

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021

Present:

Chairman: Cllr G. Turner

Members: Cllr B. Bawden, Cllr J. Broom, Cllr B. Larcombe MBE, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr C. Reynolds and Cllr S. Williams

Officers: M. Green (deputy town clerk), J. Wright (town clerk)

19/162/P Public Forum

Z. Fitzpatrick

Z. Fitzpatrick spoke about the consultation on the Dorset Local Plan. She said she agreed with the council's previous submission in 2017 and wondered whether there had ever been a formal response to this.

Z. Fitzpatrick spoke specifically about Woodberry Down, highlighting issues around access to Charmouth Road, the increase in site size to over 100 units, land stability and drainage issues.

The chairman, Cllr G. Turner referred to an email received from Prof. G. Patrick, of Woodberry Down, which had been circulated to members of the committee.

19/163/P Apologies

There were none.

19/164/P Minutes

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr C. Reynolds, the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2021 were **ADOPTED**.

19/165/P Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

19/166/P Dispensations

There was no grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

19/167/P Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2020

There were no matters arising.

19/168/P Update Report

There were no updates.

19/169/P Planning Applications

Planning applications were considered in accordance with the details circulated:

- 1) **WD/D/20/002936 – Variation of Condition** (Received 15 January 2021)
The Nags Head, Silver Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3HS
Variation of condition 3 of planning permission WD/D/19/002007 – building materials

*Members recommended that the application be **approved** because there were no material planning considerations that would warrant its refusal.*

- 2) **WD/D/20/003143 – Full** (Received 15 January 2021)
Swift Cottage, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3DP
Two storey rear extension

*Members recommended that the application be **approved** because there were no material planning considerations that would warrant its refusal.*

- 3) **WD/D/20/003227 – Full** (Received 15 January 2021)
24 Talbot Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3BB
Erection of two storey rear extension and loft conversion with construction of dormer window and insertion of a Velux type roof window and a Velux type Cabrio window.

*Members recommended that the application be **approved** because there were no material planning considerations that would warrant its refusal.*

19/170/P Amended/Additional Plans

There were no amended/additional applications to be considered at this meeting.

19/171/P Withdrawn Plans

There were no withdrawn applications to be considered at this meeting.

19/172/P Planning Decisions

The decisions of the planning authority were received and **NOTED**.

19/173/P Correspondence from Dorset Council regarding planning related matters

There was no correspondence.

Members considered the next stage of the Dorset Council's Local Plan consultation.

Cllr C. Reynolds raised the issue of access to housing for local people.

Cllr B. Larcombe raised the issue of connectivity, e.g., internet access, essential services such as health, road and rail linkage. He said connectivity was important for local employment opportunities. He said the plan should have a good fit with the East Devon element of Devon's local plan, consideration should be given to including Strawberry Fields in the permitted development area and few options remained for housing development. He said the council's response to a previous local plan consultation exercise undertaken by West Dorset District Council in 2017 was comprehensive and should be used as the basis of the council's response.

Cllr B. Bawden raised the importance of a comprehensive fit with Dorset Council's approach to climate change and ecological emergency. Cllr B. Bawden also stressed the importance of local people being able to access affordable housing.

The deputy town clerk asked members to focus on what was important to the town council and what the town council wanted the plan to address. He said at this stage in the process, Dorset Council was asking high level questions. In response to the questions asked by Dorset Council:

The committee supported the general settlement and growth approach put forward by Dorset Council but stressed this must not compromise connectivity. In agreeing this position, the committee:

- supported the location of existing facilities
- stressed the importance of links to rail services and the recognition of Lyme Regis' location, i.e., on the Devon border
- emphasised the importance of connectivity, access and affordability of housing for local people, including the requirement for 'qualifying periods' for social housing.

The committee identified the town's role as a:

- tourism destination
- a centre for local services and local people
- a location for elders.

In 15 years, the committee saw the town as:

- a provider of local services
- having achieved zero carbon by 2030
- having increased economic prosperity through technology.

The issues the town faced were identified as:

- climate change and ecological emergency
- access to affordable housing
- achieving economic prosperity
- an ageing population

- maintaining local service provision.

The committee believed its views and recommendations needed to be considered in detail at the Full Council meeting on 3 March 2021 and asked the town clerk to arrange this.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.