

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL, EASTON ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Andy Matthews (Neighbourhood Plan Working Group)

2500 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J. Draper, Mrs S. Lees and Mrs S. Reynolds, together with Kate Wheller (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and Dorset County Council).

2501 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

2502 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2016

It was pointed out that Minute 2494(c) should read 16/661/FUL. With this amendment the minutes were formally agreed and signed as a correct record.

2503 – DEPUTY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Flack reported progress on the applications outstanding as follows:-

Application No	Town Decision	Borough Decision
15/767/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/008/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/142/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/216/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/402/OBL	No Objection	Pending
16/501/VOC	Objection	Pending
16/589/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/564/OUT	Objection	Pending
16/528/FUL	No Objection	Approved

He next advised on the progress of applications that had been brought to the meeting of 26th October 2016:-

16/609/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/661/FUL	No Objection	Pending
16/668/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/692/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/693/OUT	Objection	Pending
16/701/FUL	No Objection	Pending
16/719/FUL	No Objection	Pending
16/643/FUL	No Objection	Pending

16/672/FUL
16/695/FUL

No Objection
No Objection

Pending
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2504 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Matthews requested permission to speak on Agenda Item 11 – Road Schemes.

Cllr. Wild voiced the concern of a Mrs Gillespie who had raised it on a visit to the Offices. It involved parking alongside a protruding grass verge along Wakeham in the vicinity of Bumpers Lane, which was narrowing the carriageway to one lane at that point. **RESOLVED** – that the Council write to Dorset Highways requesting double yellow lines alongside the grass verge.

2505 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr Matthews spoke to his written report on the latest Local Plan consultation. The Councils Partnership had produced an analysis of potential housing development sites on the Island in order to meet government requirements. Three main areas had been identified. Mr Matthews wondered whether the Neighbourhood Plan might provide an alternative. The detailed study by Aecom was still awaited. He felt that employment land and redundant public land should also be taken into consideration.

Cllr. Nowak was concerned that the Local Plan was amalgamating village settlements, such as Easton with Weston. The report was good in taking account of the Island's many SSSI's and the quarry park strategy.

It was agreed that Cllr. Nowak and Mr Matthews should draft a response to the questions in the consultation, referring to items in the Neighbourhood Plan.

2506 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

a) 16/697/FUL – Hut 27, Field 760, Access to Fields 737, 739, 760, 761 and 765, Portland Bill – Retention of existing beach hut

NO OBJECTION

b) 16/757/FUL – 26 Killicks Hill – Extension to existing raised platform to front of property (retrospective)

NO OBJECTION

c) 16/766/ADV – Co-op Store, 36-37 Easton Square, Portland – Install three illuminated fascias, one non-illuminated fascia, one internal illuminated projector and two non-illuminated, wall-mounted, aluminium panels

NO OBJECTION

d) 16/715/FUL – 25 Clarence Road – Erect single-storey extension (additional item)

NO OBJECTION, subject to the comments of the neighbouring householders

2507 – ENLARGED BEACH HUT REPLACEMENTS

Members agreed that the Council should request site plans of all beach huts on the Island, at the Bill, Church Ope and West Weares together with details of the land ownership at the sites concerned.

2508 – PLANNING CONTRAVENTION ISSUES

None were raised.

2509 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

16/818/NOTS – Coombefield Quarry – Extraction of Portland Stone by Underground Quarrying Methods

NO OBJECTION, subject to the results of the appropriate environmental assessments.

It was noted that the Chairman will arrange a site visit for members to the mine at Perryfield.

2510 – ROAD SCHEMES – HORSE CAUTION SIGNS

It was agreed to request a highways officer to speak at a meeting either of the Town Council or Planning Committee on various issues of concern, which would include road signage on the Island.

2511 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 15th December 2016 at Peter Trim Hall, St. George’s Centre, Reforne, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

Signed
(Chair)

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