

## **Dorchester Town Council**

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

**6 April 2021**

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

Apologies: Councillors G.Jones and F. Kent-Ledger

Also in attendance: Councillors S. Biles and F. Hogwood.

#### **80. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor L. 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.

Councillor Harries declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application WD/D/20/003114 and stated that he would not take part in any debate on this application.

#### **81. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 March 2021 were confirmed and approved to be signed by the Chairman.

#### **82. Change of Date for the May Planning and Environment Committee Meeting**

The Committee noted that the May Planning and Environment Committee meeting would be held on Monday, 26 April 2021.

#### **83. Transition Town Dorchester**

The Committee received a presentation from Kate Forrester regarding the work of Transition Town Dorchester.

#### **84. Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan**

The Committee received a presentation from Chris Peck, Cycling and Walking Officer for Dorset Council regarding Dorset Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

#### **85. Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill**

The Committee noted the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill due to go before Parliament for a second reading.

The Committee agreed that Dorchester Town Council should support the Bill and requested that the Clerk to the Committee write to the local MP, Chris Loder to ask that he also support the Bill.

**Resolved**

- 1) That Dorchester Town Council should support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill due to go before Parliament for a second reading.
- 2) That the Clerk to the Committee write to the local MP, Chris Loder and ask him to pledge his support to the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

**86. Speed Indicator Device**

The Committee considered the relocation of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) from the East bound site at Max Gate to either Bridport Road or Middle Farm Way or both sites.

The Committee felt that it was too soon to re-site the SID from the location at Max Gate but agreed to site the SID at Bridport Road on a rotational basis in addition to siting it at Herringston Road and Max Gate.

The Committee agreed to site the SID on a rotational basis at a site in Middle Farm Way as recommended by the Dorset Council but requested that the Clerk to the Committee contact the Dorset Council and request that any costs incurred due to the relocation should be met by the Dorset Council.

**Resolved**

- 1) That the SID be sited at Max Gate, Herringston Road, Bridport Road and Middle Farm Way.
- 2) That the Clerk to the Committee request that the Dorset Council meet any charges incurred by siting the SID at Middle Farm Way.

**87. Notice of Variation to Off Street Parking Places West Dorset 2021**

The Committee noted the changes to the charging period in Dorset Council owned car parks which came in effect from 1 April 2021.

The Committee were pleased to note that there hadn't been a change to the policy to not charge for parking in the evening but were concerned that the charges on a Sunday would effect the Car Boot Sale held at Lower Fairfield Car Park.

**88. A Guidance note for Town and Parish Councils on Planning Enforcement at Dorset Council**

The Committee noted the Dorset Council's Guidance note for Town and Parish Councils on Planning Enforcement at Dorset Council.

**89. Planning Applications for Comment**

The Committee considered the planning applications referred to the Council for comment by Dorset Council (Appendix 1).

**90. Minute Update Report**

**1) Minute 76, 1 March 2021 Planning and Environment Committee meeting Dorchester South Railway Station.**

The Committee noted that Network Rail would be conducting a litter picking operation on the pathways around the station.

The Committee heard that Network Rail were exploring an alternative option to replacing the wall at Dorchester South Station with chain link fencing to replacing it with a fence made up with panels between metal columns.

The Committee requested that the clerk contact Network Rail to ask for images of the proposed fencing.

**2) Minute 79 1 March 2021 Planning and Environment Committee meeting, Planning Issues to Note**

The Committee heard that for a pedestrian crossing to be installed at Greys Bridge the Dorset Council would need to assess if it would meet its criteria. The Committee noted that The Dorset Council would be a conducting a survey at both junctions at Greys Bridge where there were uncontrolled crossings.

**91. Planning Issues to Note**

There were no Planning issues to note.

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

**E1. WD/D/20/003249 UNIT 4 LAKESIDE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ST GEORGES ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 1PE**

Erection of first floor workshop extension.

No objection.

**E2. WD/D/20/003299 MAEN MAEN GARDENS DORCHESTER DT1 1QQ**

Change of use to (F1(a)) specialist independent school.

No objection in principle.

The Committee would like to insist that the trees are retained / maintained and suitable provision for parking and for the picking up / dropping off of students be applied.

**E3. WD/D/20/003114 SANDRINGHAM SPORTS CENTRE ARMADA WAY DORCHESTER DT1 2TN**

Erection of single storey dance school with mezzanine and pitched roof.

As Dorchester Town Council is the landowner, no comment will be made on this application.

**E4. WD/D/20/003144 56 PRINCE OF WALES ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 1PP**

Erection of single-storey, flat roof rear/side extension & render & cladding to external walls of house (Retrospective).

No objection, the Committee regret the retrospective nature of the application.

**E5. P/FUL/2021/00116 NATIONAL TYRES AND AUTOCARE 12-14 KINGS ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 1NQ**

Erection of a single storey aluminium clad MOT workshop.

No objection, the Committee requested that the neighbouring footpath be cleared of the weeds that were encroaching the neighbouring footpath from the site and that the area continue to be maintained.

**E6. P/LBC/2021/00125 10 FORDINGTON DAIRY ATHELSTAN ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 1FD (LISTED BUILDING CONSENT)**

Installation of a rear security gate.

No objection.

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

**N1. WD/D/20/002991 TERRITORIAL ARMY POUNDBURY ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 1TA**

Siting of a storage container.

- N2. **WD/D/20/003278 28 HIGH EAST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF**  
Conversion of a single flat into 2no. flats. No objection.
- N3. **WD/D/20/003279 28 HIGH EAST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF**  
Alterations to convert a single flat into 2no. flats, including alterations to internal walls. No objection.
- N4. **WD/D/20/003211 1 PROSPECT ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 2PF**  
Replace conservatory with garden room. No objection.

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

- W1. **WD/D/20/002890 THE RANGE, GREAT WESTERN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, GREAT WESTERN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DORCHESTER, DT1 1RD**  
Change of use to allow the sale of bulky goods, furniture, furnishings, textiles, carpets, electrical goods, hardware, housewares, DIY, garden products, pet supplies, vehicle accessories and cycles, camping and leisure goods, toys, hobbies and office equipment other than goods ancillary to those listed and an element of non-bulky goods. (with variation of condition 5 of planning permission 1/D/11/001647 to allow for up to 250 sq.m. net of existing retail space can be used for the sale of food and drink for consumption off the premises other than confectionery). No objection.
- W2. **P/HOU/2021/00161 65 QUEENS AVENUE DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 2EP**  
Single storey lean-to side & rear extension forming log store, utility and living area. No objection.

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

No applications received.

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

- P1. **WD/D/20/002706 THE GREAT FIELD (PLAY AREA, SOUTH-EAST SECTION), PEVERELL AVENUE EAST, POUNDBURY**  
Erection of timber framed childrens play equipment & associated hard & soft landscaping (including gravel bound footways, trees & planting) and associated infrastructure (drainage) on existing public amenity space. No objection, the Committee welcomed the application