

# **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**4th JANUARY, 2011**

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4th January, 2011:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) and Councillors R.M. Biggs, V. Black, A.J. Canning, E.S. Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger (Chairman), R.B. Potter and M.E. Rennie.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors C.S. Biggs, L.E. Heath and C.M. Hebditch.

45. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6th December, 2010, 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.

46. **STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT WORKS**

Further to Minute 41(d) the Committee welcomed Mr. Stephen Wallis, Operations Manager and Mr. Ian Bane, Team Manager, Scottish & Southern Electricity Contracting who were attending the Meeting to respond to Members' questions and concerns regarding the street lighting column replacement works currently being undertaken.

In response to the various concerns Mr. Wallis agreed to carry out leaflet drops to residents where difficulties were being experienced and to update the lighting columns web page on a regular basis. Mr Wallis also agreed to forward all relevant documentation to the Clerk who would ensure that Members were kept informed.

Mr Bane informed the Committee that Scottish & Southern had experienced difficulties in obtaining the conservation style lanterns for some areas: however, these had now been secured and the outstanding works would be completed before work in the Town Centre commenced.

In response to another question Mr Wallis agreed to donate the lighting column for the footpath between St. Helens Road and Cornwall Road if the Dorset County Council agreed.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Dorset County Council seeking their support for the installation of a lighting column on this footpath.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Wallis and Bane for their attendance at the meeting.

47. **GRIT BINS**

The Committee considered requests for additional grit bins at Balmoral Crescent/St. David's Close, Chestnut Way/Normandy Way, Duchy Close, Fordington High Street, outside the Atrium Health Centre, Weymouth Avenue and Sawmills Lane/Herrington Road. The Committee noted that the budget provision for the current financial year had already been spent.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to arrange a meeting with representatives from Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council and the BID to discuss gritting in the Town Centre in the event of further snow.
- (2) That no further bins be purchased at the present time and consideration be given to the possible purchase of a grit spreading machine.

48. **ESTIMATES**

The Committee considered its Estimates for 2011-12.

It was

**RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That the budget provision for grit bins be increased to £700.00.
- (2) That the Estimates for 2011-12 be approved subject to the inclusion of the increase referred to in (1) above..

49. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Temporary One-Way Traffic Management Order – Great Western Road**

The Committee received and noted a letter dated 21st December, 2010 from the Western Area Highways Office regarding the one-way closure of Great Western Road from 17th January, 2011 for eight weeks to enable Southern Gas Networks to carry out major works to the gas main in the highway around The Junction.

(b) **Part Night Street Lighting**

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 20th December, 2010 suggesting that street lighting would be switched off between midnight and early morning in both urban and rural residential areas. Designated traffic routes, town centres

and roads with speed humps or high crime levels would remain lit all night. Some Members expressed their concerns at this proposal.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council seeking confirmation of which roads they consider are designated traffic routes and which roads in their opinion have a high crime level and would therefore be exempt from the proposal.

50. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(a) **Consultation on Review of Parking Charges**

The Committee received and considered a letter and report dated 15th December, 2010 from Parking Services regarding the review of parking charges.

Members expressed concerns that despite previous promises the District Council had again failed to take into consideration the residents of the Town who had no alternative but to park in the long stay car parks. The Committee was strongly of the opinion that because parking in the Town Centre parks was free at weekends and overnight, the long stay car parks should be comparable with Residents Parking Permits.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the District Council expressing this Council's continued concerns regarding the charges levied for residents using long stay car parks.

(b) **Dorchester Park & Ride Site Assessment**

The Committee received and noted a report from Technical Services Manager to the District Council seeking support from the District Council's Executive Committee for the siting of a permanent park and ride facility at Monkey's Jump.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the West Dorset District Council expressing in the strongest possible terms this Council's disappointment that it had not been consulted on this proposal and that the matter had not been discussed within the DTEP Working Group.

