

Minutes of a Meeting of the **PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, High Street, Swanage on **MONDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 2021** at **6.30 p.m.**

Chair: -

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor T Foster

Swanage Town Council

Councillor A Harris

Swanage Town Council

Councillor N Rogers

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Also in attendance: -

Miss N Clark

Administration and Communications Manager

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Public Participation Time

There were no matters raised.

1) **Apologies**

There were no apologies given for inability to attend the meeting.

2) **Declarations of Interest**

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 – 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

Planning application No. P/HOU/2021/02596 Listed Building Consent, 6 Eldon Terrace, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1HA - Councillor Whitwam declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being a Director of the Swanage Railway Trust. Councillor Whitwam reported that one of the applicants had previously been employed by Swanage Railway, and one applicant was a volunteer with Swanage Railway.

Agenda Item 5 a) Dorset Council – Draft Taxi Licensing Policy 2022-2027 – Public Consultation - Councillor Bonfield declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being employed as a taxi driver.

There were no other declarations to record on this occasion.

Planning

3) **Plans for consideration**

Delegated Applications

6/2021/0300

41 Bay Crescent, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1RB

Single storey side extension, loft conversion, and alterations to form additional parking space.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to mitigation of any neighbours' concerns received regarding potential adverse impact on neighbour amenity, overlooking and loss of privacy. Comments are also made that the applicant's application form was not available on the planning application portal as at the date of this meeting.

- 6/2021/0310 **7 Jubilee Road, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2SE**
Loft conversion and rear extension.
OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to mitigation of any neighbours' concerns received regarding potential adverse impact on neighbour amenity, overlooking and loss of privacy.
- 6/2021/0362 **Flat 2, 18 Locksmiths, Durlston Road, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2HU**
Replacement shed.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2021/0381 **2 Bay Close, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1RE**
Garage conversion and first floor extension over garage, to include new dormers and balcony.
OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to mitigation of any neighbours' concerns received regarding potential adverse impact on neighbour amenity, overlooking and loss of privacy.
- 6/2021/0390 **50 Bay Crescent, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1RD**
Alterations and extension to create roof accommodation.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2), Councillor Whitwam remained in the room during consideration of the following item, but did not take part in any discussion, decision or vote regarding the application.

- P/HOU/2021/02596 **Listed Building Consent**
LISTED **6 Eldon Terrace, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1HA**
Internal loft conversion with two rooflights, and internal alterations.
OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to adherence to the Design and Conservation Officer's report and recommendations (report not available as at the date of this meeting).
- P/HOU/2021/02611 **Phoenix, Southcliff Road, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2JF**
Remodel ground floor, side entrance extension and first floor extension, replacement glazing and roof.
OBSERVATION: No objection, the Town Council feels that the proposals will enhance the property.

- 4) **Applications for tree works - opportunity to raise any matters of concern**
There were no matters raised.

Consultation

- 5) **To note receipt of the following consultation document, and to determine the Council's preferred method of response, if any:**

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2), Councillor Bonfield remained in the room during consideration of the following item, but did not take part in any discussion or decision regarding this matter.

a) **Dorset Council – Draft Taxi Licensing Policy 2022-2027 - Public Consultation**

It was reported that Dorset Council (DC) was consulting on its draft Taxi Licensing Policy 2022-2027. It was explained that the purpose of licensing drivers, vehicles, and operators for public or private hire was for the protection of the public who used this form of transport, and the draft policy set out how Dorset Council would manage

licence applications, make decisions about who could drive and what vehicles would be licensed, what would be expected from those who were licensed, and how DC would deal with complaints. The policy would be used to assist DC's officers, the Licensing Committee, and Sub-Committees to make decisions that were fair, clear, and consistent.

DC therefore wanted to find out what people thought about the proposed new policy, which had been created to update and replace all the different licensing policies that had been in place while Dorset's Borough and District councils were in operation.

During the ensuing discussion Committee Members reviewed and discussed the consultation document and were in support of the revised policy. However, attention was drawn to the section on Complaint Handling, points 2.36 to 2.38. Members felt that a responsible officer should be assigned to any complaint received by DC to keep complainants informed of the progress of their complaint. In the Town Council's response to the consultation it would therefore be recommended that this additional point should be added to the policy.

b) South West Trains – December 2022: Timetable Consultation

It was reported that SWR, Network Rail and the Department for Transport were undertaking a strategic review of its timetable, and were proposing changes which, while resulting in a slight reduction in frequencies, would still deliver capacity at 93% of pre-Covid levels and improve significantly on the current timetable. Before any detailed timing work was commenced, the group was keen to consult with key stakeholders across the network: elected representatives, passenger groups, business organisations and those working in the transport sector.

During the ensuing discussion Committee Members were encouraged that services would be returning to almost pre-Covid-19 levels, and hoped that consideration would also be given to a cost-effective pricing regime, which Members felt would truly encourage residents to use train services in the future. These comments would be included in the Town Council's response to the consultation.

Committee Members therefore wished it to be noted that they had appropriately reviewed and discussed the consultation documents and had no further comments to make.

6) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

a) Neighbourhood Planning

7) Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting had been scheduled for 4th October 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.
