



GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES - 8 March 2021

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting convened on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm. 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 4th April 2020.

Present:

Cllr Val Potheary, Chairman
Cllr Rupert Evill, Deputy Chairman
Cllr Barry von Clemens
Cllr Sharon Cullingford
Cllr Alan Frith
Cllr Mike Gould

Cllr Dennis Griffin
Cllr Paul Harris
Cllr John Kilcourse
Cllr John Robinson
Cllr Keith Wareham
Cllr Roger Weeks

Non-members:

Cllr Graham Poulter

In attendance:

Town Clerk, Julie Hawkins

Press and Public:

Michael Streeter, Gillingham and Shaftesbury News
There were no members of the public present

283. 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

284. To receive and accept apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

285. To approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 8th February and the interim meeting on Monday 22nd February 2021.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 8th February 2021 and the interim meeting on Monday 22nd February 2021.

286. To receive any questions pertaining to the previous minutes

There were no questions pertaining to the previous minutes.

287. 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.

288. To receive Decision Notices for planning applications from Dorset Council.

a) Application No: P/HOU/2/2020/00320

Proposal: Convert garage into additional living space by replacing existing garage door with brickwork and installing window.

Location: 45 Church View, Gillingham, SP8 4XE

Decision: Granted

b) Application No: P/ADV/2020/00263

Proposal: Display of 1no. canopy sign, 4no. internally illuminated 'spreader box' signs, 1no. internally illuminated site totem sign, 4no. non-illuminated car wash fascia signs & 3no. internally illuminated fascia signs (1x 'Costa' shopfront sign, 1x 'Budgens' shopfront sign, 1x 'Greggs' shopfront sign)

Location: Gillingham Service Station, Kingsmead Business Park, Gillingham, SP8 5FB

Decision: Granted

c) Application No: P/HOU/2020/00230

Proposal: Form new vehicular access.

Location: 1 New House Farm Cottage, Bleet Lane to New Road, Madjeston, SP8 5JH

Decision: Granted

d) Application No: P/VOC/2020/00181

Proposal: Erect 5 No. dwellings and garages. Demolish existing agricultural buildings (with variation of condition 3 of planning permission 2/2019/1409/FUL to amend plans for Plot 3 to allow the addition of a sunroom).

Location: Windyridge Farm, Bay Road, Gillingham, SP8 4EP

Decision: Granted

e) **Application No: P/HOU/2020/00021**

Proposal: Erection of single and two storey extensions

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

Decision: Granted

f) **Application No: 2/2020/0907/DOC**

Proposal: Discharge of condition No. 3 - flood risk, 4 -flood risk and 5 -

Construction Traffic Management Plan from planning permission 2/2019/1222/FUL.

Location: Land at E 382080 N 125599, Fern Brook Lane, Gillingham

Decision: Granted

289. To receive and consider planning applications, as follows:

a) **Application No: P/PAOD/2021/00359**

Proposal: Change of Use from Office (Class E) to 1 No. dwelling (Class C3).

Location: Lower Langham Barn, Langham Lane, Gillingham, SP8 5NU

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of Planning Application P/PAOD/2021/00359. Members referred to the sustainability policies in the local plan and wish to encourage the use of sustainable building techniques for the conversion of the building, and the use of renewable energy technologies where appropriate.

b) **Application No: P/FUL/2020/00492**

Proposal: Erect 4 No. dwelling and create 8 No. parking spaces. (Previous permission 2/2015/1746/FUL not implemented)

Location: Gillingham Tyre Service, Queen Street, Gillingham, SP8 4DY

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of Planning Application P/FUL/2020/00492 for the following reasons:

- The design of the dwellings is in keeping with the street scene;
- the site has adequate room to accommodate the proposed dwellings;
- the proposed dwellings will be situated in a sustainable location;
- there will be adequate parking and bicycle storage;
- there will be electric charging points;
- the site is situated adjacent to a listed building (List Entry Number: 1172630) and the proposal will improve and enhance the area.

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

There was nothing to report.

291. To receive and consider reports from sub-committees and task and finish groups, as follows:

a) **Footpath 73 Diversion Task and Finish Group**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Please refer to [Appendix A](#). There were no recommendations.

b) Footpath to North Dorset Rugby Football Club Task and Finish Group

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Please refer to [Appendix B](#). There were no recommendations.

c) Developer Engagement Advisory Panel

There was nothing to report.

292. 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).**

- a) Cllr Cullingford, lead member of the Dorset Council Local Plan Task and Finish Group, reminded members that there will be an extra-ordinary meeting of Full Council on Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm. Cllr Cullingford asked members to read the recommended responses in conjunction with the Dorset Council Draft Local Plan which is available to view on the Dorset Council website [Here](#).

Closure. The meeting closed at 7.53pm.

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Minute No. 291(a)

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Footpath 73 Diversion Task and Finish Group

Author: Cllr Graham Poulter

I am pleased to report that progress has been made. Graham Stanley, Dorset Council Rights of Way Officer, has been in discussion with one of the landowners, whose consent is vital, and has clarified a few queries as a result of which there is a minor change to the proposed route of the footpath. Letters have been sent to the other relevant landowners seeking their consent to the proposed change. It is hoped that their approval will be forthcoming in the very near future which means the application can then be submitted to Dorset Council.

Graham Stanley has confirmed that notwithstanding the proposed change the project will still be within the budget.

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Minute No. 291 (b)

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Footpath to NDRFC Task and Finish Group

Author: Cllr Graham Poulter

The first meeting of this task and finish group took place on the 2nd March 2021.

It was agreed that Cllr Graham Poulter would be lead member.

A discussion was had as to how the group should proceed and it was agreed that contact would first be made with Dorset Council to ascertain what, if any, funding was available as this would dictate what, if anything, could be achieved. We are waiting to hear. Should positive news be received a meeting will be arranged with NDRFC for initial discussions.

The initial impression of the group, from their personal knowledge of the state of the existing footpaths and given the length of the new footpath which would be required, is that it is highly unlikely that a cycle path could be achieved but to some extent this would depend on what funding was available.

It is, of course, very early days and hopefully there will be more substantive news in the next report.