

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016 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 S K Bartlett - Ex-Officio - Chairman of the Council
Cllr Mrs S A Cook - Ex-Officio - Vice-Chairman of the Council

MEMBER ALSO PRESENT

Cllr J Burden

159 **WALFORD BRIDGE GARAGE – ERECTION OF 29 SHELTERED APARTMENTS FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS – PLANNING APPLICATION 3/15/1046/FUL**

Matthew Turpin and Peter Tanner of Renaissance Retirement Ltd gave a visual presentation to the Committee on the Company's proposals which form part of the above planning application.

The Committee asked a number of questions the most important of which was with regard to flood protection for the new building. Mr Tanner, the Planning Director, reassured Members that all the current and stringent requirements which developers had to meet had been complied with.

The Chairman thanked Mr Turpin and Mr Tanner in making the presentation and answering the Committee's questions and also for taking action about the previous comments on the height of the building and number of parking spaces.

160 **COBHAMS, BROOK ROAD – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 22 December 2015 from Rebecca Rowland, Cobham's Vice-President Operations & Supplier Management, 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 proposal, following a site meeting with representatives of Dorset County Council, for improving visibility and safety for vehicles leaving the Cobham site in Brook Road

The Committee was asked whether it would support the proposal to introduce a waiting restriction for 15 metres on both sides of the goods entrance and exit.

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported.

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MAJOR CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENTS

The Chairman provided the Committee with an update on the three major sites for development shown in the Core Strategy.

Regarding the Cuthbury site the Chairman circulated to each Member at the meeting a summary of the telephone conversation she had held with the relevant planning officer at East Dorset District Council, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The planning officer had said that Wyatt Homes had submitted a planning application which would be circulated to the Town Council soon. The Town Clerk would ask Wyatt Homes to give a presentation on the application.

The planning officer added that it might be possible for the District Council to negotiate for the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Victoria Road as part of the Section 106 agreement.

Councillor Robin Cook, as County Councillor, advised the Committee that he was collating information and statistics on this issue which he would present to a future meeting of this Committee. He added that in 2013 a traffic census had shown that Victoria Road did not meet the national criteria for the installation of a pedestrian crossing.

With regard to the proposed development east and west of Cranborne Road, again the Chairman circulated to each Member a summary of a telephone conversation she had held with another planning officer, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

There had been little progress on the outstanding issues involved with the site although the new school had been designed by Dorset County Council.

In so far as the development south of Leigh Road was concerned 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.

There were still a number of outstanding matters to be dealt with by the planners before the applications were ready to be submitted to the District Council's Planning Committee.

162 **TOWN PLAQUE – RIVER WIM/WIN**

The Committee considered an email from Cllr Mrs Cook, 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.

Cllr Mrs Cook asked if the Committee would support the provision of an additional town tourism plaque to be sited on the bridge in East Street to recognise the importance of this river in the history of the town.

RECOMMENDED that the provision of an additional town tourism plaque be supported (subject to the accuracy of the historical importance of this river being confirmed) and the Town Council be asked to meet the £400 cost from the General Fund.

163 **FLOOD PLAN**

The Chairman advised the Committee of the measures in place to deal with the incidence of a serious flood in the town. She also referred Members to the copy of the Emergency Response Plan kept by the Town Clerk which was available to see. She further referred to the recent email from the Environment Agency sent to Members regarding ground water, a copy of which appears as **Appendix F** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Chairman of the Council as one of the Flood Wardens (Cllr Burden being the other) advised the Committee that he had arranged for the Flood Wardens to walk around the town with representatives from the Environment Agency, Dorset County Council and East Dorset District Council to highlight areas of concern.

He would make a report on the outcome at the next meeting.

164 **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 G** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

165 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications dated 24 November 2015 and 6 January 2016, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix H** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council