

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL, EASTON ON WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST 2018 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors Charlie Flack (Chairman), Jo Atwell, Rod Wild, David Thurston, Susan Cocking, Ray Nowak and Jim Draper.

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Matthews (Neighbourhood Plan Working Group), and four members of the public.

2749 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2750 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

2751 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY 2018

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

2752 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, MINUTE UPDATE AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Flack confirmed that a reply to 2744 regarding the Heights Hotel had been included in the minutes.

He also confirmed that a reply to 2745 had been received.

The Committee were still not satisfied and requested that the Clerk speak to the Planning Inspector.

It was also confirmed that a letter had been sent to DCC Highways regarding 2747a and 2747b whilst remedial action had been taken in respect of 2747c.

Cllr. Flack reported progress on the outstanding applications.

An account of the Portland Town Council's comment and current decision status can be found on Dorset For You / Planning / Portland.

2753 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

2754 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members received a verbal update from Mr Matthews in support of papers which had been emailed circulated the previous week.

Members noted that a fuller report for consideration would be submitted to the September 2018 meeting.

About the recent Regulation 14 Consultation Mr Matthews spoke specifically around those policy areas which needed further work.

Defined Development Boundaries – where our plan sought to protect areas of designated employment land which were away from existing settlements becoming subject to residential use.

Second Homes- where we were seeking options to retain a policy intent. Cllr. Draper felt that a voluntary policy option would not be effective, and it would be better to retain the existing policy which maybe struck out by the LPA or Examiner. Mr Matthews suggested in the light of new funding and the main basis to the brownfield supply being public sector that a policy which exerts peer pressure maybe a way forward.

It was agreed that the schedule of the comments received and actions to be taken would be made available on the Plan's website when it was considered this reflected the completed position. Meanwhile an interim report based on the details shown in Annex C would be made available

It was agreed that the September meeting would receive

- An updated draft of the Plan with amendments highlighted.

- A supporting report to inform decisions around those policies where there were still potential options.

- An updated draft of the Strategic Environmental Assessment or an indication from AECOM of the likely amendments.

- An outline draft of the Consultation Report.

These maybe circulated by email in advance to avoid printing costs with copies available via the website.

Members also noted a series of general questions received as part of the consultation and noted these would be referred to the Town Council.

2755 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

The advisory committee discussed 12 new planning applications.

A summary of resolutions is listed below.

A full list can be found at Annex A.

For further information please see Dorset For You / Planning / Portland.

Support	4
Object	4
No objections	1
Pre-approved	2

2756 – PLANNING CONTRAVENTION ISSUES

Concerns continued to be raised with the approval of 18/357/FUL Hut 46, that the beach hut policy within the draft Neighbourhood Plan was not being adhered to.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Head of Planning requesting why this was the case.

2757– HIGHWAY ISSUES

It was brought to the attention of the committee of the large amount of weeds and debris in the gutters along Weston Road especially by the Weston Street junction.

The Clerk would report this matter.

2758 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee’s next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday**, 26th September 2018 in Peter Trim Hall, Reforne starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Signed..... (Chair)