

## **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**7th NOVEMBER, 2011**

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 7th November, 2011:

**PRESENT** Councillors V.J. Allan, K.E. Armitage, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, A.J. Canning, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford, E.S. Jones, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger (Chairman), R.B. Potter, M.E. Rennie, D.S. Roberts and D. Taylor.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor T. James) and Councillors D.J. Barrett and T.F. Loakes.

34. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3rd October, 2011, 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.

35. **TRAFFIC PANEL – 13th OCTOBER, 2011**

The Committee received and considered the Minutes of the Traffic Panel held on 13th October, 2011 (for Minutes see Appendix I).

Councillor E.S. Jones informed the Committee that she had given her apologies for non-attendance at the Meeting and that the traffic calming referred to at Minute 3 was required in Buckingham Way, not Balmoral Crescent.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Traffic Panel be approved as amended.

36. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Highways Matters**

The Chairman welcomed Mr A. Brown from Dorset County Council who was attending the meeting to discuss with Members outstanding traffic regulation orders for the Town.

Mr. Brown informed the Committee that this department of the County Council had experienced severe disruption in the last six months and that the budget for traffic regulation orders had been halved.

Mr. Brown produced a comprehensive list of outstanding requests for traffic regulation orders which the County Council had prioritised. Thirteen of the top twenty

requests related to Dorchester and he anticipated that it would be the first Town to be dealt with.

A Member asked Mr. Brown if Somerleigh Road could be added to the list as residents within this development would be willing to pay for the Traffic Regulation Order, it being a private road and not adopted by the County Council. Mr. Brown replied that he felt this would be accorded a very low priority at the present time and that the limited resources available could be used to greater advantage.

(Councillor Allan declared an interest in this matter as a resident of Somerleigh Road.)

In response to a Member's question Mr. Brown informed the Committee that the parking meter at the Little Keep could not be activated as this road had still not been adopted by the County Council.

Mr. Brown also informed the Committee that he was considering introducing loading restrictions in Trinity Street and Williams Avenue to alleviate the indiscriminate parking of blue badge holders in these areas.

The Committee discussed the list with Mr. Brown and it was

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the list be further considered at the next meeting of this Committee with a view to Members prioritising the various traffic regulation orders proposed.
- (2) That Dorset Police be asked to discuss at Council why they are reluctant to issue parking tickets for parking on junctions.

### **(b) Extension to the Victoria Park Residents Parking Scheme**

The Committee noted that following the introduction of the extension of the Victoria Park Residents Parking Scheme into Coburg Road and Edward Road, five properties in Clarence Road, between Coburg Road and Queens Avenue, now had no on-street parking because a solid yellow line was introduced outside 1 and 1a Clarence Road about a year ago to stop all day parking on the street and to ease the route for school buses to Thomas Hardye School. The Committee also noted that due to their location residents of these properties were not given the opportunity to join the residents parking scheme.

Mr. Brown informed the Committee that he had had discussions with the County Council's Parking Services section who had informed him that it would be unlawful to include these residents within the scheme.

The Committee however, did not agree and a Member reminded Mr. Brown that the residents of Colliton Street who had no on-street parking were given the opportunity to join the Residents Parking Scheme for North Square and Glyde Path Road.

Following further discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Dorset County Council expressing this Council's strong support for the five residents of Clarence Road between Coburg Road and Queens Avenue to be given the opportunity to join the Victoria Park Residents Parking Scheme.
- (2) That the Dorset County Council be requested to consider the possible extension of the Victoria Park Residents Parking Scheme to include Queens Avenue and Clarence Road.

37. **STREET LIGHTING**

(a) Part Light Street Lighting – Alexandra Terrace

Further to Minute 32(a) the Committee received and noted a letter from the County Lighting Engineer indicating that the County Council was not prepared to review its decision regarding the switching off of street lights in Alexandra Terrace after Midnight GMT.

(b) Part Night Street Lighting – Cambridge Road

The Committee considered a request from residents of Cambridge Road who were seeking this Council's support for representations to the Dorset County Council for the street lighting to be kept on in this area following five attempted break-ins at two properties.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That further consideration be given to making representations to the Dorset County Council after Inspector Fry of Dorset Police has responded to concerns at the next Council meeting.
- (2) That Inspector Fry be requested to supply the Council with information regarding the number of complaints he has received and the threshold when Dorset Police would consider it appropriate to request that street lights be kept on.

(c) Street Lighting in Greenings Court

The Committee considered correspondence regarding the replacement lighting in Greenings Court and noted that the County Council had requested SSEC to put works in this area on hold until an amended design had been agreed.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Dorset County Council informing them that this Council fully supports the alternative lighting scheme proposed by residents of Greenings Court.

38. **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

(a) South Street, New Street, Trinity Street and part of High West Street

The Committee noted that South Street, New Street, Trinity Street and part of High West Street would be closed between 7.50pm and 8.25pm on Saturday, 26th November, 2011 to enable Women's Actions Network Dorset to march.

(b) High Street, Fordington

The Committee noted that High Street, Fordington would be closed to traffic on Friday 2nd December, 2011 between 5.50pm and 7.05pm for the purpose of Christmas Carols on Fordington Green.

39. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(a) New Local Plan Consultation

The committee noted that the District Council would be holding another consultation event at the Dorford Centre on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2011 between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Chairman of this Committee and Councillor R.B. Potter represent this Council at this consultation.

