

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGES CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors Charlie Flack (Chairman), Susan Cocking, Jim Draper, David Thurston and Rod Wild.

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Matthews (Neighbourhood Plan Working Group), one member of the public.

2769 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr's Atwell and Lees.

2770 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

2771 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

2772 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, MINUTE UPDATE AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Flack reported that he'd attended a Planning Training and Update event in South Walks, Dorchester. The new planning application, system in anticipation of LGR, is being trialled concurrently with the existing system. The Planning department anticipate significant delays from January to June 2019 on all applications.

Cllr. Flack reported that the plan is for local boards to consider planning.

Cllr. Cocking noted that this is what Town councils already do.

Cllr. Flack reported progress on the outstanding applications.

An account of the Portland Town Council's comment and current decision status can be found on Dorset For You / Planning / Portland.

2773 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public. Mr Matthews will talk later in meeting on 2 issues.

2774 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Working on the pictorial aspect and text at present but no other major issues to report.

Consultation complete.

Referendum is ready to be put in.

2775 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

The advisory committee discussed 8 new planning applications.

A summary of resolutions is listed below.

A full list can be found at Annex A.

For further information please see Dorset For You / Planning / Portland.

Support	7
Object	0
No comment	1
Deferred	0

2776 – PLANNING CONTRAVENTION ISSUES

a. The Chairman brought to the attention of the committee a member of the public has contacted council re. 25 properties development on Verne Common Road and that building may be imminent. Planning officer has clarified that the fencing was erected at request from adjoining properties and bramble clearance was for surveys of site at this stage. At this time no plans to build.

b. Enforcement Issues are under investigation for the two premises in Castletown, numbers 24 and 25 Castletown.

c. Enforcement Issue re. scrap yard on Wide Street spreading out affecting roadside outlook raised by various councillors and members of the public – however planning enforcement reported that too much time has elapsed since the contraventions.

2777– HIGHWAY ISSUES

a. Member of the public reported a concern re. bend on High Street still very dangerous and has witnessed an accident and several near misses. Cllr. Flack will write to a member of the public.

b. Purchase of new grit bin – Clerk to arrange for a dumpy bag to be delivered to The Venue.

c. New consultation document re. Eden project for members to read and stay informed.

Mr Matthews' declared an interest as he has raised queries re. planning applications that haven't been included in the consultation document.

2778 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee's next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday**, 21st November 2018 in Portland Community Venue, Three Yards Close starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Signed..... (Chair)