

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mrs P A Hymers (Chairman)
Cllr R D Cook (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr P H Bartlett
Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Cllr Mrs K F Webb
Cllr Mrs S A Cook - Ex-Officio - Vice-Chairman of the Council

MEMBER NOT PRESENT AND APOLOGY GIVEN

Cllr S K Bartlett - Ex-Officio - Chairman of the Council

MEMBER ALSO PRESENT

Cllr J Burden

137 **ST JOHN'S FIRST SCHOOL – 20MPH SPEED LIMIT REQUEST**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 17 November 2015 from the Interim Head of School, 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 contained a request that the Town Council considers supporting the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in St John's Hill as a traffic calming initiative.

Cllr Robin Cook reminded Members of the national and County Council criteria for introducing this speed limit particularly that it must be self-policing and should not be introduced on main roads which St John's Hill was.

RESOLVED that the Interim Head be advised that, although the Committee sympathises with the speeding problem, it is unlikely that St John's Hill would meet the criteria required for a 20mph speed limit but the Town Council would in any event ask Dorset County Council to undertake an investigation into the problem including laying temporary traffic road tubes.

138 **NEW ONLINE PLANNING SYSTEM**

Mr Ben Bennetts Project Manager, Christchurch and East Dorset Councils attended the meeting to give Members a short presentation on the new online planning system which was expected to be introduced within the next few weeks.

139 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT CUTHBURY – TREE SURVEY**

Cllr Mrs Roberts submitted a plan, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The plan showed the location of additional trees which Cllr Mrs Roberts thought worthy of protection from any new development in this area and which had not been included in The East Dorset District (Cowgrove Road, Wimborne, No.1) Tree Preservation Order 2012. The Town Clerk added that the plan had been forwarded to the Tree Team at the District Council which was investigating the matter.

Cllr Mrs Roberts said an additional Maple should have been highlighted on the plan but was omitted. This was added under the reference X2 and a revised plan is attached as **Appendix C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee was advised that there might be other trees which needed protection and which could not be shown on the plan due to its limited coverage. The Town Clerk would arrange for Cllr Wheeler, the Town Council's Tree Warden, to discuss the matter with the councillors concerned.

140 **MAJOR CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENTS**

The Chairman provided the Committee with an update on the three major sites for development shown in the Core Strategy and for which planning applications had been granted, submitted or were expected in the coming months.

Regarding land to the east and west of Cranborne Road for which outline planning permission had been granted, no real progress had been made as the Section 106 agreement with the developer was still being negotiated. When that was completed the Town Council would be consulted on the design, layout and other reserved matters. Building work was unlikely to begin for at least 12 months.

With regard to the Parmiter/south of Leigh Road developments for which planning applications had been submitted by Wyatt Homes and

Gleasons, the Chairman circulated an email from the planning officer dealing with those applications, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member at the meeting and a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** to these Minutes in the Minute Book. The email gave the Committee details of the present situation regarding these applications.

As County Councillor, Cllr Robin Cook advised the Committee that it was expected that the Highway Authority would require the imposition of a condition on any planning permissions granted to the effect that all vehicles serving the development sites must park within the sites and not on residential roads on the Parmiter estate. He added that it was also possible that temporary waiting restrictions would be imposed on Parmiter Drive whilst it was being used as an access to serve the Wyatt Homes' development.

In so far as the proposed development at Cuthbury was concerned, the Chairman again circulated an email from the planning officer dealing with that matter, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member at the meeting and a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book. The planning officer's main points were that a planning application had not yet been submitted for the residential development element and a determination of the application for replacement allotments south of Julians Road was being delayed by archaeological investigations.

141 **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 F** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

142 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications dated 6 and 20 October 2015, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix G** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council