(b) Tree Works

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

- Reduce or repollard 3 Limes and fell 1 Lime at 24 Cornwall Road;

- Crown Lift and reduce 8 Horse Chestnut and 2 Whitebeam at Alington Avenue;
- Fell 2 Sycamore at 31 Queens Avenue;
- Fell 1 Horse Chestnut at 18 Great Western Road;
- Fell 1 Beech under Section 198 due to decay at base at 23 Syward Road.

The Committee also noted that an application to fell 1 Norway Maple at the rear of Nappers Court, Charles Street had been withdrawn as the Maple was a small specimen and notification was not required for its removal.

40. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

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

41. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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 II be notified to the West Dorset District Council.

Chairman

**DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**TRAFFIC PANEL**

**13th OCTOBER, 2011**

At a Meeting of the Traffic Panel held on 13th October, 2011:

**PRESENT** Councillors V.J. Allan, T.C.N. Harries (Chairman), R.B. Potter and D.S. Roberts.

In attendance:  
Councillor M.E. Rennie.

**APOLOGY** for absence was received from The Mayor (Councillor T. James).

1. **ICEN WAY – ROAD SAFETY**

The Panel considered a letter from a resident of Icen Way seeking this Council's support for the introduction of a solid white line outside her property.

The Clerk informed the Panel that a representative from the Highways Department at Dorset County Council had agreed to attend the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to discuss with members outstanding traffic regulation orders for the Town and to prioritise a list.

It was therefore

**RECOMMENDED**

That this matter be considered at the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

2. **HERRINGSTON ROAD – ROAD SAFETY**

The Panel considered a request from a resident of Herringston Road for the installation of speed humps or a chicane to reduce traffic speed as it was very difficult for residents to reverse onto the road.

The Panel noted that the Dorset County Council had at present a counter across Herringston Road to monitor traffic flow and that Dorset Police recently had a mobile speed camera opposite the Hospital.

Following discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to ask the Dorset County Council for the results from their traffic movement survey and the information be submitted to a future meeting

of the Planning and Environment Committee.

- (2) That a request be submitted to Dorset Police for a Speed Indicator Device to be placed in Herringston Road.
- (3) That local residents be advised to also contact the Clerk to Winterbourne Farrington Parish Council seeking their support for the introduction of a 30mph speed limit from the Town boundary toward Herringston House.

3. **BALMORAL CRESCENT – ROAD SAFETY**

The Panel considered a request from a Member to support the installation of traffic calming measures on the Fordington Fields Estate.

It was

**RECOMMENDED**

That this matter be considered at the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

4. **TRAFFIC LIGHTS – CULLIFORD ROAD**

The Panel considered a request from a Member for the Dorset County Council to review the sequence of the traffic lights at the junction of Culliford Road and Prince of Wales Road. A Member informed the Panel that it was his understanding that the inter-green phase had been extended to allow cyclists time to negotiate the lights.

Following discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED**

That no action be taken at this time but that the matter be reconsidered following the completion of the Bitter End development at Brewery Square.

5. **DORCHESTER TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT**

It was

**RECOMMENDED**

That a representative from Dorset County Council be invited to attend a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to discuss the timetable for the implementation of this scheme.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

Planning Applications considered on 7th November, 2011:

**1 10855**

Single storey extension to side and rear at 9a Garfield Avenue. 1/D/11/1532

Recommend refusal. The Council are of the opinion this proposal is over-development as the new extensions are up to the build line.

**2 10856**

Change of use of agricultural land to a temporary park & ride site to be used in connection with 2012 Olympic Games, together with associated temporary structures & works including temporary buildings on land south of Monkey's Jump. 1/D/11/1615 (Adjoining parish consultation)

No objection. However, this Council are strongly of the opinion that parking restrictions will be required by McDonalds restaurant.

**3 10857**

Advertisement consent for Halo internally illuminated building signage, 3 non illuminated flags and 1 externally illuminated free standing totem at Howards, London Road. 1/D/11/1514

No objection.

**4 10858**

First floor rear extension at 64/66 Prince of Wales Road. 1/D/11/1451 (CA)

No objection.

**5 10859**

Advertisement consent for signage to front, side and rear of building giving categories of items for sale (antiques, collectables and crafts) at Education Garage, The Grove.1/D/11/1534

The Council could not consider this application as the file contained no signage details.

**6 10860**

Change of use from garages and workshop to retail with ancillary office, storage and café at Education Garage, Grove Trading Estate. 1/D/11/1533

No objection.



**7 10861**

Fence & gate at 1 Diana Close. 1/D/11/1596

No objection.

**8 10862**

Advertisement consent for 2 illuminated & 1 non-illuminated signs at The Borough Arms, 36 High East Street. 1/D/11/1644 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**9 10863**

Listed Building consent for redecoration of exterior & replace signage & lighting at The Borough Arms, 36 High East Street. 1/D/11/1643 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**10 10864**

Listed Building consent for a shop re-fit with alterations to existing modern fitting and equipment at 8 Cornhill. 1/D/11/1511 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**11 10865**

Advertisement consent for non-illuminated hanging signboard at 29 Princes Street. 1/D/11/1603 (CA)

No objection.

**12 10866**

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 at Focus. 1/D/11/1647 (CA)

No objection.

**13 10867**

Listed Building consent to erect central chimney stack, rear flue & alterations to ground floor, replacing window with french windows at 7 Alexandra Terrace. 1/D/11/1709 (CA & Grade II LB)

No objection.

**14 10868**

New window at 20 Lime Close. 1/D/11/1617 (CA)

No objection.

**15 10869**

Extension at 32 Maiden Castle Road. 1/D/11/1618

No objection.

**16 10870**

Construct 4 three storey terraced houses with associated garages at sector 2.25, Poundbury.  
1/D/11/1711

No objection.