



## **GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town Hall, School Road, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QR

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES - 7 December 2020**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting convened on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 8.05pm. The meeting was held remotely using appropriate technology in accordance with The Local Authorities Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) which came in to force on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

#### **Present:**

Cllr Val Potheary, Chairman  
Cllr Rupert Evill, Deputy Chairman  
Cllr Sharon Cullingford  
Cllr Alan Frith  
Cllr Mike Gould  
Cllr Dennis Griffin

Cllr Paul Harris  
Cllr John Kilcourse  
Cllr John Robinson  
Cllr Barry Von Clemens  
Cllr Keith Wareham  
Cllr Roger Weeks

#### **Non-members:**

Cllr Graham Poulter

#### **In attendance:**

Town Clerk, Julie Hawkins  
Deputy Town Clerk, Clare Ratcliffe

#### **Press and Public:**

Michael Streeter, Gillingham and Shaftesbury News  
There were two members of the public present

**236. Public Participation. Please note: a period up to a maximum of fifteen minutes will be allowed for public comments and questions restricted to items listed on the following agenda**

There was no public participation.

**237. To receive and accept apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence received.

**238. To approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and the interim meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.**

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and the interim meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

**239. To receive any questions pertaining to the previous minutes**

There were no questions pertaining to the previous minutes.

**240. To receive declarations of interest. Please note; members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**241. To receive Decision Notices for planning applications from Dorset Council.**

**a) Application No: [2/2020/1202/HOUSE](#)**

**Proposal:** Erection of timber balcony to rear elevation

**Location:** Bramley, Langham Lane, Gillingham, SP8 5NT

**Decision:** Granted

**b) Application No: [2/2020/0379/FUL](#)**

**Proposal:** Construction of a Principal Street, associated access, landscaping and infrastructure works at land to the East of New Road (B3092), Gillingham

**Location:** West of Shaftesbury Road, at Land South of Gillingham, Shaftesbury Road, Gillingham, Dorset.

**Decision:** Granted

**c) Application No: [2/2020/0771/FUL](#)**

**Proposal:** Create agricultural vehicular access and erect gate.

**Location:** Land at E 379436, N 126520, Wyke Road, Gillingham, Dorset.

**Decision:** Refused

**242. To receive and consider planning applications, as follows:**

**a) Application No: [2/2020/1301/FUL](#)**

**Proposal:** Conversion of agricultural building into 1 no. dwelling.

**Location:** The Chymes, Westbrook Road, Westbrook, Dorset SP8 5DT

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal of Planning application [2/2020/1301/FUL](#) for the following reasons:

The proposed development and conversion of the building into a residential use would lead to the provision of one unrestricted, open market dwelling for general needs, in an isolated and unsustainable location in the open countryside without overriding justification. As such the proposal fails to comply with Policies 1, 20 and

29 of the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (2016 – 2031) and guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Should the Case Officer be mindful to approve the application, Gillingham Town Council requests that the application is referred to the Dorset Council Northern Planning Committee for consideration.

**b) Application No:** [2/2020/1314/VARIA](#)

**Proposal:** Erect replacement dwelling, retain 3 No. parking spaces (without compliance of condition 12 of planning permission 2/2019/1554/FUL) to allow the removal of this condition

**Location:** Bleet Farm, Bleet Lane, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 5RG

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal of Planning application 2/2020/1314/VARIA for the following reasons:

Bleet Farm is situated in an elevated and prominent position in open countryside. There have been no material changes since the original application to warrant a change to the planning conditions. In order to protect the character of the surrounding landscaping, Condition No. 12 should remain.

Should the Case Officer be mindful to approve the application, Gillingham Town Council requests that the application is referred to the Dorset Council Northern Planning Committee for consideration.

**c) Application No:** [P/HOU/2020/00021](#)

**Proposal:** Erection of single and two storey extensions

**Location:** Palemead House, Shaftesbury Road, Gillingham SP7 9PR

It was agreed and Resolved to recommend approval of Planning application [P/HOU/2020/00021](#) for the following reasons:

There is adequate space on the site to accommodate the extensions. The proposed extensions are subservient to the main house, have been sympathetically designed and are in keeping with the character of the property.

Members support the comments of the Dorset Council Biodiversity Technical Team and agree that the property could be enhanced for biodiversity by incorporating an integrated bat box into the new extension.

**243. To receive and consider information regarding Rights of Way in Gillingham.**

Information regarding the proposed closure of Public Footpath N64/34 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Please refer to **Appendix A**.

**244. To receive matters pertinent to this meeting. Please note: Members are advised that inclusion of any item is at the Chairman's discretion and that a council cannot lawfully decide upon any matter which is not specified in the summons (agenda).**

There were no matters pertinent.

**Closure.** The meeting closed at 8.49pm.



# Consultation

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## PROPOSED CLOSURE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH N64/34, GILLINGHAM

I have received an application from Taylor Wimpey to close Public Footpath N64/34, Gillingham from its junctions with Addison Close to the footbridge over the river Lodden, an overall distance of approximately 400 metres. The closure has been requested to facilitate access arrangements for Taylor Wimpey whilst construction works in line with planning application number 2/2018/0483/REM commence. These works are programmed to commence from, 4th January 2021 for a period of 26 weeks, however the order can be extended with approval from the secretary of state. Taylor Wimpey will publicise the Footpath closure in a number of ways: they will place Public Notices as well as information boards in the area to inform the public of the works; and they will create a diversion route for members of the public to follow. The following map shows the extent of the closure and the diversion route. This document is for information only, however if you have any concerns about this proposal, please contact Tom Faulkner, ([trafficteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:trafficteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)) by 11th December 2020.

26th November 2020

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