



PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 2nd August 2022 in the Public Hall.

1850 Members present: Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Biggs, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Langridge and Cllr Monks; also Christine Bright (Town Clerk)

1851 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Drinnan.

1852 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY 2022

Members having previously been circulated with the minutes of the Planning Advisory & Highway Committee meeting held on 5th July 2022 confirmed and signed as a correct record.

1853 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

1854 PLANNING ISSUES

(a) To **CONSIDER** the following **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

1. P/LBC/2022/03928

**LAND & BUILDINGS KNOWN AS (CHALK BARN),
CHAPEL MARSH FARM, AXNOLLER LANE**

Alterations include structural repairs and restoration and re-roofing

Recommend Approval.

2. P/LBC/2022/04574

20 NORTH STREET

Replacement of asbestos slates with natural slate

Recommend Approval.

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

NOTED no planning approvals received.

(c) PLANNING REFUSALS

NOTED no planning refusals received

1855 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dorset Council – Questions & Statements submitted for the Council’s public participation period at the Dorset Council Full Council meeting held on 14th July 2022 relating to planning issues.

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the questions and statements submitted. Whilst the questions were not directly related to Beaminster members had been interested to **NOTE** the responses to a number of planning related questions.

Members were in agreement with a question raised by Sandra Reeve with regard to energy efficiency, they firmly believed the onus had to be on the planning authority to impose the highest possible standards on developers so that all future homes would be net zero ready negating the need for retro-fitting.

1856 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Dawkins advised issues relating to a number of Public Rights of Way remained outstanding three years after first reported particularly in

1857 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(a) Dorset Council – deregistration of No. 6 bus service

Cllr Turner drew attention to a recent press release from Dorset Council advising Buses of Somerset had notified the Office of the Traffic Commissioner that the No 6 service would be deregistered at the end of October 2022 when the current contract ended.

In the event that the contract was not taken on by another bus company Beaminster and neighbouring parishes would lose its already limited bus service. Cllr Turner stressed the importance of ensuring Dorset Council were made fully aware of the needs of those who rely on public transport and urged them to work with WATAG to provide a service that meets those needs.

Council Chairman, Cllr Monks advised that conversations had commenced with Dorset Council via the Beaminster Earth Alliance and he had discussed the transport problems with Chris Loder MP who had subsequently raised it with the rural transport committee at central government.

Cllr Monks proposed WATAG, neighbouring towns and parishes be invited to attend an Extraordinary Council meeting to formulate a structured response to Dorset Council, seconded by Cllr Biggs and **AGREED** a date be arranged at the earliest convenience.

1858 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

(a) Prout Hill

The Town Clerk was asked to report the breaking up of the road surface.

(b) Clay Lane

NOTED work had not commenced to replace the broken railings as scheduled.

1859 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

1860 MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman
6th September 2022