

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN PETER TRIM HALL, ST GEORGES CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.00 PM

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

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

Prior to formally opening the meeting, Cllr. Flack introduced Mark Glendenning of Homes England who briefed and took questions on the proposals at the Royal Manor Site.

2759 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr's Gover, Lees, Reynolds and West sent apologies.

2760 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All members declared a non-pecuniary interest planning application 18/00587.

2761 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND AUGUST 2018

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

2762 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, MINUTE UPDATE AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman confirmed that in regards of 2752, the Town Council had received an apology from the LPA for not consulting with them.

It was agreed that Mr Andy Matthews could contact the Planning Inspector to further this matter.

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.

2763 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

2764 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Andy Matthews (AM) and Paul Weston (PW) were in attendance and spoke to the briefing paper which had been circulated to members together with supporting agenda papers a week prior.

Local Plan Review

It was agreed that any further responses from members should be received by the 1st October 2018 and if any were received then the document would then be re-circulated prior to formal submission otherwise it would be submitted as drafted.

Neighbourhood Plan Submitted Version

AM advised that they had received some further comments from the Local Planning Authority yesterday (25th). Although the majority of policy statements were largely agreed it was felt that it would be now appropriate to refine the draft submission document in the light of these and submit a revised version to the Council for approval. He went on to explain that the new National Planning Policy Framework (2018) indicated that any plans submitted prior to the end of January 2019 would be in accordance with the previous 2012 regulations. This could mean that developers would argue that the plan was already out of date. Council therefore agreed that the final submission should be in January 2019 but also asked for a discussion paper to be submitted at the December 2018 meeting setting out those areas where the Neighbourhood Plan proposals were still not acceptable to the Planning Authority, so Council could confirm the final decision of what to include.

Members also noted that comments from the Regulation 14 consultation would be shown on the Portland Plan's website.

Additional Papers and Timeline

AM and PW ran through the additional papers which would also be submitted. PW also explained that once submitted the management of the process was taken on by the Local Planning Authority although the Town Council could influence the Inspector chosen. It was difficult to estimate but currently this was taking several months. The establishment of the new Unitary may have a bearing on this as well. The cost of this next stage would be borne by the Local Planning Authority although the Town Council may fund additional publicity etc directly.

2765 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFIED BY WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

The advisory committee discussed 10 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	2
Object	4
No comment	3
Deferred	1

2766 – PLANNING CONTRAVENTION ISSUES

The Chairman brought to the attention of the committee of the video posted on line showing a fire engine unable to access Station Road.

He confirmed a TRO had been sent to Highways.

2767– HIGHWAY ISSUES

a. Crossing on Easton Street

The Clerk briefed that a member of the public had requested this. It was confirmed by both Cllr Garcia (DCC) and the Clerk that a survey had been done a previous year and that not enough points were scored to enable to progress the matter.

It agreed to pursue the matter again placing an emphasis on the individual’s disabilities requesting a pragmatic, realistic and supportive approach.

b. Closure of roads

The Chairman reminded everybody on the forthcoming closure around Victoria Square and Victory Road.

c. Purchase of new grit bin

It was agreed to ask Cllr. Lees to conduct a survey and report back if any are required.

2768 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee’s next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday**, 24th October 2018 in Peter Trim Hall, St George’s Centre, Reforne starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Signed..... (Chair)