



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 5th February 2018 in the Skyrm Room, Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

1285 PRESENT: Cllr Elliott (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Mrs J Cooke, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Jupp, Cllr Norris, Cllr Mrs J Page and Cllr Turner.

1286 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Baker.

1287 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 8th January 2018
The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 8th January 2018 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

1288 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
Cllr Elliott declared a personal interest in agenda item 4a (3) – 19 Fairfield.

1289 PLANNING MATTERS
(a) APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

(1) WD/D/17/002914 (FULL)

BEAMINSTER MUSEUM, WHITCOMBE RD

Two storey extension. Make new doorway in North wall of the annex and change two windows on first floor of the museum building to become entrance doorways into the new extension

Recommend approval.

(2) WD/D/17/002915 (LBC)

BEAMINSTER MUSEUM, WHITCOMBE RD

Removal of roof to the museum annex. Cut a doorway into the north all of the annex and convert two windows on the first floor of the museum building to become entrance doorways into the first floor of the new extension

Recommend approval.

(3) WD/D/17/002876 (FULL)

19 FAIRFIELD ROAD

Erection of dwelling and detached garage

Recommend approval.

(4) WD/D/17/002902 (FULL)

12 BRIDPORT ROAD

Proposed alterations to studio/outbuilding

Recommend approval,

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

Members **NOTED** two approvals received since the last meeting.

1290 DORSET COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP: PARISH AND TOWN PLANNING SESSION

Notification had been received of the next planning session to which two representatives from the Town Council had been invited. The event would take place on Thursday 8th March commencing at 6.00pm. Cllr Jupp and Cllr Turner expressed an interest in attending.

1291 PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr Body having attended a recent WATAG meeting advised:

- Dorset County Council would continue to run the No 40 bus, Beaminster to Yeovil, to the current timetable until the end of the current college year.
- Many concessionary bus passes in the West Dorset area were due to expire at the end of March 2018. Older Persons Concessionary Bus passes were automatically renewed and posted direct to the pass holder.
- Summer timetables – the No. 6 Bridport to Beaminster service would be amended to improve the service at Colfox Academy.
- Service to Weymouth – it had been highlighted that currently it was not possible to book a through ticket to Weymouth from Beaminster, an assurance was given by the bus operator that the matter would be addressed.
- Major concerns with regard to the Bridport to Yeovil No 40 and No 6 service had been expressed with regard to passengers having to change at Beaminster where connections were not guaranteed, missed connections left passengers with a two hour wait mid-route.

Under this heading Cllr Turner gave a verbal update with regard to progress on the proposed Saturday community bus service between Bridport and Crewkerne. He advised that meetings continued with representatives from Bridport Town Council with a view to how best both towns could benefit from the use of the bus donated by the County Council.

Cllr Body stated his intention to stand down as the Town Council's representative on WATAG with immediate effect.

1292 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER

Cllr Jupp advised that he had recently walked footpath 69, whilst it was muddy in parts, with the correct footwear it was useable.

1293 HIGHWAY ISSUES

(a) Dorset County Council – proposed temporary road closure of Stoke Road

Members **NOTED** an application from BT Openreach to close Stoke Road from Stoke Water House to Knowle Farm on 9th April for one day between the hours of 09.30 and 15.30.

(b) Highway works

Members **NOTED** the current position with regard to a number of highway maintenance issues reported at the January meeting.

The following highway issues were identified for action:

- Traffic lights were in situ at the King Edward Head, Bridport with no actual works taking place – the current position with regard to scheduled works to be sought
- The lack of white lines and reflective markers at the top end of Whitcombe Road/Toller Down Gate
- The practise of selling motor vehicles on the highway at the junction of Monmouth Gardens/Tunnel Road
- Street light in Yarn Barton Car park not working

Under this heading the general condition of the Grade II listed building known as 23-24 The Square had been brought to the Councils attention. The Town Clerk instructed to draw the concerns to the attention of the District Council.

1294 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mrs Page advised, to date, no further progress had been made however a date for a further meeting would be arranged, to which a representative from Mosterton Parish Council would be invited.

1295 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting as **NOTED** for Monday 5th March 2018.

1296 MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 7.50pm

CHAIRMAN
5th March 2018

Following the closure of the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting Cllr Elliott tendered his written resignation from the Town Council with immediate effect. Members were taken aback by the announcement, the Chairman thanked Cllr Elliott for his valuable input into the Council and wished him well.