



## **BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 18 May 2009 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

- 194 PRESENT** – Councillors Elliott (Chairman), Armstrong, Baker, Cllr Beazer, Mrs Beeny, Berry, Mrs Knox, Mrs Maling, Mrs Page and Spooner.  
Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk).

#### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Elliott be elected Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

#### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Baker be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

#### **195 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Baldwin.

#### **196 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 6 April 2009**

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were amended to include Cllr Elliott as present and to register Cllr Mrs Knox's apologies and then signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Elliott declared a prejudicial interest in item 6 (b) (viii) Planning Application No. 1/D/09/000564 – 1 Pilsdon Close

Cllr Armstrong declared a prejudicial interest in item 6 (b) (ix) Planning Application No. CA/09/00097 – Stable Cottage, 12a The Square

#### **198 PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **a. GRANTS**

Members NOTED the details of the four planning consents granted by West Dorset District Council since the last meeting and the conditions attached thereto.

**b. APPLICATIONS**

The following were considered:

- (i) No: 1/D/09/000455      **BARROWFIELD FARM,  
BROADWINDSOR ROAD** – vary  
Condition 8 of PP 1/W/06/000873

**NO OBJECTIONS**

- (ii) No: 1/D/09/000459      **WALLED GARDEN OPPOSITE 2  
SHORTS LANE** – Reinstate entrance to  
garden

**REFUSAL RECOMMENDED** on the following grounds:-

- Construction of a new entrance directly on to narrow highway
- Breaching a listed wall within the conservation area

- (iii) No: 1/D/09/000477      **20 EGGARDON CLOSE** – Dwelling

Members **NOTED** this application had been withdrawn.

- (iv) No: 1/D/09/000548      **FORMER PICKWICK INN, 4 THE  
SQUARE** - Internal alterations

**APPROVAL RECOMMENDED**

- (v) No. 1/D/09/000556      **1 STYLES CLOSE** – new fence

**APPROVAL RECOMMENDED**

- (vi) No. 1/D/09/000560 LBC      **10 THE SQUARE** – new sign  
and internal alterations

**APPROVAL RECOMMENDED** subject to proposed signage being  
in keeping with other signs in the Square

Cllr Elliott left the meeting.

- (vii) No: 1/D/09/000564      **1 PILSDON CLOSE** – Extend lean-to  
porch roof

**APPROVAL RECOMMENDED**

Cllr Elliott returned to the meeting

- (viii) No. 1/D/09/000573      **10 THE SQUARE** – change of use from  
Vacant del (use Class A3) to office (use  
Class B1). New sign and internal  
Alterations

**APPROVAL RECOMMENDED** subject to proposed signage being  
in keeping with other signs in the Square

Cllr Armstrong left the meeting.

- (ix) No: CA/09/00097                      **STABLE COTTAGE, 12A THE SQUARE** -To reduce the height of 1 No. contorted willow by one third and reshaping

**NO OBJECTIONS**

Cllr Armstrong returned to the meeting.

- (x) No. 1/D/09/000624                      **1 CULVERHAYES** – replace Conservatory

**APPROVAL RECOMMENDED.**

**c. AMENDED PLANS**

Members considered amended plans in respect of:

- Land adjacent to Flaxfield Road - Planning App. No. 1/D/07/002257
- 63 East Street – Planning App. No. 1/D/08/000355 (amended scheme to PP 1/W/06/002473)
- Lower Chapel Marsh Farm, Axnoller Lane – Planning App. 1/D/08/002377

**d. REFUSALS**

Members NOTED the details of one planning application refused by West Dorset District Council since the last meeting.

**e. WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS**

Members NOTED that Planning App. No. 1/D/09/000477 – 20 Eggardon Close had been withdrawn.

**199 HIGHWAY ISSUES (DECISION/INFORMATION)**

- a. **Parish Maintenance Unit** – items for inclusion on the list

- b. **Dorset County Council – Review of waiting restrictions**

The County Council had received a request from a resident of Beaminster supported by Insp. Jenkins, Bridport Police to install double yellow lines at the junction of East Street and Woodswater Lane.

Following discussion it was felt that the visibility problems at the junction were, in the main, caused by a vehicle parking in close proximity to the junction, and as such should be dealt with by the Police, therefore it was **AGREED** not to support this proposal.

c. **Directional signing – Prout Bridge**

In response to a directional signage scheme previously put forward by Cllr Beazer the County Council were proposing to mount two signs (Melplash/Bridort) and (Crewkerne/Mosterton) low down on the railings directly opposite the junction and sought the Town Councils approval.

Following discussion it was felt that the signs might be better placed on the wall behind the railings, where they would be less susceptible to damage. Members appreciated the wall was private property but thought it worth an approach to the owner. In principle support for the signs was **AGREED**.

d. **Road Safety Officer – reports from/questions**

Cllr Spooner circulated a report with regard to the effect of road transport on the urban area of Beaminster now, and in the future in which he outlined his thoughts on how to look at ways of the relieving the pressure. It was **AGREED** to discuss this in more detail at the Road Safety meeting scheduled to take place in June.

**200 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO:**

a. **RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER**

It was **NOTED** that notices, relating to use of the footpath, at Parnham Woods were repeatedly removed.

b. **PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON OFFICER**

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Baldwin no report was received.

**201 PROGRESS REPORTS (INFORMATION)**

• **Dorset County Council – Change to definitive map and statement**

The County Council advised that it had come to their attention that Footpath 67 was bisected by Stoke Road, to correct this they had re-numbered the western part as Footpath 91, Beaminster. **NOTED.**

**202 MEETING**

The meeting which started at 8.15pm ended at 9.45pm.

**CHAIRMAN  
22 JUNE 2009**