

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2015 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr D G L Packer (Chairman)**  
**Cllr R D Cook (Vice-Chairman)**  
**Cllr P H Bartlett**  
**Cllr J Burden**  
**Cllr Mrs D J March**  
**Cllr Mrs A E Roberts**  
**Cllr A J Hampton – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council**  
**Cllr S K Bartlett – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council**

**MEMBER ALSO PRESENT**

**Cllr A W Spencer**

**169** **PLANNING APPLICATION 3/14/1233/OUT – MARKS YARD, VICTORIA ROAD**

The Committee considered its response to this outline planning application for the development of Marks Yard with 10 houses.

The Chairman referred to the intention in the now obsolete East Dorset Local Plan adopted in 2002 that this site be developed in conjunction with Old Road car park and the former Unigate Dairy owned by Harry J Palmer. For a variety of reasons this had not been able to come to which was part of the Core Strategy. The Chairman asked whether the Committee wished to resurrect this proposal. In view of the loss of car parking Members did not wish to pursue this as an option.

**RESOLVED that the District Council be informed that the Town Council objects to this planning application on the grounds that the proposal would be detrimental to the amenity of the future occupants of these dwellings by reason of its cramped layout and the inadequate provision of parking and manoeuvring space for vehicles.**

**170** **PLANNING APPLICATION 3/14/0016/OUT - DEVELOPMENT BY BLOOR HOMES, CRANBORNE ROAD (Min 105 – 21.10.14)**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 18 February 2015 from a Senior Planning Officer, Christchurch and East Dorset Councils, a copy

of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The letter had been sent in response to the Committee's comments made on 21 October 2014 on the amended plans submitted by Bloor Homes.

Cllr Spencer circulated to each Member at the meeting a rebuttal of some of the comments made in the Senior Planning Officer's letter and asked the Committee to endorse them.

The Committee was particularly concerned and disappointed that Bloor Homes was seeking to circumvent the requirements of the Core Strategy with regard to social and affordable housing.

The Committee also noted with concern that the height and density plans had been removed from the outline planning application, rather than revised to meet the Town Council's concerns raised at the October meeting regarding the detrimental visual impact of three storey and high density homes flanking the Cranborne Road. There was a danger that if the revisions were not made at outline stage they might slip through later as reserved matters particularly if delegated to officers.

**RESOLVED that the comments submitted by Cllr Spencer as added to by the Committee and attached as Appendix B to these Minutes be endorsed and forwarded to the Senior Planning Officer as a response to her letter of 18 February 2015.**

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**TOWN TRAIL PLAQUES – REFURBISHMENT (Min 71 – 26.08.14)**

The Town Clerk submitted a report a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee was asked to consider making a contribution towards the cost of refurbishing 10 plaques which formed part of the Town Trail. Cllr R D Cook, as District Councillor, was prepared to meet 50% of the cost from his Community Fund.

**RECOMMENDED that the Town Council contributes £375 (50%) from the General Fund towards the cost of refurbishment of the 10 Town Trail plaques.**

**172**                    **WIMBORNE MARKET – ANTIQUES MARKET**

Cllr Mrs March reported that she had received complaints regarding the 7 days a week operation of the Antiques Market, which she believed was in contravention of planning conditions imposed upon and undertakings by Ensors the operators of Wimborne Market. A copy of her report is attached as **Appendix D** to these Minutes.

The Town Clerk added that some months ago he had asked the Head of Planning and Health by email to investigate this complaint but had not received any response despite reminders being sent.

**RESOLVED that the Town Clerk raise this issue again with the Planning Department to establish whether this operation constitutes an infringement of planning obligations by Ensors and if so to ensure action is taken to regularise the matter.**

**173**                    **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of planning decisions made by East Dorset District Council, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

**174**                    **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications from 5 January 2015 to 9 February 2015, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix F** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Town Clerk added that the comments on applications 3/14/1224/FUL (Garden House, Cuthburga Road) and 3/14/1097/FUL (land to the rear of Leigh Road) had not been shown in full in the schedules. Members were made aware of the complete wording and the version in the Minute Book would be corrected to include the full version.

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....  
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council