



PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 06 April 2009 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

194 PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs Maling (Chairman), Armstrong, Baker, Beazer, Mrs Beeny, Berry, Mrs Knox, Mrs Page and Spooner.
Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk)

West Dorset District Councillor Mrs Payne and two members of the public.

195 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Baldwin.

196 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 02 MARCH 2009

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 02 March 2009 were confirmed as a correct record by the Chairman.

197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

198 PLANNING MATTERS

a. GRANTS

Members **NOTED** the details of the six planning consents granted by West Dorset District Council since the last meeting.

b. APPLICATIONS

The following were considered:

- (i) **No: 1/D/08/000362** **ARQIVA TRANSMITTING STATION, WHITE SHEET HILL** – Remove 4 antenna. Replace 2 new antennas. Install cabinet

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED

- (ii) **No: 1/D/08/000291** **7 CLAY LANE** – Construction of two dwellings

REFUSAL RECOMMENDED for the following reasons:

- Overdevelopment of the site
- No provisions are included for parking of vehicles clear off the highway and therefore does not comply to the car parking requirements for new builds contained within the Local Plan Guidelines
- Proposal to dispose of surface water via soakaway inadequate
- Detrimental to the amenity of neighbouring properties ie. loss of light and privacy contrary to policy DA6
- The development is out of character with neighbouring properties contrary to policy DA7
- The lack of off-street parking would put added pressure on to on-street parking in the vicinity taking into account also the close proximity of the fire station, two junctions and the brow of a hill

- (iii) **No: CA/09/00072** **22 NORTH STREET** – To fell 1 No. Lawson's Cypress tree

REFUSAL RECOMMENDED as the tree appears to be in sound condition and the Town Council can see no justification for its removal

c. ADDITIONAL PLAN

Members NOTED the detail of one additional plan in respect of App.No. 1/D/08/001453 – West Axnoller Farm – Erect indoor manege.

d. AMENDED PLAN

Members NOTED the detail of one amended plan submitted since the last meeting.

e. WITHDRAWN APPLICATION

Members NOTED the detail of one application withdrawn since the last meeting.

199 HIGHWAY ISSUES

a. Parish Maintenance Unit

The Parish Maintenance Unit visits the town twice a year, June and December and they deal with minor works. The Clerk advised that the appropriate form would be held in the office to record ongoing issues to be forwarded to the County Council one month prior to a scheduled visit.

A number of potholes were recorded.

b. Dorset County Council – Hedges overgrowing footways and roadways

Dorset County Council were keen to enlist the help of Town Councils to alert the highway management group about trees and hedges that overhang footways and roadways that interfere with the safe use of the highway.

It was proposed that the local authority, approach and speak with any local property owner who needed reminding of their obligation to keep their trees and hedges cut back as it was felt that a local 'informal' approach in the first instance would be more effective.

Cllr Beazer proposed to support the County Council in this initiative with the Town Council to make the initial approach to property owners, seconded by Cllr Mrs Page. **AGREED.**

c. Road Safety Officer – reports from/questions

Cllr Spooner advised that he had still not had the opportunity to discuss highway issues with a County Council officer or PC Poole.

Persistent parking on double yellow lines and pavements were highlighted in particular, Fleet Street, Shadrack Street and Hoghill Street.

The Clerk was asked to establish the current position with regard to the hand held speed camera.

Cllr Mrs Maling advised that she would raise an issue relating to traffic at the next Council meeting.

200 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO:

a. Rights of Way Officer

Cllr Mrs Beeny reported that Footpath 31 adjacent to the development at Flaxfield had been inspected and it was found to be wet and muddy, discussions would take place with the contractor to ensure a way through was maintained via the installation of a gate in the fence.

Footpath 69 – a section of the wall had collapsed and it was the landowners responsibility to remove debris from the path and undertake repairs.

The footpath through the woods at Parnham was on the list of routes subject to a definitive map modification order, however this would not be processed that quickly due to a backlog.

b. Public Transport Liaison Officer

Cllr Mrs Baldwin was delighted to report that the 213 bus service would resume in mid April however it would no longer serve Sydling St. Nicholas but would take in Hooke and Toller Porcorum.

201 CORRESPONDENCE

No items of correspondence were raised.

202 MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 7pm closed at 7.45 pm.

**CHAIRMAN
18 MAY 2009**