

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

**PLANNING & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST 2015 AT 7.00 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Jo Riley (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) and Andy Matthews (Neighbourhood Plan Working Group)

2340 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Flack and D. Symes.

2341 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Atwell declared a prejudicial interest in application no. 15/392/FUL – 6 Branscombe Close as a resident of Branscombe Close.

2342 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

From the chair Cllr. Thurston said he proposed to take Agenda Item 5 – Neighbourhood Plan ahead of Item 4.

2343 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JULY 2015

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

2344 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr Matthews spoke to his written report. He said that he had passed plans of potential development sites to the Clerk and would follow this up with an e-mail to members and electronic copies.

The Plan Working Group would be consulting at workshops with larger and smaller businesses, and community groups about the Portland Economic Vision.

Asked by Cllr. Thurston which applications that evening related to development sites referred to earlier, Mr Matthews replied those on New Street and Verne Common Road.

2345 – PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING

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

Application No.	Town Decision	Borough Decision
12/361/FUL	No Objection	Approved
12/721/OUTMAJ	No Objection	Pending, awaiting legal agreement

14/887/OUT	Postponed	Pending, awaiting legal agreement
14/989/OBL	Objection	Pending
14/990/OBL	Objection	Pending
14/988/OBL	Objection	Pending
15/039/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/127/FUL	Objection	Pending
14/1020/COU	No Objection	Pending
15/083/OUT	Objection	Pending
15/151/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/207/FUL	Objection	Approved
15/310/COU	Objection	Pending
15/212/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/352/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/368/FUL	Objection	Pending
15/400/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/401/LBC	No Objection	Pending

She next advised on the progress of applications that had been brought to the meeting of 22nd July 2015 as follows:-

15/336/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/338/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/390/COU	No Objection	Pending
15/453/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

Minute 2332(c) – Parking in Avalanche Road

The Clerk said he had written to Dorset Highways about the situation.

2346 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

(Cllr. Atwell withdrew from the meeting prior to the first application being discussed.)

a) 15/392/FUL – 6 Branscombe Close – Erect two-bedroom chalet bungalow to the side of the dwelling

NO OBJECTION (For: 6 votes, Against: 0 votes, Abstentions: 0 votes)

(Cllr. Atwell rejoined the meeting.)

b) 15/494/FUL – 2 Weston Park Homes, Weston Road – Small porch to side elevation (retrospective)

NO OBJECTION (7-0-0)

c) 15/497/OUT – Land to the north of 54 New Street – Erect three bungalows (outline)

OBJECTION, on the grounds of the project being outside the development boundary, in an important open gap and a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (7-0-0)

d) 15/499/FUL – 48 Reap Lane – Proposed Porch

NO OBJECTION (7-0-0)

e) 15/507/FUL – 39 New Street – Erect rear extension to enlarge kitchen

NO OBJECTION (7-0-0)

f) 15/516/FUL – 103 Fortuneswell – Alteration to ground floor elevation and change of use of ground floor shop to a flat

NO OBJECTION, subject to the comments of the conservation officer (7-0-0)

g) 15/532/FUL – 88 Greenways – Erect two-storey side extension

NO OBJECTION (7-0-0)

h) 15533/FUL – Land at Verne Common Road – Erection of eight dwellings

OBJECTION, on the grounds of the site being outside the development boundary, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, an area of local landscape important and the development being intrusive of the landscape (6-1-0)

i) 15/553/FUL – Hut 3, Field 760, access to Fields 737, 739, 760, 761 and 765, Portland Bill – Renewal of permission to site beach hut

NO OBJECTION, according to the agreed procedure

j) 15/579/FUL – Telecommunications mast, Easton Square – Replacement of the existing 17.5m monopole and 3 no. antennae with a new 20m monopole and 6 no. antennae, installation of 2 no. new 600mm dish antennae at 17.5m and 2 no. new equipment cabinets on a new concrete base, plus ancillary works

NO OBJECTION (7-0-0)

k) 15/581/OBL – Apartment 2, Maritime House, West Way, Southwell Business Park – Discharge of planning obligation dated 29th December 2000 of planning approval 00/439/COU

OBJECTION, on the grounds that the original reasons for the planning obligation were still valid (5-0-2)

2347 – PLANNING CONTRAVENTION ISSUES

Cllr. Wild asked whether two wind turbines at the reservoir had received planning permission. The Planning Officer will investigate.

The Planning Officer advised that the Borough would shortly issue discontinuance notices for the advertisement hoardings in Victoria Square and Fortuneswell.

2348 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

There were no applications to be debated.

2349 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 23rd September 2015, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

Signed
(Chair)

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