

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

**PLANNING & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors D. Thurston (Chairman), Ms J. Atwell, G. Chadwick, Mrs S. Cocking, J. Draper, C. Gover and R. Wild.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Chris Moscrop (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) and four members of the public

2360 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Flack, Ms S. Lees and Mrs S. Reynolds.

2361 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Cocking declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 15/713/FUL – Land to the south of 44C to 62 Weston Street.

2362 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015

The minutes were formally agreed and signed as a correct record.

(For: 5 votes, Against: 0 votes, Abstentions: 2 vote)

2363 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

In the temporary absence of the Planning Officer Agenda Item 5 was taken next.

2364 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr. Wild observed that although the Local Plan had been approved it did not take account of the conservation plan. The Planning Officer agreed to investigate this.

2365 – PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING

The Planning Officer reported progress on the applications outstanding follows:-

Application No.	Town Decision	Borough Decision
14/887/OUT	Postponed	Pending, awaiting legal agreement
14/989/OBL	Objection	Pending
14/990/OBL	Objection	Pending
14/988/OBL	Objection	Pending
14/1020/COU	No Objection	Pending
15/083/OUT	Objection	Pending
15/310/COU	Objection	Pending
15/366/DCC	No Objection	Pending
15/368/FUL	Objection	Pending

15/336/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/454/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/455/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/456/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/457/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/458/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/392/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/497/OUT	Objection	Pending
15/516/FUL	No Objection	Approved
15/533/FUL	Objection	Pending
15/581/PBL	Objection	Pending

He next advised on the progress of applications that had been brought to the meeting of 23rd September 2015 as follows:-

15/556/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/622/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/634/FUL	No Objection	Pending

2366 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Planning Officer requested that the Committee consider three more planning applications which had been notified by e-mail the previous day.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gover that the Committee consider the two applications relating to Royal Victoria Lodge but not the third. This motion was **LOST**. (3-4-0)

It was then proposed by Cllr. Draper that the Committee hear all three applications. This motion was not seconded.

Therefore by default it was accepted that the Committee's decision was not to hear any of the applications.

The Chairman chose to take planning application 15/713/FUL ahead of the rest.

(Cllr. Cocking withdrew from the Committee.)

2367 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

Having considered each application in turn, the Advisory Committee agreed the following observations:-

a) 15/713/FUL – Land to the south of 44C to 652 Weston Street – Erection of single detached bungalow

OBJECTION, on the grounds that the scheme was outside the development boundary, across an important gap resulting in coalescence of development between Coombefield and Suckthumb Quarries i.e. between Weston and Southwell, and the land is part of an important wild-life corridor (6-0-0)

(Cllr. Cocking left the meeting.)

b) 15/486/FUL – Land to rear of Southwell Street – To construct an all weather manege (horse exercise area)

NO OBJECTION (5-0-1)

c) 15/391/FUL – Hut 28, Field 760, access track to Fields 737, 739, 760, 761 and 765, Portland Bill – Renewal of planning permission to site beach hut

NO OBJECTION, according to the agreed procedure on beach hut permissions

d) 15/616/FUL – Admiralty Buildings, Castletown – Relocation of the existing anchor feature to east side of former WCs and siting of Sherman tank in front of Local Heritage Centre

NO OBJECTION (5-1-0)

e) 15/630/FUL – 2 East Street – Change of use from store to dwelling

NO OBJECTION (6-0-0)

f) 15/691/FUL – 31 Grosvenor Road – Installation of front dormer and single-storey rear extension to form annexe accommodation

OBJECTION, to the dormer window on the front of the building, which would be out of character with the rest of the terrace

2368 – PLANNING CONTRAVENTION ISSUES

None were raised.

2369 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

None had been received.

2370 – PARK ROAD

It was proposed by Cllr. Wild and **RESOLVED** – that the Council write to Dorset Highways and BT, requesting that the telegraph pole close to the pedestrian crossing by the surgery in Park Road be resited.

2371 – CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

a) Reap Lane

Cllr. Thurston advised that he had received an e-mail as to why excavations had been carried out on Reap Lane. Apparently these were to provide an entrance for a proposed mine and Cllr. Wild had replied to that effect.

b) Approaches from Absent Councillors

Cllr. Thurston said he had received written opinions on some of the meeting's planning applications. However the position was that absent Councillors could not register a vote nor have their view read out. An available alternative was for them to lobby a fellow member or members privately prior to the meeting.

c) Beach Huts

Cllr. Thurston reported that he had also received a letter requesting the Council's support over a legal issue. He counselled against the Committee as such becoming involved in legal disputes, although individual members remained free to make their own choice.

2372 – MATTERS ARISING

Cllrs. Atwell and Gover reported that some work had been done to the sloping pavement by Boots in Easton changing the gradients. This was thought to be making the best of a bad job and Cllr. Atwell will advise Mrs Pattison accordingly.

2373 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 25th November 2015, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

Signed
(Chair)

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