

Dorchester Town Council

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

26 April 2021

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

Apologies: Councillor L. Fry

Also in attendance: Councillors S. Biles, F. Hogwood and D. Leaper.

92. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

93. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 April 2021 were confirmed and approved to be signed by the Chairman.

94. **Cancellation of 7 June 2021 Planning and Environment Committee Meeting**

The Committee noted the cancellation of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting due to be held on 7 June. The Committee noted the proposed procedure to conduct the business of the Planning and Environment Committee and the Committee agreed to authorise the Committee Clerk, in consultation with the Chair to make response to future planning applications, based on the Committee's comments, until the next scheduled Committee meeting on 5 July.

Resolved

That the Committee Clerk, in consultation with the Chair be authorised to make response to future planning applications, based on the Committee's comments, until the next scheduled Committee meeting on 5 July.

95. **Walking Route Audit**

The Committee received an update from Councillor F Hogwood regarding the Dorset Council Walking Audit. The Committee heard that from data obtained by the Dorset Council, many of the car journeys completed in the Town were small journeys. In order to encourage more people to walk to their destinations improvements would need to be made to the existing footpaths. In order for the Dorset Council to make improvements, evidence that the footpaths need to be improved was required to enable the Dorset Council to apply for funding from Central Government.

The Committee heard that volunteers were conducting walking audits to identify where improvements were needed. Members of the Committee were invited to volunteer to conduct the walking audits and training if required would be requested. Members were invited to contact Councillor Hogwood or the Chairman of the Committee if they would like to volunteer.

The Committee requested that the findings of the audit be reviewed by the Committee in six months time.

Resolved

That the findings of the Walking Route Audit be shared with the Committee at the November meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

96. **Flood Investigation Report Dorchester August 2020**

The Committee noted the Flood Investigation report for Dorchester August 2020, The Committee heard that a Community Emergency Response plan was being developed and the Committee were invited to nominate two to three Councillors to help develop the Plan. The Committee agreed that Councillors E. S Jones and R. Major along with the Chairman of the Committee should be involved in the development of the plan.

Resolved

That Councillors E. S Jones and R. Major along with the Chairman of the Committee work with the Community Development Officer to develop a Community Emergency Response Plan.

97. **Dorchester South Railway Station**

The Committee noted the proposed fence panels to be installed at Dorchester South Railway Station and queried the height of the proposed fencing.

In principle the Committee accepted the proposed fencing but requested that the fence panels face out onto Cromwell Road, the Committee also requested that Network Rail be respectful to wildlife and requested that hedgehog holes be included.

The Committee also questioned if an area would be left that would be suitable for planting.

Resolved

That the Clerk to the Committee notify Network Rail that the Committee accepted the proposal but request that the fence panels face out to Cromwell Road, that the Committee Clerk ascertains the height of the proposed panels, that a request be made that Network Rail be respectful to wildlife and if an area would be left that was suitable for planting.

98. **Maumbury Road Railway Bridge**

The Committee noted the condition of the railway bridge at Maumbury Road and agreed that it was in poor condition. A Member informed the Committee that the bridge at Alington Avenue was also in a similar condition and looked unsafe. The Committee requested that the Clerk to the Committee write to Network Rail to inform them of the poor condition of the bridges and request that improvements / repairs be made.

Resolved

That the Clerk to the Committee write to Network Rail to inform them of the poor condition of the bridges at Maumbury Road and Alington Avenue and request that improvements / repairs be made.

99. Planning Applications for Comment

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

100. Minute Update Report

1. Minute 87 of the Planning and Environment Committee, 4 April 2021

A Committee Member and Dorset Councillor informed the Committee that discussions were ongoing with the Dorset Council regarding the Sunday car boot sale parking charges.

101. Planning Issues to Note

Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan(DTEP)

A committee member queried the status of the DTEP project and heard that it had been dissolved during the amalgamation of West Dorset District Council and the Dorset County Council.

The Committee were disappointed that the project had been concluded before all of the aims had been achieved. Members were particularly disappointed that problems with residential on street parking had not been addressed having previously been informed that a holistic approach would be taken to improve the situation across the whole of the Town.

The Committee requested that the Corporate Director for Economic Growth and Infrastructure and the Parking Services Manager be invited to a future meeting to discuss residential parking permits and on street parking.

Resolved

That the Clerk to the Committee invite Dorset Council's Corporate Director for Economic Growth and Infrastructure and the Parking Services Manager to a future meeting to discuss residential parking permits and on street parking.

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

- E1.** [WD/D/20/003145 17 ALL SAINTS ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 1EL](#)
Replace existing garden wall with new wall and gates. Form permeable drive and carry out landscaping.
No objection.
- E2.** [P/HOU/2021/00459 3 FORDINGTON GREEN DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 1LU](#)
Replacement of roof, windows and dormer windows.
No objection.
- E3.** [P/LBC/2021/00460 3 FORDINGTON GREEN DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 1LU \(Listed Building Consent\)](#)
Replacement of roof, windows and dormer windows.
No objection.

North Ward (Councillor A. Canning)

- N1.** [P/LBC/2021/00243 & P/ADV/2021/00265 DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM 66 HIGH WEST STREET DORCHESTER DT1 1XA](#)
External alterations to install 4 No. (non-illuminated) banner signs to front elevation.
No objection. The Committee welcomed the applications.

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

- W1.** [P/HOU/2021/00363 26 BARROW CLOSE DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 2HG](#)
Erection of single storey front and side extension.
No objection.
- W2.** [P/HOU/2021/00480 53 JAMES ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 2HB](#)
Erection of two storey rear extension.
No objection.

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

- S1.** [P/HOU/2021/00469 72 SOUTH COURT AVENUE DORCHESTER DT1 2BZ](#)
Conversion of existing garage, internal alterations and single storey side extension.
No objection.
- S2.** [P/HOU/2021/00520 10 MELLSTOCK AVENUE DORCHESTER DORSET DT1 2BE](#)
Demolition of existing porch & construction of new porch.
No objection.