

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 8th APRIL 2024** at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman: -

Councillor A Harris

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Councillor T Foster

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Also in attendance: -

Miss N Clark

Planning and Community Engagement Manager

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Public Participation Time

There were no matters raised.

1) Apologies

There were no apologies given for inability to attend the Meeting. Councillors Finch and Rogers attended the meeting remotely.

2) Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 – 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

Planning

3) Plans for consideration

Delegated Applications

- P/FUL/2024/01158 **Flat A, Craig-y-don, 1 Belle Vue Road, Swanage, BH19 2HP**
Convert existing two flats into one flat.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- * P/FUL/2024/01208 **Hardstanding, Shore Road, Swanage, BH19 1LB**
Install beach sauna.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- # P/FUL/2024/01290 **Swanage Boat Hire & Water Taxi, Swanage sea front, between Stone Quay and Monkey Beach, Swanage**
Erect larger kiosk to facilitate boat hire and water taxi service.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- * P/FUL/2024/01420 **Hardstanding, Shore Road, Swanage, BH19 1LA**
Application for a five-year time limited planning permission for a coffee bar and ice cream kiosk.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

- P/HOU/2024/01261 **115 Kings Road West, Swanage, BH19 1HN**
Construct dormer window on side elevation.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- P/HOU/2024/01321 **Seaside House, 41 Ulwell Road, Swanage, BH19 1LG**
Erect front porch with balcony over, and rear balcony with flat roof canopy over.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- P/HOU/2024/01454 **29 Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2RY**
Erect garage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- * P/HOU/2024/01537 **16 Cauldon Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1PQ**
Single storey rear extension, replacing existing conservatory.
Erect garage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

For Information Only

- P/CLP/2024/01540 **Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed**
Pinecliff Lodge, 6 Burlington Road, Swanage, BH19 1LS
Conversion of six existing flats, and extension, to form fourteen self-contained flats, with associated parking.

Please note:

- * The Town Council is Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Trust, which holds the benefit of covenants in the properties that are the subject of applications marked *.
- # The Town Council is the owner of land included within, or directly affected by, applications marked #.

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

- P/TRT/2024/01495 **Playing Field, Bon Accord Road, Swanage, BH19 2DN**
T2 Ash: Fell to around 6ft high.
T3 Chestnut: Crown lift to 5m to suitable growth points.
T4 Sycamore: Crown lift to 5m to suitable growth points.
It was proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Town Council has no objection to the proposed tree works, as set out in the application form dated 17th March 2024, subject to adherence to the Dorset Council Tree Officer's report.

Consultation

5) Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (DWFRA) – Public consultation on draft Community Safety Plan 2024-28

It was reported that Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority was consulting on its draft Community Safety Plan 2024-28, which set out the key challenges and risks facing the Authority over the coming years. It was noted that DWFRA continued to face financial uncertainties and difficulties, and remaining financially sustainable whilst addressing increased and new costs was of utmost importance to the Authority.

It was explained that all fire and rescue authorities in England were required to produce a Community Risk Management Plan, as set out in the Fire and Rescue National Framework

for England (2018), and DWFRA was always looking at how it could improve and strengthen its services.

The Plan provided consultees with an opportunity to see the work DWFRA undertook to keep everyone as safe as possible, and was set out against its five key priorities as listed below:

- **Prevention:** Helping you make safer and healthier choices.
- **Protection:** Protecting you and the built environment from harm.
- **Response:** Being there when you need us.
- **Governance:** Making every penny count.
- **People:** Supporting and developing our people.

During the ensuing discussion Committee Members commented that the consultation document was well-written and informative. However, attention was drawn to Page 27 of the Plan which stated that in 2022-23 DWFRA had attended a total of 3,377 fires, 929 of which had been deliberately started. In light of this, comments were made that a more stringent policy regarding deliberate and purposeful arson should be included in the Plan, and that consideration should be given to a fire safety education programme for schools. It was agreed that these recommendations would be included in the Council's consultation survey response.

Neighbourhood Planning

6) Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) Steering Group held on 4th March 2024

6) Consideration of arrangements for public engagement

A question was raised as to when the SNP information slides would be ready for publication. It was reported that the amendments and additions as discussed at the meeting held on 4th March were being finalised and, once complete, the information would be published.

7) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

There were no matters raised.

8) Date of next meeting

Further to Minute No. 193 (a) of the Council Meeting held on 25th March 2024 it was confirmed that the date of the next Committee Meeting had been scheduled for Monday 29th April 2024. It was noted that this meeting would commence at the earlier time of 5.30 p.m. in view of the Extraordinary Council Meeting that had been scheduled for 7.00 p.m. that day.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.
