

Minutes of a Meeting of the **PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 2015** at **6.30 p.m.**

Chairman: -

Councillor S Poultney

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Councillor A Harris

Swanage Town Council

Councillor A Lejeune

Swanage Town Council

Councillor T Morris

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Councillor J Bishop

Swanage Town Council
(From 7.10 p.m.)

Councillor C Finch

Swanage Town Council
(From 7.10 p.m.)

Councillor G Green

Swanage Town Council
(From 7.15 p.m.)

Councillor G Suttle

Swanage Town Council
(From 6.55 p.m.)

Councillor W Trite

Swanage Town Council

Dr M Ayres

Town Clerk

Miss N Clark

Management Support Officer

Public Participation Time

There were four members of the public present at the meeting.

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Confirmation requested that the Planning Application Lists would be available with the Agenda on the Town Council website.
- Clarification requested regarding dogs on beach byelaws and a confusing sign on the parish slipway stating no dogs allowed. It was confirmed that the Operations Manager would be requested to review the signage accordingly.
- Wording of the Public Participation Time laminated notice.
- Communication regarding an objection to the proposed oil/gas rig at California Quarry.
- Meeting arranged to discuss proposed Panorama Road safety measures with residents and a letter provided in advance of that meeting.

1) Apologies

There were no apologies to report for inability to attend the meeting.

2) Declarations Of Interest

Members were invited to declare their interest under the Code of Conduct as defined by regulations made under section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011, and requests for Grants of Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

3) Plans

Under the Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest in the capacity of Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust in applications relating to the Trust.

Delegated Applications

- 6/2015/0586
LISTED
- Listed Building Consent**
339 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2NN
Internal alterations to alter layout, electrical re-wire and install wood burning stove.
Mr Hopgood
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2015/0608
- Durlston Dairy Barn, Southcliffe Road, Swanage, BH19 2JG**
Alterations & additions to existing building.
Mr & Mrs Brown
(Deferred from 2nd November 2015 Meeting)
OBSERVATION: Application withdrawn 4/12/2015
- 6/2015/0642
- Rockleigh Cottage, Peveril Point Road, Swanage, BH19 2AY**
Conversion of garage and alterations to car park and drive, and alterations and additions to existing property.
Mr & Mrs Radford
(Deferred from 2nd November 2015 Meeting)
OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to compliance with the Design and Conservation Officer's report.
- 6/2015/0643
- 19 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2LP**
Change of use of 1st and 2nd floors from storage to four flats.
Mr Larter
OBSERVATION: Defer for consideration at the next Planning and Consultation Committee meeting due to be held on 4th January 2016.
- 6/2015/0655
LISTED
- Listed Building Consent**
7 Eldon Terrace, Swanage, BH19 1HA
Re-roofing.
John James Roofing Ltd
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2015/0667
- 89 Kings Road West, Swanage, BH19 1HN**
Erect single storey extension on front elevation and North West corner replacement windows.
Mrs Wilson
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2015/0679
- Flat 1, 21 Park Road, Swanage, BH19 2AA**
Install 3 Velux windows to North and East elevations.
Mrs Milner-Percy
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2015/0682
- Swanage Coastal Caravan Park, Priests Way, Swanage, BH19 2RS**
Variation of condition 2 of PP 6/2014/0201 (Use of land for a caravan site for a single caravan) to allow position and

orientation of warden's caravan.
Shorefields Holidays
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Items for information only

The following application was not discussed by virtue of the Town Council being Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Trust.

Non-Material Amendment

9. 6/2015/0666 **Harrow House, Harrow Drive, Walrond Road, Swanage BH19 1PE**
Non-material amendment to PP 6/2014/0230 (Erect replacement sports hall with changing facilities and gymnasium) to allow re-positioning of the approved building.
Harrow House International College (Swanage) Ltd.

4) Tree Preservation Order – relating to a tree on land at 30 Rabling Road, Swanage

A certified copy of a Tree Preservation Order relating to a sweet chestnut tree on land at 30 Rabling Road, Swanage, together with a copy of the formal notice of the making of the Order, had been received from Purbeck District Council (PDC). The Order had been made as it was felt that the amenity value of the area was greatly enhanced by the tree which was of importance to the local environment. The Order came into force on a provisional basis on 3rd November 2015 and would remain in force for six months, during which time PDC would consider any objections or comments received and decide whether the Order should be given permanent status. A brief discussion ensued, and it was AGREED:

That no objection be raised to the Tree Preservation Order being made at 30 Rabling Road, Swanage.

5) Applications for tree works - opportunity to raise any matters of concern

There were no matters raised on this occasion. However, it was reported that, in view of recent queries raised by Town and Parish Councils regarding Tree Wardens, PDC would be providing guidance notes to local councils in due course.

Consultation

6) To note receipt of the following consultation documents and to determine the Council's preferred method of response:

a) South Western Rail Franchise – Stakeholder Consultation

The Department for Transport was seeking feedback and input on priorities for the next South Western Rail Franchise. A brief discussion was held, and comments were made about the fact that the document was so extensive and comprehensive. Members felt that more time was required to assess the information, and list of consultation questions contained therein, before submitting the Town Council's consultation response form. As the consultation did not close until 9th February 2016, it was therefore proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That this item be deferred for further consideration at the next Committee Meeting being held on 4th January 2016, to allow Councillors more time to review the consultation document in greater detail.

b) Youth Services Consultation online survey, and proposed changes to youth services in Swanage

Further to Minute No. 6 a) of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on 5th October 2015, a briefing note had been received from Dorset County Council (DCC) on their proposed changes to youth services. DCC had reviewed the services provided by the County Council in order to make significant savings of £1m from a current £2.2m budget, and after six weeks of engagement had now produced a single proposal which was to withdraw from the 22 youth clubs they operated in the County and focus limited resources on targeted youth work. This would mean that Swanage Youth Centre would close. However, DCC would be prepared to talk to other organisations/anyone who would be interested in operating these premises. The consultation documents were available on the Dorsetforyou.com website, along with a further online survey inviting comments on the proposals which would only be open until 16th December 2015.

A discussion ensued and it was reported that the Swanage Youth Club Advisory Group had held an open meeting on 27th November 2015 to discuss these proposals, and had invited anyone who had an interest in youth work in Swanage. A second meeting had been arranged for 14th December 2015 to discuss the development of a possible joint strategy to put forward alternative proposals to DCC. Concerns were again raised about the possible effects that the proposed budget cuts may have in the town, including the longer term consequences, e.g. social care, young people on the streets and the possible increased police/court service costs.

It was noted that the DCC Cabinet would be making a decision on the proposals on 13th January 2016, and this would be followed by a Formal Staff Consultation from 18th January to 3rd March 2016. If the proposals were approved, DCC would start implementing changes from June 2016. A further discussion was held regarding the consultation timeline, and it was felt by all Members that this was wholly unacceptable and did not give adequate time for interested parties to discuss/develop alternative proposals. It was therefore AGREED:

That a strongly worded letter should be sent to Dorset County Council objecting to the proposed closure of Swanage Youth Centre and requesting an extension to the consultation period to enable alternative options to be developed.

It was further agreed that this matter should be included on a future Monthly Council Meeting agenda.

7) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

There were no matters to report.

8) Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Monday 4th January 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.
