



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 20 July 2009 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 8.15pm.

01 PRESENT:

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

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

02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Baker and Mrs Knox.

03 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 22 JUNE 2009

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 22 June 2009 were amended to

- record the meeting commenced at 8.55pm
- to record Cllr Mrs Page left the meeting after discussion on highway issues had taken place
- record the reasons for recommending refusal in respect of planning application 1/D/09/000755 – The Walnuts, 2 Prout Bridge as being 1) loss of light amenity to neighbouring property and 2) breach of wall with Conservation area

the minutes were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

05 PLANNING MATTERS

a. GRANTS

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

b. APPLICATIONS

The following were considered:

- (i) **No: 1/D/09/001016** **CHANTRY HOUSE. 37 NEWTOWN**
Extension to alter garage/utility.
Alterations to porch, windows &
boundary wall

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- (ii) **No: CA/09/00195** **EDGELEY COTTAGE, 9**
WHITCOMBE ROAD To reduce 1
No. Yew tree by 1.5 metres overall
and remove dead branch at rear of
the tree

Due to response deadlines Cllr Mrs Page had inspected the tree in question and

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

- (iii) **No: 1/D/09/001015** **34 NORTH STREET** – Approval of
all reserved matters for outline
permission 1/W/06/001527

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the following grounds:

- o overdevelopment of the site
- o out of keeping with surrounding properties (Policy DA5)
- o access onto highway has small visibility splay

- (iv) **No: 1/D/09/000667** **SHADY SIDE, AXNOLLER LANE** –
Steel framed concrete barn

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the following grounds:

- o overdevelopment of the site
- o large permanent structure on a temporary site

- (v) **No. 1/D/09/001091** **BOWGROVE, BOWGROVE ROAD**
- Conservatory

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

c. REFUSALS

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

06 HIGHWAY ISSUES

a. Parish Maintenance Unit

No items were recorded.

b. Road Safety Officer – reports from/questions

Cllr Spooner had no items to report but stressed the importance of correct diversion of traffic, especially HGV's during the planned closure of the Tunnel.

c. Dorset County Council – Highway 'Lengthsman' Scheme

Members had previously been circulated with correspondence received from the County Council outlining the Scheme currently being trialled in Ferndown. The aim of the Scheme was to enable the County Council, District Councils, Town & Parish Councils and any other relevant organisation to work together to provide a local resource that could be directly controlled and administered by the Town & Parishes. The purpose of the resource being to undertake minor odd-job activities like ad-hoc litterpicking, cutting back overhanging foliage, clearing leaf build, drain covers etc.

Following discussion it was felt that while the Scheme could be worthwhile it would be costly to undertake. Additional expenditure from the precept to fund a function, which was a County Council responsibility, could be perceived to be 'double rating'.

It was **AGREED** to enquire of Ferndown Town Council how they were operating and funding the Scheme. It was noted that Thorncombe Parish Council had expressed an interest, the Clerk was asked to pursue.

d. Closure of Tunnel Road – alternative route

Members **NOTED** that no confirmed date had been issued, however it was likely to be 28th September or 5th October 2009.

The alternative route for heavy traffic would be via Bridport, Dorchester and Maiden Newton, the route for 7.5 tonnes or less would be Toller Down Gate and Whitcombe Road.

Whitesheet Hill would have an "Unsuitable for diverted traffic" sign on the A356.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** to request a large advance warning sign for HGV's before they reach Whitesheet Hill, the introduction of width restrictions in addition to weight restrictions on Whitesheet Hill, ensure wide covering media campaign and alert those responsible for satellite navigation systems.

With regard to work on the tunnel structure it was **AGREED** to request a copy of the works schedule.

07 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO:

a. Rights of Way Officer

Cllr Mrs Beeny reported that a missing sign at Meerhay had been reported. She also advised of concerns expressed with regard to the hard surfacing of Crooked Lane, designated a public bridleway.

b. Public Transport Liaison Officer

Cllr Mrs Baldwin was pleased to report that the re-instated 213 bus service had proved to be successful meeting its target of 20 passengers on most journey's, it was hoped that the service would be maintained and extended.

With regard to a pedestrian crossing at Dorchester Hospital, objections had been received and this would be discussed by the Dorchester Roads and Rights of Way Committee in September.

08 CORRESPONDENCE

a. Dorset County Council – Highway Surface Water Drains

Members **NOTED** correspondence received from the County Council regarding the recent jetting of drains within the town.

b. Dorset County Council – Directional signing – Prout Bridge

Members **NOTED** correspondence from the County Council regarding the proposed siting of directional signs on the railings at Prout Bridge with some disappointment.

09 MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 8.15pm closed at 9.30pm. The date of the next meeting was **NOTED** as Monday 17th August 2009.

**CHAIRMAN
17 August 2009**