

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5th NOVEMBER, 2012

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th November, 2012:

PRESENT Councillors V.J. Allan, R.M. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford (in the Chair), R.B. Potter, M.E. Rennie and D.S. Roberts.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor A.J. Canning) and Councillors K.E. Armitage, C.S. Biggs, E.S. Jones, Trevor Jones. F.E. Kent-Ledger and D. Taylor.

38. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1st October, 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.

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Recommendation referred to at Minute 35(2) was incorrect and the Member was referring to Dorset County Council signage which impinged on a pedestrian's view of traffic coming from the east.

During consideration of the Minutes the Committee reiterated its request for any sponsorship money from roundabout advertising to be forwarded to this Council to fund future maintenance works.

A Member expressed his concern that the repainting of the King's Road roundabout had still not taken place and in his opinion the situation was becoming increasingly dangerous.

The Committee also discussed concerns regarding the lack of progress on the Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan and the need to activate other traffic issues within the Town.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Management Committee be requested to consider approaching the Dorset County Council for a financial contribution towards the planting on the two roundabouts maintained by this Council.
- (2) That a representative from the Dorset County Council be requested to attend a meeting of this Committee to discuss with Members urgent traffic issues which appear not to be being addressed in the Town.

39. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL – BUS SERVICES**

(a) **Service 102 – Dorchester, Crossways, Lulworth**

The Committee noted that Service 102, which operates on Sundays and Bank Holidays between Dorchester, Crossways and Lulworth would cease on 30th October, 2012.

(b) **Service 31 – Weymouth, Dorchester, Bridport, Lyme Regis and Axminster**

The Committee noted that changes to Service 31 would take effect from 4th November, 2012. The service would remain hourly on Mondays to Saturdays and two hourly on Sundays but some early morning and evening services would be withdrawn with changes to the route in Weymouth.

40. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL – ROAD CLOSURE ORDER – SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 2012**

The Committee noted that Women’s Action Network Dorset (WAND) had made an application for the closure of South Street, New Street, Trinity Street and part of High West Street between 8.00pm and 9.00pm on Saturday, 24th November, 2012.

41. **DORCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP – DROPPED KERB PROGRAMME**

The Committee received and noted a letter dated 24th October, 2012 from the Chair of Dorchester Area Access for All to the Dorset County Council with their suggestions, in priority order, for dropped kerb installations.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be requested to ascertain from the Dorchester Area Community Partnership the level of consultation carried out to prioritise the submitted list.

42. **TREE WORK APPLICATION – AGRICULTURE HOUSE, ACLAND ROAD**

The Committee noted that a tree work application had been received to carry out crown reductions on 2 Hornbeam and 2 Horse Chestnuts at Agriculture House, Acland Road.

(Councillor R.B. Potter withdrew from the meeting at this point.)

43. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) **Planning Application 1/D/12/0911 – Alterations to Shopfront at 2 South Terrace**

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

(b) Generally

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

Chairman

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Planning Applications considered on 5th November, 2012:

1 11057

Development to form Extra Care Assisted Living accommodation for the frail elderly with associated parking, communal facilities and landscaping on land adjacent to Queen Mother Square, Poundbury. 1/D/12/1301

No objection. However, the Council are strongly of the opinion that Dorset Cereals and other adjacent businesses must not be compromised with regard traffic movements in the area.

2 11058

Change of use of first floor area over garage to self-contained dwelling (retrospective) at 1 Wadebridge Square. 1/D/12/1358

Recommend Refusal. The Council is of the opinion that this proposal is over development, not in keeping with the design brief and has concerns regarding the lack of amenity space.

3 11059

Cladding at 22-23 South Street. 1/D/12/1259 (CA)

No objection.

4 11060

Advertisement consent for signs & cladding at 22-23 South Street. 1/D/12/1258 (CA)

No objection.

5 11061

Change of use of dwelling to house of multiple occupation (retrospective) at 99 High Street, Fordington. 1/D/12/1378 (CA)

No objection in principle. However the Council seek assurances that building and fire regulations are satisfactory and environment health are happy with this proposal.

6 11062

Change of use of premises from Class A1 (retail) to Class D1 (medical consultancy) at 10 Whitecross Square. 1/D/12/1368

No objection. The Council would request that a limitation on opening hours be imposed as a condition.

7 11063

Porch to be replaced with new extended porch. Two existing flat roof extensions to be replaced with new single storey lean-to extensions. Build up over the existing utility room to form first floor bedroom. Loft conversion at 2 Mellstock Avenue. 1/D/12/1340

The Council has No Objection to the proposed extensions, however concern was expressed regarding the height of the close boarded fence as it impacts on the street scene of this once open plan estate.

8 11064

Replacement of existing external doors at the Church Hall, 49-51 Charles Street. 1/D/12/1391 (CA)

No objection.

9 11065

Listed Building consent for a New Secure Lobby and Safe Room. Install new counters and a free standing ATM at 64a High West Street. 1/D/12/1392 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

10 11066

Variation of condition 3 of 1/E/2003/2352 from 24 sale and viewing days to 20 sale days and 20 viewing days at Dukes Grove Auctions, Grove Trading Estate. 1/D/12/1188

Recommend Refusal. The Council still have concerns regarding the increased traffic movements in this area and the impact on other business.

11 11067

Advertisement consent to Retain roundabout sponsorship signs on A37 Dorchester Bypass Roundabout (adjoining parish consultation (Charminster) 1/D/12/1407

No objection.

12 11068

Advertisement consent to Retain roundabout sponsorship signs at Alington Avenue, Weymouth Road, Bridport Road and Wareham Road/West Stafford Bypass. 1/D/12/1406

No objection.

13 11069

Listed Building consent for internal alterations at Old Shire Hall, High West Street. 1/D/12/1426 (CA Grade I LB)

No objection.

14 11070

Listed Building consent to repair/replace roof, insulate upper storey, repair top storey window and take down walls to enlarge top floor bedroom and remove ceiling at 43 Colliton Street. 1/D/12/1252 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

15 11071

Erect a proposed side dormer at 42 Coburg Road. 1/D/12/1297

No objection.

16 11072

Listed Building consent for Interior strengthening and repair in roof space, adjacent to the valley gutter by the addition of a new steel beam supporting the wall plate and the addition also of felt roof lining (retrospective) at 29 High East Street. 1/D/12/1414 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

17 11073

Extending existing utility room and adding a first floor bedroom over at 4 Chestnut Way. 1/D/12/1386

No objection.

18 11074

Front and rear extensions. Remove existing roof & form new roof incorporating dormers at 9 Grosvenor Crescent. 1/D/12/1448

No objection.

19 11075

Retention of triple temporary classroom at Manor Park CE First School, Mellstock Avenue. 1/D/12/1461

No objection.

20 11076

Removal of existing single storey extension and formation of replacement extensions part single and two storey at 70 Manor Road. 1/D/12/1471

No objection.

21 11077

Installation of ATM at the Post Office, Trinity Street. 1/D/12/1473(CA)

No objection.

22 11078

Advertisement consent for the Installation of ATM with illuminated 'FREE CASH WITHDRAWALS' text at the Post Office, Trinity Street. 1/D/12/1474 (CA)

Recommend Refusal. The Council is of the opinion that the illuminated signage is of a garish appearance and is inappropriate with the Conservation Area.

23 11079

Advertisement consent for 1 Elevation Sign & 1 Freestanding Sign at Unit 7B Poundbury West Industrial Estate. 1/D/12/1487

No objection.