



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 1 February 2010 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting the Chairman welcomed Cllr Stan Turner and Cllr Roy Hodder from East Coker Parish Council who gave members a brief insight in to the operation of the Parish Lengthsman Scheme which, together with neighbouring parishes, had operated for seven years.

49 PRESENT: Councillors Elliott (Chairman), Baker, Mrs Baldwin, Beazer, Mrs Beeny, Body, Mrs Knox and Mrs Page
Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk)
Cllr Mrs C Payne, WDDC

50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Armstrong, Berry and Mrs Maling.

51 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2010
The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 4 January 2010, having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Mrs Knox declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 (b) – Public Rights of Way and item 6 – Highway Issues

Cllr Mrs Beeny declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 4a (i) – Application No 1/D/09/002026 – 41 & 43a Fleet Street

Cllr Mrs Page declared a personal interest in agenda item 4a (i) – Application No 1/D/09/002026 – 41 & 43a Fleet Street

53 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr Mrs Beeny left the meeting

a. APPLICATIONS

The following were considered:

(i) No: 1/D/10/002026

**41 & 43a FLEET STREET – Erect
new dwelling**

Recommend Refusal on the following grounds:

- Contrary to Policy TRAN5 – there is no provision for parking within the site
- Due to the close proximity of the proposed dwelling and the neighbouring Listed Building (43a Fleet Street) concern was expressed with regard to the restricted access between the buildings for future maintenance

Cllr Mrs Beeny returned to the meeting.

(ii) No: 1/D/10/000071

**8 CHAMPIONS GARDENS – Side
extension**

Recommend Approval.

(iii) No: 1/D/10/000033

**8 SHORTS LANE – Alterations to
outbuilding to create dwelling**

Recommend Approval.

(iv) No: 1/D/10/000034 LBC

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outbuilding to create dwelling**

Recommend Approval.

b. APPROVALS

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

c. WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

Members **NOTED** that Application No 1/D/09/001858 – Tucker House, 28-31 Hanover Court had been withdrawn.

Cllr Mrs Knox left the meeting.

54 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO:

a. Public Transport Liaison Officer

Cllr Mrs Baldwin reported that:

- she had made enquires with regard to possible cross County liaison on bus services but had been informed that this was not something the bus companies undertook to do
- the concessionary bus pass criteria will change from 6th April 2010 in that a person will be eligible from government pensionable date also, in future the County Council would be the authority responsible for the issue of bus passes
- the Sunday service no's 40 and 47 are still under review, with the possibility that service no 40 might run to Bridport Hospital
- the no 213 service would continue for another year

- revenue from the concessionary fare scheme was being ploughed back into travel schemes providing a Bridport to Eype pre-book taxi scheme at a cost of £1.50 each way with West Dorset concession passes only accepted also additional funding will go to the West Dorset and Axe Valley Ring & Ride service to extend to two extra services serving rural villages in the Askerwell and Burton Bradstock areas
- she had attended a presentation by Adam Bowles, DCC regarding an “Active Travel Map” whereby local schools and parishes are being asked for suggestions for inclusion on a map of an area within a five mile radius of Bridport to be made available to ramblers etc.

b. Rights of Way Officer

Cllr Mrs Beeny reported that:

- Following a request for the cutting back of overgrowth in the Pease Hill/Windy Ridge area it would appear that this was the responsibility of the land owner and the matter would be dealt with.

55 HIGHWAY ISSUES

a. Parish Maintenance Unit

The following items were added to the list:

- Deep potholes in East Street, Whitcombe Road, North Street and Whitesheet Hill

It was **NOTED** that the surface of Fleet Street was disintegrating in places, in particular the section down to the Square.

b. Dorset County Council – Application for a definitive map modification order in respect of:

Correspondence had been received from the County Council seeking views on the proposal to

- Upgrade Bridleway 14 to byway from its junction with the C102 road at Beaminster Down south west to its junction with Byway 89 north of Cherry Cottage and
- Upgrade Bridleway 17 to byway from its junction with the C102 road at Beaminster Down south east to C67 road Whitesheet Hill; add a byway from the C67 road at Whitesheet Hill south east to its junction with Bridleway 35 (Crabb’s Barn Lane) (currently publicly maintainable as unclassified road); upgrade Bridleway 35 to byway from its junction with the unclassified road south east to its junction with Bridleway 33; and add a byway from its junction with Bridleway 33 south east to its junction with the road at the Corscombe parish boundary leading to Dirty Gate

Cllr Mrs Beeny updated members on discussions she had with a number of residents in these areas and was able to report that they were to submit legal representation to the County Council in an attempt to preserve the Bridleway status. Following discussion it was **AGREED** that it would be detrimental to upgrade these Bridleways and to inform the County Council accordingly.

c. West Dorset District Council – identification of new sites for housing

Correspondence had been received in which the Town Council were given the opportunity to help identify sites of any size that may make a contribution to the future supply of housing. Following discussion no sites were identified.

56 MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIRMAN
1 FEBRUARY 2010