(c) Tree Work – Applications

The Committee noted that an application to fell 1 Leyland Cypress at Grove Court had been forwarded to Ward Members for their consideration.

(d) Tree Work – Approvals

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

- To fell 1 Sycamore at Southfield House;
- To fell 2 Beech and carry out tree works to 4 Beech at 20 Farfrae Crescent;
- To cut back branches of Sycamores overhanging footpath and properties at Lodgers;
- To fell 1 Lawson Cypress, 1 Holly, 1 Birch and 1 Ash, surgery to 1 Beech, 1 Lime, 1 Cherry and 1 Laburnum at Tall Trees, Culliford Road;
- Surgery to 2 Beech, 7 Lime and 2 Maple at Culliford Court.
- To fell 2 Fir and 1 Silver Birch at 8 Herringston Road.
- To fell 1 purple leaf Cherry Plum tree and reduce the crown of 1 Goat Willow at 9 Linden Avenue.

51. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

The Committee received and noted the various reports which had been submitted for information.

(Councillors E.S. Jones and R.B. Potter left the meeting at this point.)

52. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Withdrawals

The Committee noted that the following planning applications had been withdrawn from the Planning Register.

- PA 1/D/10/1459 – Timber shed at 6 Durngate Street;
- PA 1/D/10/1696 – Erect extension at 74 Manor Road.

(b) Breach of Condition Notice – Dorchester Town Football Club

The Committee noted that a Breach of Condition Notice had been issued to the Dorchester Town Football Club on 14th December 2010 in respect of the failure to remove the marquee on or before 12th November, 2010.

(The Mayor declared a Personal Interest in the above and took no part in the discussion.)

(c) Generally

The Committee 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 4th January, 2011:

**1 10670**

Conservation Area consent for the demolition of existing buildings and structures including public toilets, boundary walls and ancillary buildings at Charles Street. 1/D/10/1997

No objection. However, the Council strongly believe that temporary toilets should be installed.

**2 10671**

Advertisement consent to erect 3 non-illuminated fascia signs at 9 Bridport Road. 1/D/10/1823 (CA)

No objection.

**3 10672**

3 Air conditioning condensers at 6 High East Street. 1/D/10/1944 (CA)

No objection.

**4 10673**

Front & rear extension at 24 Louise Road. 1/D/10/1947

No objection.

**5 10674**

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed rear conservatory at 33 Shaston Crescent. 1/D/10/1959

No objection.

**6 10675**

Retain fence at 1 Augustan Close. 1/D/10/2003

Recommend Refusal. The open plan concept of this estate is being slowly eradicated by the erection of fences and hedges.

**7 10676**

Advertisement consent to erect illuminated fascia at the former Toyota Garage, The Grove.  
1/D/10/2040

No objection.

**8 10677**

Two storey side & rear extensions. Single storey rear extension at 74 Manor Road. 1/D/10/1985

No objection.

**9 10678**

Rear extension at 12 Barrow Close. 1/D/10/1987

No objection.

**10 10679**

Replace garage & carport with flat roof extension at 8 Casterbridge Road. 1/D/10/2026

Recommend Refusal. The proposed roofline is out of keeping with this area.

**11 10680**

Change of use from Class A1 (Retail) to Class A2 (Financial and Professional services) at 41a South Street. 1/D/10/1989 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**12 10681**

Advertisement consent for 3 externally illuminated fascia signs & 1 externally illuminated projecting sign at 41a South Street. 1/D/10/1990 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**13 10682**

Listed Building consent for additional car parking & disabled access at 40 High West Street.  
1/D/10/2048 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**14 10683**

Additional car parking & disabled access at 40 High West Street. 1/D/10/2047 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**15 10684**

Extension at 10 South Court Avenue. 1/D/10//2034

No objection.

**16 10685**

Change of use of first and second floor offices to 2 self-contained flats. Proposed external alterations at 27D South Street. 1/D/10/2015 (CA)

No objection.