

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2nd JULY, 2012

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd July, 2012:

PRESENT Councillors K.E. Armitage, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford (in the Chair), E.S. Jones, M.E. Rennie and D.S. Roberts.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor A.J. Canning) and Councillors V.J. Allan, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger, T.F. Loakes, R.B. Potter and D. Taylor.

9. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 28th May, 2012, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members of the Committee, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Traffic Regulation Order Programme – 2012-13**

The Committee noted that the following requests had been assessed and met the criteria and would be progressed to the works programme for 2012-13:

- Parking restrictions at Wessex Road, Durnover Court/Mill Street/River Crescent, Rothesay Road (St. Osmunds School), Fourgates Road, Blagdon Road (junction with Cambridge Road), South Court Avenue/Grosvenor Road, Damers Road (junction with Windsor Road), Monmouth Road/Rothesay Road/Alfred Road/Cromwell Road (parking restrictions at junctions)
- Removal of disabled bay in New Street.
- Trinity Street and Williams Avenue, No Loading & Unloading (issue due to blue badge parking)

(b) **Highway Amenity Maintenance Programme**

At a Member's request the Committee considered whether to make representation to the County Council urging them to consider the need for more than six cuts a year in the light of the number of complaints received from members of the public.

A Member suggested that some areas were being cut that should be left, particularly those growing wild flowers. Concern was also expressed that all the roundabouts in the Town now had signage on them selling advertising space, including Fordington Fields roundabout which was maintained by this Council.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council inviting them to a future meeting of this Committee to discuss Members' concerns regarding the Highway Amenity Maintenance Programme.
- (2) That the Town Clerk investigate the possibility of this Council receiving some revenue from the County Council particularly if the roundabout at Fordington Fields is sponsored.
3. That Members be requested to consider grassed areas in the Town which should be left uncut to encourage the growth of wild flowers.

11. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL – TREE WORKS**

(a) Applications

The Committee noted that the following tree work applications had been forwarded to Ward Members for their consideration:

- To reduce 1 Sycamore crown by 50% at 8 Sydenham Way;
- To reduce by 20% and raise the crown of 1 Yew at Princes Mews West.

(b) Approvals

The Committee noted that the following tree works had been approved by the District Council:

- Reduce height of 1 Conifer and 3 birch at 31 Queens Avenue;
- To fell 1 Cedar at 27 Damers Road.

12. **TRAFFIC PANEL**

The Committee considered the membership of the Traffic Panel for the ensuing Council year. Councillors T.C.N Harries, S.C. Hosford, E.S. Jones, R.B. Potter and D.S. Roberts had expressed an interest in serving on it.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillors T.C.N Harries, S.C. Hosford, E.S. Jones, R.B. Potter and D.S. Roberts be appointed to serve on the Traffic Panel for the ensuing Council Year.

- (2) That Councillor T.C.N. Harries be elected
Chairman of the Panel for the ensuing year.

13. **CONSULTATION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POLICY AND LEGAL
FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

The Committee received and considered copy documents from DEFRA and Natural England regarding the Government's proposals to make changes to the policy and legal framework governing public rights of way.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Vice-Chairman together with Councillors
E.S. Jones and D. Roberts be authorised to respond
to the document on behalf of the Council.

14. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

The Committee noted the reports that had been circulated for information.

15. **DAMORY BUS SERVICES**

The Committee considered a request from a Member seeking support to write to Damory Coaches suggesting they reconsider allowing passengers travelling from Sandringham Court to Rowan Cottage to alight in Prince of Wales Road.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be asked to write to Damory
Coaches accordingly.

15. **MR. KEITH WILSON**

The Chairman informed the Committee that Mr Keith Wilson, the Civic Society representative, was attending his last meeting of this Committee.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Committee's thanks for Mr. Wilson's
contributions be placed on record.

16. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) **Withdrawals**

The Committee noted that the following planning application had been withdrawn from the Planning Register:

- PA 1/D/12/0658 – Damp proofing to middle parts of front and rear walls using the Holland Damp Proofing System at 36 High Street, Fordington.

(b) **Generally**

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

It was

RESOLVED

That the comments on the various planning applications as now agreed and set out at Appendix I be notified to the West Dorset District Council.

Chairman

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Planning Applications considered on 2nd July, 2012:

1 10977

Single storey extension to the rear, and widening the existing driveway at 22 Treves Road.
1/D/12/0780

No objection.

2 10978

Erect p.v.c.u porch to front of property at 7 Grosvenor Crescent. 1/D/12/0634

No objection.

3 10979

Advertisement consent 3D fascia letters, projecting sign and logo vinyls on shopfront doors at 51 South Street. 1/D/12/0790 (CA)

No objection.

4 10980

Change of use from Use Class B1 (offices) to D1 (non-residential institution). At Suite B, Inch Arran House, Queen Mother Square. 1/D/12/0742

No objection.

5 10981

Change of use of the lower ground, ground and first floor from A3 to residential. Retain residential use to the second and third floor storeys but convert to flats. Replace rear outbuildings with a new build, one bedroom single storey flat. Provide 7 no. one bedroom flats in total. At 5 High East Street. 1/D/12/0568 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

6 10982

Advertisement consent for the installation of 1 No externally illuminated fascia sign and 1 No. externally illuminated projecting sign at 55 South Street. 1/D/12/0832 (CA)

No objection.

7 10983

Listed Building Consent to rebuild the end wall of 36 High Street Fordington. 1/D/12/0751 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

8 10984

Erect a front porch at 15 Balmoral Crescent. 1/D/12/0822

No objection.

9 10985

Erect a conservatory at 2 Dunnabridge Square. 1/D/12/0827

No objection.

10 10986

Advertisement consent to erect non-illuminated fascia and hanging signs at 7 South Street. 1/D/12/0823 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

11 10987

Removal of existing shop front and install new shop front. New fascia and hanging signs. Install 2no. roof lights. Internal alterations at 7 South Street. 1/D/12/0814 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

12 10988

Listed Building consent for the removal of existing shop front and install new shop front. New fascia and hanging signs. Install 2no. roof lights. Internal alterations at 7 South Street. 1/D/12/0815 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

13 10989

Single storey and first floor rear extensions at 21 Grosvenor Road. 1/D/12/0575

No objection.

14 10990

Installation of new wooden shopfront & installation of air-conditioning condensers to rear exterior of shop at 51 South Street. 1/D/12/0791 (CA)

No objection.

15 10991

Listed Building consent for internal alterations to form new staircase and partitions at 11 High East Street. 1/D/12/0690 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

16 10992

Advertisement consent to erect non-illuminated fascia sign & illuminated projecting lightbox at Vauxhall Chambers, Trinity Street. 1/D/12/0755 (CA)

The Council have No Objection to the door signage. However they have strong objections to the aggressive nature of the fascia sign and feel that the lightbox does not enhance the Conservation Area.

17 10993

Single storey rear extension at 107 Bridport Road. 1/D/12/0856

No objection.

18 10994

Conversion of loft space and increase ridge to section of roof to provide a managers accommodation above existing shop. Install photovoltaic panels and two new condensing units at Nisa, 8 Maud Road. 1/D/12/0855

No objection.

19 10995

Listed Building consent for a replacement window at 1 Cornhill. 1/D/12/0689 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.