

Dorchester Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee
8 January 2024

Present: Councillors R. Biggs, L. Fry, J. Hewitt, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, D. Leaper, R. Major, R. Potter (Vice - Chairman), R. Ricardo (Chairman) and D. Taylor.

Apologies: Cllrs. T. Harries, S. Hosford and M. Rennie.

Also in attendance: Several members of the public in relation to Planning application N4.

49. Declarations of Interest

Councillors L. Fry and S. Jones stated that as members of Dorset Council's Area Planning Committee, they would keep an open mind on the planning applications and consider all information available at each stage of the decision process. They would take part in the debate but not vote on planning applications at this meeting.

Councillor R. Potter declared a non-pecuniary interest in application P/ADV/2023/06840 as the spouse of a volunteer of St Peter's Church.

50. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 November 2023 and ratified by Council on 27 November 2023 were noted and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee noted the comments made regarding the Planning Applications for Comment (agenda item 4) of the adjourned Planning and Environment Committee meeting which was to be held on 4 December 2023 and later considered as per the procedure agreed at the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 4 October 2021 (minute 35).

51. Notes of Fairfield Road Task and Finish Group Meeting

The Committee noted the notes of the Fairfield Road Task and Finish Group meeting.

Councillor S. Jones requested that consideration be given to requesting that local plant stall holders be asked if they wish to supply the plants for any proposed planting schemes incorporated within the design.

52. Experimental Traffic Order -Barnes Way

The Committee discussed the addition of a single yellow line in Rothesay Road from the junction of Barnes Way to the junction of Manor Road and were supportive of the proposal.

It was agreed that the clerk to the Committee would notify Dorset Council of their support.

Resolved

That the Clerk to the Committee write to the Dorset Council to confirm the Committee's support for the addition of a single yellow line in Rothesay Road from the junction of Barnes Way to the junction of Manor Road.

53. Planning Applications for Comment

The Committee considered the planning applications referred by Dorset Council to the Council for comment.

A Committee member requested, and it was agreed that all applications which are sent to Dorchester Town Council 'for information' be circulated to all members by the clerk on receipt.

Resolved

That the Clerk to the Committee circulate all applications which are sent to Dorchester Town Council 'for information' be circulated to all members on receipt.

54. Minute Update Report

There were no minute updates to report.

55. Planning Issues to Note

The Planning Issues to Note were considered and noted.

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Planning Applications for Comment

East Ward (Councillors T. Harries, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger and R. Major)

No Applications received to date.

North Ward (Councillors A. Canning, A. Chisholm & D. Taylor)

N1. P/ADV/2023/06840 St Peters Church High West Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1XA

Display 1no. replacement noticeboard.

No objection.

N2. P/LBC/2023/07082 4 Greenings Court Dorchester DT1 1HR

Install gas Combi Boiler and four radiators to my property. The property has an old immersion heater which is inefficient when heating water. The property has no heating currently.

No objection.

N3. P/LBC/2023/06938 6a Flat 2 High East Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1HS *(It was noted at the meeting that this application is in East Ward)*

Replace 3 no. dormer windows.

No objection.

N4. P/ADV/2023/06677 6 Albert Road Dorchester Dorset DT1 1SF

Display 2 No. externally illuminated fascia signs.

Objection.

The Committee were concerned that proposed the signage would be out of keeping in the Conservation Area. It was considered to be too dominant and overbearing and the Committee felt that that the illumination would be insensitive to the area. The Committee noted that no other advertising signage in the area was illuminated and felt that it would not be in keeping.

The Committee were also concerned that the illuminated signage would prove a distraction to motorists.

N5. P/FUL/2023/06743 1 Hardye Arcade South Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1BZ

Change of use from a vacant shop to a laundrette.

No objection.

N6. P/FUL/2023/07429 24 Cornwall Road Dorchester DT1 1RX

Demolish existing office building and erect 4no. dwellings with off road car parking.

No objection.

West Ward (Councillors L. Fry, J. Hewitt and R. Ricardo)

W1. P/VOC/2023/07083 Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2JY

Partial demolition of onsite buildings and structures and the consolidation and expansion of healthcare facilities including up to 10,920 sq.m of net additional floorspace (including an extension to the emergency department and intensive care unit, expansion of medical and health services including a primary care health hub and a new hospital support centre) green infrastructure and other ancillary works including changes to site access arrangements (application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except vehicular access onto Damers Road) (with variation of condition 17 of planning permission P/OUT/2022/02976 to revise the condition to reference the more relevant acoustic measurements taken closer to the NHP red line site boundary as outlined in the submitted DCH - acoustic condition 17 report 26.10.23 prepared by MACH acoustics).

No objection.

W2. P/HOU/2023/06983 177 Damers Road Dorchester DT1 2JP

Convert loft into living accommodation with no:1 dormer window. Demolish lean-to and erect rear extension with rooflights.

No objection.

South Ward (Councillors G. Jones, R. Potter and M. Rennie)

S1. P/HOU/2023/06827 13 Herrington Road Dorchester Dorset DT1 2BS

Erect side and rear single storey extensions.

No objection.

Poundbury Ward (Councillors R. Biggs, S. Hosford and D. Leaper)

P1. P/FUL/2023/07111 Winslade House, The Poundbury Dental Practice Winslade Street Poundbury Dorset DT1 3UX

Change of use of building from dwelling (class C3) to dental practice (class E(e)).

No objection.

For Information

FI1. P/PABA/2023/07286 Land on northern escarpment of Poundbury, Poundbury Dorchester
Change of use of land to an allotment with a shed building for tool storage.

FI2. P/PACD/2023/06841 La Caverna 57 Icen Way Dorchester DT1 1EW

Change of use of ground floor from Commercial, Business & Services to 1no. dwelling (Use Class C3).