

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2011

PRESENT: Councillors T. Woodcock (Chair), Mrs J. Collinge, R. Denton-White, R. Hughes, Mrs P. McCartney, D. Symes and R. Wild.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk) and Nigel Ewens (Jurassic Coast Railways).

1896 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none. The Planning Officer gave his apologies subsequent to the meeting.

1897 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were given.

1898 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2011

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

1899 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

In the absence of the Planning Officer the Chair chose to vary the order of business in case he arrived later in the meeting.

1900 – PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING

In the event no report was given and there were no matters arising from the minutes.

1901 – PLANNING CONTRAVENTION ISSUES

Cllr. Collinge said she had been advised of the construction of a conservatory to the rear of 15 Tillycombe Road and she wondered if planning permission was required.

Cllr. Collinge also asked concerning a cottage within the dockyard at the fork in the road by the camber jetty. She understood the cottage was a listed building and had apparently been demolished without permission. She also thought two other old buildings in the vicinity had been removed, though in their cases according to the required procedure. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

1902 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS ETC. NOTIFIED BY DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

None had been received.

1903 – LOCAL PLAN FOR WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Cllr. McCartney supplemented her written report on the recent consultation event she had attended with a verbal report. She commented that it was “a very difficult exercise” with “more problems than solutions” apparent. With

regard to Portland in particular 40% of the Island was already protected from development and there were few areas left for development. In the whole borough the supply of housing could not keep pace with demand. One final item was that the appointment of a Town Centre Manager was being considered. Whether his responsibilities would include Portland had not been answered.

After discussion among the members it was **RESOLVED** – that the Town Council should continue to support the Local Plan Consultation process and the wish expressed that the Council be given the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the development of the Plan.

The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of this resolution to advise the Mayor and to seek his approval for members to attend Plan issues working groups on affordable housing and development boundaries/land use.

Mr Ewens arrived at the conclusion of the debate and was given permission by the Chair to speak on transport issues within the Local Plan. He spoke concerning restoration of the railway line from Weymouth to Portland Port and beyond it up to Easton. The plans included development of the Port to accommodate more cruise ships and Mr Ewens referred to the increased employment opportunities locally and general boost it would give to the Dorset economy.

RECOMMENDED – that full Council consider the various transport issues raised, allowing Mr Ewens to discuss them again, with a view to the protection of the railway corridor from Weymouth to Easton.

1904 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

a) 11/738/LBC – Apsley House, Reforne – Erect rear conservatory
NO OBJECTION, subject to the comments of the conservation officer

b) 11/757/FUL – Ferrybridge Marine Services
Discussed at last meeting – No Objection

c) 11/800/106REL – Old Higher Lighthouse
Discussed at last meeting – Objection

d) 11/827/FUL – 8 Southwell – Erect solar panels to stable roof
NO OBJECTION

e) 11/828/FUL – 1 Grove Road – Erection of garage
NO OBJECTION, subject to the comments of the highways officer

f) 11/840/TRCON – 169 Wakeham
Discussed at last meeting – No Objection

1905 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday, 9th November 2011, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

Signed..... Dated.....
(Chair)