



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday 9th September 2014 commencing at 7:20pm.

Members Present:

Cllr J Lewer (Chair)

Cllr S Clinch

Cllr K Tippins

Cllr P Proctor (Vice-chair)

Cllr W Harvey

Cllr R Tippins

Absent:

Cllr J Duthie

Officers Present:

Richard Chapman Interim Town Clerk

Claire Commons Acting Committee Services Officer

In Attendance:

Cllrs Dibben, Hicks and Madgwick

8 Members of the public

MINUTES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (COMMENCING AT 7:00PM)

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the committee on any matters relating to the work of the committee or to raise any issues of concern. (Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960). The following matters were raised:

- Development North East of Shaftesbury. Concern expressed on behalf of residents, a letter was provided to the Clerk outlining the detail of the concerns.
- Development in Shaftesbury. Request that the committee took the lead in making a stand to ensure that developments could be assimilated by the town and particular in regards to infrastructure.
- Budget. Request that the budget includes sufficient for public consultations so that the council can engage with bodies such as North Dorset District Council with authority that it is representing the wishes of the town.
- Cattle Market. Concern over the sensitivity of the site and reference to the 1968 plan which identified that Shaftesbury should develop by natural means.
- Bypass. Urged the council to stress that nothing should happen on or within the bypass corridor in order to ensure it remained reserved for its intended purpose. Recommend the council involve the Wessex Cross Border Group in matters relating to the bypass and noted a North Dorset policy through DAPTC on the bypass.
- Coppice Street. A letter had been submitted following the recent hedge cutting, the Town Clerk asked for contact details so that he could reply in full.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

01. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

02. Declaration of Interests

Members and staff were reminded of their duty to declare any known interests in any matter to be considered. Cllr Proctor declared an interest in items 4.1 6 Love Lane and 4.6 Abbey House as the architect of those applications.

It was **RESOLVED** to amend the order of the agenda to bring item 4.6 Abbey House to the start of item 4.

03. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that there had been a lighting workshop on 27th August in order to prepare a response to the contractor. It was noted that this was ongoing.

The Chairman reported that the committee was in the processes of preparing a letter to North Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council inviting them to a meeting at the Town Hall to highlight the concerns of the committee and the residents in relation to the infrastructure in Shaftesbury in particular in light of the upcoming proposed development at the North East of Shaftesbury.

Cllr Proctor left the room at 7:23pm

04. Planning Applications

Report 0914/PH/04 was received and **RESOLVED** the following observations:

4.1	2/2014/0763/LBC	Mr A N Sawrey-Cookson, Abbey House, Abbey Walk	Re-roof by re-using existing slate and replace concrete ridge tiles with lead ridge, insert rooflights.	Proctor Watts Cole Rutter
Committee Observation:		Objection due to the sensitivity of the location, out of keeping with the character of the area.		
4.2	2/2014/0897/LBC	Mr J Beesley, 6 Love Lane	Demolish external wall. Erect garden room and carry out associated internal and external alterations	Agent: Proctor Watts Cole Rutter
Committee Observation:		No Objection		
4.3	2/2014/0877/FUL	Mr P Toogood, 40A Wincombe Business Park	Erect single storey extension	Stephen Potter Architectural Services
Committee Observation:		No Objection		

Cllr Proctor re entered the room at 7:30pm

4.4	2/2014/1022/FUL	Lloyds Bank, 32 High Street	Remove, replace and renovate windows to front elevation	Mitie TFM
4.5	2/2014/1023/LBC		Remove, replace and renovate windows to front elevation and carry out associated internal and external alterations.	
Committee Observation:		No Objection, the committee trusted that the Conservation Officer would monitor the work carefully.		
4.6	2/2014/1005/LBC	Westminster Memorial Hospital, Abbey Walk	Internal refurbishment of first floor and laundry store on ground floor and carry out associated internal alterations.	The Relph Ross Partnership Ltd
Committee Observation:		No Objection		

05. Planning and Inspectorate Decisions

The Planning and Inspectorate report was received and noted. Members were given an update on the progress of 22 St James Street.

06. Officer Reports

The officer's report 0914/PH/06 was received and noted. It was requested that the public toilets were closed for the duration of the road closure overnight on 1st October 2014 as the water supply may be affected.

07. Budget Setting

The Town Clerk's report 0914/PH/07 was received and noted. It was **RECOMMENDED** that £18,000 be requested for the committee's budget, £6,000 for the purchase of grit bins, £10,000 for uplift to heritage style lanterns where appropriate and £2,000 signage on the entrance to the town.

08. Bypass Corridor

The officer's report 0914/PH08 was received and noted. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council's policy position regarding the bypass is;

- No development in the corridor in Dorset or Wiltshire.
- No housing development takes place which would be served by the bypass until that part of the bypass between the A350 at Littledown and the A30 (including all access points as planned) is operational.
- The Council supports the whole bypass route from Wiltshire through to Blandford.

09. Southern Counties Livestock Market

The officer's report 0914/PH/09 was received and noted. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council's policy position regarding the Cattle Market site is that it is vitally important that the Cattle Market is reserved for municipal use which may include car parking.

It was further **AGREED** to meet with NDDC and discuss with them prior to any negotiations or offers being made. In addition it was **AGREED** to research the history of the transfer of the Cattle Market site to NDDC and any restrictive covenants relating to the disposal of the land.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members and public for attendance and closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

Mayor

Date