

## **Dorchester Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held via the Zoom Video Conferencing**

#### **Platform**

**3 August 2020**

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

Apologies: Councillors T. Harries and E.S. Jones

Also in attendance: Councillor D Leaper

#### **19. 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.

#### **20. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 July 2020 were confirmed and approved to be signed by the Chairman.

#### **21. Dorset County Hospital Masterplan Update**

The Committee received an update on how the hospital had been affected by Covid 19, the Multi Storey Carpark planning application (WD/D/19/002627) and the proposed Masterplan which was available to view at <https://www.dchft.nhs.uk/about/site-development> from Nick Johnson, Director of Strategy, Transformation and Partnerships at Dorset County Hospital.

The Committee were informed that the application for the Multi Storey carpark was likely to go before the Dorset Council's Northern Area Planning Committee on 18 August 2020. The Committee were informed that the Hospital had noted the comments of the Committee in their response to the application and that they had worked with Dorchester Town Council to mitigate the loss of trees on the site.

The Committee heard that Dorset County Hospital had been allocated £62.5m from the Department of Health and Social Care's Health Infrastructure Plan for an Integrated Emergency, Community and Primary Care Hub, which it was anticipated could be completed by 2025 although the Committee recognised that this was in part dependent on the release of the land as a result of the delivery of the Multi Storey Carpark.

**22. Planning Applications for Comment**

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

**23. Minute Update Report**

Members noted the Minute Update Report.

**24. Planning Issues to Note**

Members noted the Planning Issues reported.

**25. Urgent Items**

**i) Litter in South Street**

The Committee heard that Litter Free Dorset had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding litter in South Street caused by Seagulls tearing apart refuse bags left out by businesses. The Committee noted that Litter Free Dorset had suggested that a meeting with the Dorchester BID, The Dorchester Chamber for Business, Town Council and Litter Free Dorset be arranged to discuss possible solutions.

**ii) ReLoved Sitting Out Licence**

The Committee discussed the application for a sitting out licence which had been submitted by ReLoved and initially considered via email. It was agreed that the application should be further discussed as the Committee had had conflicting opinions.

The Committee wanted to be supportive of the application (as with all sitting out licence applications that had been received during the Covid pandemic) however, the Committee felt that the size of the proposed area would be detrimental to neighbouring businesses.

The Committee were aware that ReLoved were already operating in the outdoor space of the proposed area and felt that the seating area was causing a visual barrier to the neighbouring businesses and discouraging potential customers from visiting them. Members of the Committee had received complaints regarding the volume of the music that was being played and questioned if a music licence was required and if it had been obtained. The Committee also raised concerns about the gazebos in use and felt their positioning was having a negative impact on the appearance of the historic area.

The Committee felt that due to the size of the seating area, it was creating a too narrow space in the Cornhill area which would cause difficulties for passing pedestrians to social distance from each other.

The Committee requested that the size of the area for outdoor seating be curtailed to the area in front of the premises and that the width of the proposed area into the highway be reduced.

**Resolved**

- i) That the Clerk to the Committee inform Litter Free Dorset that the Town Council would be supportive of meeting with them, The Dorchester BID and Dorchester Chamber of Business to discuss possible measures to alleviate the problems caused by Seagulls in the Town Centre.
  
- ii) That the Clerk to the Committee notify the Dorset Council of the Planning Committee's comments.

**Appendix 1**  
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**East Ward (Councillors T. Harries, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger and R. Major)**

No applications.

**North Ward (Councillor A. Canning)**

- N1.** [WD/D/20/001531 52 SOUTH STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1DQ](#)  
Display of 1.no illuminated fascia sign and 1no illuminated projection sign.  
No objection.
- N2.** [WD/D/20/001530 AGRICULTURE HOUSE, ACLAND ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 1EF](#)  
The erection of 1.no 5m high ANPR camera column.  
No objection.
- N3.** [WD/D/20/001535 DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM, 66 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XA](#)  
External alterations/repairs to south elevation to include rebuilding of parapet.  
No objection.
- N4.** [WD/D/20/001536 DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM, 66 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XA \(Listed Building consent\)](#)  
Various external alterations/repairs to south elevation including further fixing of wall ties, rebuilding of parapet and repairs to windows and alterations to roof lantern.  
No objection.

**West Ward (Councillors L. Fry, J. Hewitt and R. Ricardo)**

- W1.** [WD/D/20/001500 25 COBURG ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2HN](#)  
Erection of car port.  
No objection.

**South Ward (Councillors G. Jones, R. Potter and M. Rennie)**

- S1.** [WD/D/20/000498 44 MELLSTOCK AVENUE, DORCHESTER, DT1 2BQ](#)  
Erection of two storey rear extension & front porch.  
No objection.
- S2.** [WD/D/20/001512 1 EGDON ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2EA](#)  
Erect single storey extension to provide annexe accommodation. Modify existing vehicular access and create additional parking (demolish existing garage).

Objection.

The Committee considered the application and raised concerns that the annexe accommodation would be considered a separate dwelling to the hosting property. The Committee concluded that the extension was over development of the site and that it would be overpowering to the original building, contravening Env 12 of the adopted Local Plan.

**Poundbury Ward (Councillors R. Biggs and S. Hosford)**

**P1. [WD/D/20/000674 LAND AT PARKWAY FARM BUSINESS PARK, MIDDLE FARM WAY, POUNDBURY \(Amended Plan\)](#)**

Display of 1no. non-illuminated estate agents hoarding sign.

Objection.

The Committee considered the hoarding sign to be too big which would result in it being too overbearing for the location, dominating the street scene. The Committee felt that it would have too much of a negative impact on the local landscape, in particular the view towards Maiden Castle. The Committee agreed that the application contravened ENV14 of the adopted Local Plan.

**P2. [WD/D/20/001366 CASTLE VIEW NURSING HOME, BRIDPORT ROAD, POUNDBURY, DORCHESTER, DT1 3SD](#)**

Erection of extension to ground floor lounge, extension of ground floor entrance lobby and loft conversion to bedroom on second floor roof.

No objection.

**East Ward (Councillors T. Harries, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger and R. Major) & West Ward (Councillors L. Fry, J. Hewitt and R. Ricardo)**

**EW1. [WD/D/20/001582 VARIOUS SITES IN WDDC AREA](#)**

Notification of intention to remove 23 public payphones.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Av. Calls Per Month</b>	<b>Ward</b>
Fordington Cross, High Street Fordington	5	East Ward
JCN Maud Road / Olga Road	11	West Ward

No objection