

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL, EASTON ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors D. Thurston (Chairman), Mrs S. Cocking, C. Flack, Ms S. Lees (from 7.15pm), Mrs S. Reynolds, D. Symes and R. Wild

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

2476 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ms J. Atwell, J. Draper, C. Gover and Cllr. Kate Wheller (Dorset County Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council)

2477 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

2478 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH AUGUST 2016

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

2479 – 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
15/693/OUT	Objection	Refused
16/008/FUL	No Objection	Pending
16/193/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/209/FUL	No Objection	Pending
15/862/LBC	No Objection	Approved
16/142/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/216/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/286/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/293/RES	No Objection	Approved
16/323/FUL	No Objection	Pending
16/373/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/376/FUL	No Objection	Refused
16/388/VOC	No Objection	Approved
16/402/OBL	No Objection	Pending
16/408/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/413/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/150/RES	No Objection	Approved
16/330/VOC	No Objection	Approved
16/414/LBC	No Objection	Pending
16/452/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/487/LBC	Objection	Refused

He next advised on the progress of applications that had been brought to the meeting of 24th August 2016:-

16/394/OUT	Objection	Pending
16/456/FUL	No Objection	Approved
16/501/VOC	Objection	Pending
16/506/OFF	Objection	Approved
16/507/LBC	No Objection	Approved
16/510/LBC	No Objection	Pending
16/553/FUL	Objection	Pending
16/579/FUL	No Objection	Pending
16/589/FUL	No Objection	Pending
16/564/OUT	Objection	Pending
16/528/FUL	No Objection	Pending
16/592/COU	No Objection	Pending

The contrary decision of application 16/506/OFF was discussed. It was pointed out that the site was designated as a business park while this scheme would lead to reduced job opportunities. With about 3,000 people leaving the Island each day to work elsewhere this was hardly in the interests of sustainability, while the Town Council was trying to encourage employment on the Island. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough to convey the Council's views.

(Cllr. Lees joined the meeting.)

2480 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

2481 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr Matthews said his Group had applied for further technical support in respect of a settlement and character study, which should help identify areas for development. He had been talking with Borough planners earlier that day about the issues involved.

Some of the Borough's environment policies were only temporary, which left the Island vulnerable to further development proposals.

The Borough has a list of local heritage properties, a copy of which he had requested for the Town together with details of the requirements for being added to the list.

Mr Matthews also confirmed that the Borough now had enough staff to progress the Conservation Report.

2482 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

a) 16/595/TEL – Land at Portland Heights and Yeates Roundabout, Yeates Road – Installation of a new column and equipment cabinet and removal of existing

NO OBJECTION

b) 16/596/FUL – Hut 45, access track to Fields 758 and 766 to 769, Portland Bill – Erect replacement beach hut

OBJECTION, on the grounds of overdevelopment, it was not a like-for-like replacement but had an increased footprint, also being detrimental to the visual impact and having inappropriate materials for a structure on the Heritage Coastline

The Clerk was asked to add an item to the next Planning Committee agenda about the question of enlarged beach hut replacements in the context of the Neighbourhood Plan.

c) Car Parking in the Borough (Additional Item)

RESOLVED – that the Council respond to the questionnaire that the Town Council wished to keep the status quo until local government reorganisation had worked through. It might be that the Town Council be given new responsibilities as a result and those might include car parks. In this case the Council would want to take a fresh look at the whole issue as it affected the Island. It was a sensitive one since many residents were forced to use public car parks for their vehicles. Therefore it would be difficult to predict the effect of introducing charges for car parks such as Hambro and Fairfield.

2483 – PLANNING CONTRAVENTION ISSUES

Answering a question from Cllr. Wild the Clerk said nothing further had been heard about the appeal against discontinuance notices for the advertising hoardings in Victoria Square and Fortuneswell.

2484 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

There were none.

2485 – ADDITIONAL ITEM: COMPUTER-BASED DISPLAY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There was a short discussion concerning the Internet-linked projector and display screen being used at the meeting for the first time. From the chair Cllr. Thurston noted the awkwardness of transporting the equipment and requested that an item be placed on the next Town Council agenda to consider the feasibility of holding future Planning Committee meetings at the Council Offices.

2486 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 26th October 2016 at Easton Methodist Church Hall, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

Signed
(Chair)

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