for cars to pass each other on Lubbecke Way and that the introduction of a two hour parking limit would reduce the number of cars parking in Lubbecke Way. Members felt that this would not be appropriate as a number of people who work in the area use it for parking. A suggestion was made to allow cars to park on the river side of the road to create a chicane effect which would create more passing places however there were concerns that it would make it difficult for lorries to manoeuvre. Members agreed that a traffic flow assessment would be beneficial to gain a better understanding as to how the experimental traffic order was working.

Resolved

That a request be made to the Dorset Council for a Traffic Flow assessment to be conducted in Lubbecke Way and Stinsford View.

25. **Member Expenses for Attendance at Dorset Council Northern Area Planning Committee**

Members noted Dorchester Town Council's Members' Allowance Scheme and agreed that should a Councillor attend a Northern Area Planning Committee meeting to represent the views of the Planning and Environment Committee that the Clerk to the Committee would register their wish to speak at the meeting with the Dorset Council.

Resolved

That the Clerk to the Committee would notify the Dorset Council of the attendance of a Committee member to register the views of the Dorchester Town Council.

26. **Minute Update Report**

1. Minute 19 (5 August 2019) - Planning Issues to Note - Planning Application WD/D/19/001153 the former Watson Petroleum Ltd & Dorchester Collection Show Room, London Road, Dorchester
With regards to planning application WD/D/19/001153, Members noted that the proprietor had been contacted by the Dorset Council as requested to secure the fencing around the site.

2. Update from Northern Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 21 August 2019

Members heard that the Duchy would be looking in to installing electrical charging points and solar points for charging vehicles on its developments.

Resolved

That the Minute Update report be noted.

27. **Planning Applications for Comment**

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

Resolved

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

28. **Dropped Kerbs Requests**

The Committee received and considered a map detailing requests for dropped kerbs. Members agreed to support the requests.

Resolved

That the requests for the dropped kerbs detailed on the map be forwarded to the Dorset Council.

29. **Planning Issues to Note**

Resolved

That the Planning Issues to Note report be noted.

30. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items to report.

Chairman

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1. **29 EDDISON AVENUE, DORCHESTER, DT1 1NX - WD/D/19/001876**
Demolish existing store & build single storey flat roof extension forming kitchen
No comment
2. **31 CROWN STREET WEST, POUNDBURY, DORCHESTER, DT1 3FQ - WD/D/19/001793**
Erect 2 No. non-illuminated fascia signs and 1 No. non-illuminated projecting hanging sign
No comment
3. **31 CROWN STREET WEST, POUNDBURY, DORCHESTER, DT1 3FQ - WD/D/19/001795**
Erect 1 No. non-illuminated individual raised lettering sign to side elevation
No comment
4. **6 ROTHESAY ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2DT - WD/D/19/001908**
Erection of a ground floor rear single storey extension
No comment however Councillors queried the proposed lift in the ground floor office and expressed their concerns at the loss of the garage.
5. **6 DAGMAR ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2NA - WD/D/19/001806**
Demolition of single storey rear extension and erection of replacement single storey rear extension and alterations to boundary walls - Dorchester Conservation Area
No comment however the Committee requested reassurance that any rain run off would be correctly dealt with and expressed concerns about the impact of the single storey extension to the neighbouring dwelling.
6. **15 VICTORIA ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1SB - WD/D/19/001789**
Erection of single storey rear extension – Dorchester Conservation Area
Recommended refusal. The Committee were concerned that the extra height of the extension would be overbearing and detrimental to the amenity of the neighbour. Therefore, the Committee considered that the development would be contrary to policy ENV.16 of the adopted Local Plan.
7. **4-5 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1UJ - WD/D/19/001910**
External alterations to shopfront and fix new non illuminated fascia and non illuminated projecting sign to replace existing- Dorchester Conservation Area and II Listed Building
No comment