



PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 in the Cowie Room, Public Hall.

2071 Members present: Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Body, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Gunning, Cllr Monks, and Cllr Woods; also Christine Bright (Town Clerk) and two members of the public.

2072 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Anderton, Cllr Beswarick and Cllr Goode.

2073 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND JANUARY 2024

Members having previously been circulated with the minutes of the Planning Advisory & Highway Committee meeting held on 2nd January 2024 were confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

2074 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

2075 PLANNING ISSUES

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

1. **P/PAEL/2024/00077**

I B A Relay Station, Whitesheet Hill

Removal of 3 no. antennas and associated support structure, the proposed installation of 3 no. antennas and associated support structure, and all other associated ancillary apparatus and permitted development hereto.

NOTED the application had received prior approval to which members had no objections.

2. **P/NMA/2924/00305**

71 FLEET STREET

Non Material Amendment – alterations to two storey Element – fenestration arrangements to planning Permission 1/D/13/000564 – to improve natural Lighting and amenity.

NOTED the application had been received for information only.

3. **P/TRC/2024/00500**

14 CHURCH STREET

Crabb Apple (T1) – Fell

Recommend approval.

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(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

Members **NOTED** planning approvals received since the previous meeting:

(c) PLANNING REFUSALS

No planning refusals received since the previous meeting.

2076 CORRESPONDENCE

No items of correspondence had been received.

2077 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Gunning had no issues to report.

2078 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting.

2079 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The following issues were raised:

- **Stoke Road** – continuation of a problem with mud on the road which washes into drains in heavy rain.
- **Tunnel Road** – pedestrian walking on grass verge had, over time created a defined path on the grass verge, the Town Clerk was asked to enquire of Dorset Council if it could be hard surfaced.

2080 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

The following issues were raised:

- The results of the traffic survey were awaited.
- Mini roundabout at Clay Lane/Tunnel Road – the Town Clerk to enquire of Dorset Council as to whether the roundabout could be better defined to slow traffic down on Tunnel Road as visibility was poor when entering the roundabout from Clay Lane or as an alternative a mirror to enable motorists to see vehicles approaching on Tunnel Road.

2081 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5th March 2024.

2082 PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) ACT 1960

Members **RESOLVED** that public and press be now excluded from the meeting whilst discussion took place on the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted in respect of consideration of a financial purchase.

2083 REPLACEMENT OF CB3

Cllr Turner reminded members that he had previously expressed his concern at the deterioration in condition of the current CB3 bus; also the difficulty of obtaining and cost of parts. In recent weeks he had endeavoured to source a replacement vehicle and was pleased to report that a suitable vehicle had been identified.

Cllr Monks advised that during the Christmas break he had submitted a number of grant applications to enable the Council to purchase a replacement mini bus, he was delighted to announce that an application to Dorset Council had been successful and the Council had been awarded a grant of £8,000 to be paid in the 2024/2025 financial year and a further £8,000 grant to be paid in the 2025/2026 financial year. An application submitted to South Western Railway's successful Customer and Community Improvement Fund (CCIF) will be considered in March.

In addition to the grant applications Cllr Monks advised it was intention to prepare a crowd funding bid to launch at Easter.

Discussion ensued with regard to financing the purchase in the short term pending payment of the first instalment of the grant funding from Dorset Council; having reached a solution members **RESOLVED** to purchase a replacement vehicle at a cost in the region of £17,000

2084 MEETING - the meeting which commenced at 7.00pm closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman
5th March 2024

