



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 4 January 2010 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

41 PRESENT: Councillors Baker (Vice Chairman), Armstrong, Mrs Baldwin, Beazer, Mrs Beeny, Berry, Body, Mrs Knox, Mrs Maling and Mrs Page
Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk)
Cllr Mrs C Payne, WDDC

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elliott.

43 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2009
The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 7 December 2009, having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record.

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Body declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 (b) iii – 1/D/09/001658LBC

Cllr Mrs Page declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 (b) iii –
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Cllr Mrs Maling declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 (a) i – 1/D/09/001844

Cllr Mrs Beeny declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 (a) i – 1/D/09/001844

Cllr Mrs Knox declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 – Highway Issues

45 PLANNING MATTERS

a. APPLICATIONS

The following were considered:

(i) No: 1/D/09/01844

LAND TO REAR OF 23 FLEET STREET – Single storey

Members **Recommend Approval** of this application but drew attention to the following-

- Is the narrow access from Fleet Street to be proposed development sufficient to permit access by the emergency service

- No provision for off-street parking in a residential street where parking is already at a premium
- The boundary wall to the site should be re-instated

(ii) No: 1/D/09/001928

3 THE SQUARE – Replace fascia Sign.

Members noted this was a retrospective application and **Recommend Refusal** based on the sign currently in situ. The sign is out of keeping with existing signs on listed buildings within this conservation area by nature of its construction material and colour. Members would prefer to see a sign of wooden construction and in a 'toned' down colour. The Town Council would ask the Conservation Officer to be consulted on this application.

(iii) No: 1/D/09/001951

4 PROUT BRIDGE – Change of use from use Class A1 (retail) to a mixed use for retail (use class A and café use class A3) change of use

Recommend Approval

(iv) No: TP/09/00410

THE LODGE, BEAMINSTER HOUSE

TUNNEL ROAD – T1 – 1.No. Oak tree, crown clean and reduce limb from over bungalow by approx 3 metres to a suitable growth point and balance T2-T6 5.No. Oak trees – crown clean T7 1.No Beech tree – reduce crown by a maximum of 30%

Cllr Mrs Page had been unable to access the site during the Christmas period and was therefore unable to advise members.

b. APPROVALS

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

c. REFUSAL

Members **NOTED** the details of two planning applications refused by West Dorset District Council since the last meeting.

d. ADDITIONAL PLAN

Members considered additional plans in respect of application no. 1/D/09/001844 in conjunction with the planning application under agenda item 4 (a) i.

Cllr Mrs Knox left the meeting.

46 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO:

a. Public Transport Liaison Officer

Cllr Mrs Baldwin reported that, following a number of complaints that buses had

not called at Monmouth Gardens or Gerrards Green over the Christmas holiday, she has spoken with the bus operator and this had been due to the smaller vehicles being out of action and the replacement buses, due to their size, had not been suitable for these locations. The bus operator had agreed that, should this happen again, attempts would be made to inform the public of the change to the service.

Cllr Beazer felt that bus timetables should be considered in tandem with other operators in order to provide a more evenly spaced regular service. Cllr Mrs Beeny confirmed that BAVLAP were attempting to discuss this issue with South Somerset providers.

b. Rights of Way Officer

Cllr Mrs Beeny advised of correspondence received from the County Council regarding a proposed diversion of Bridleway 74 in order to accommodate the relocation of Mountjoy School. Members were concerned at the very limited timescale permitted for response and asked the Clerk to seek a possible extension.

Cllr Mrs Beeny also advised of correspondence received from the County Council regarding an application for a definitive map modification order in respect of Bridleway 14 and 17. Members **NOTED** a response was necessary prior to 31 March 2010.

The Clerk was asked to circulate details of the correspondence to all members for consideration at the next Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting.

47 HIGHWAY ISSUES

a. Parish Maintenance Unit

The following items were added to the list:

- Potholes – Square outside the Co-Op
White Sheet Hill

Other items raised to be reported to the appropriate authority were:

- The condition of the road surface in North Street and Shadrack Street
- The amount of debris, dust and litter in Church Street

b. Dorset County Council – Highway Lengthsman Scheme

Members had previously been circulated with information about the Scheme.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** to pursue a meeting with representatives from parishes within South Somerset who already administered a similar scheme.

48 MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN
1 FEBRUARY 2010