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**Minutes of Meeting**

**MEETING:** Planning & Licensing Committee

**DATE & TIME**: Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.00pm

**PLACE:** Council Offices, Commercial Road, Weymouth DT4 8NG

**Present:**

**Councillors**

Lucy Hamilton (C)

Christine James (VC)

Jon Orrell

Michael Frost Graham Winter

Jan Bergman

Trefor Morgan

Ann Weaving

**Officers**

Niki Ayles

**P00150 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were approved from Cllr Mannings and Cllr Kanji.

**P00151 Declaration** **of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**P00152 Minutes of the last meeting**

Members voted unanimously to agree the minutes of the last meeting as a true record and these were duly signed.

**P00153 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**P00154 Planning Applications**

**WP/19/00983/ADV The Rendezvous, 49 St Thomas Street, Weymouth, DT4 8AW**

Concerns were raised regarding the proposed signage being out of context with the historic harbour, and attention was drawn to design, visual appearance, materials, impact on listed buildings and conservation areas. However, it was also highlighted that this was an opportunity to do something new and different.

**WP/19/01002/FUL Land to the North of, Lorton Lane, Weymouth**

It was noted that the development impacted on National Grid apparatus. A report from the Natural Environment Team at Dorset Council is also awaited. It was noted that the proposed houses are very sympathetic to local vernacular. It was clarified that a new access road to the development is to be built from Dorchester Road, potentially relieving pressure on Lorton Lane.

**WP/20/00077/PIP Land South of, Hambro Terrace, Weymouth**

Concerns were raised regarding access to the site, and the site being in a conservation area. Additionally, there were concerns regarding highway safety, due to the narrow width of the road, and traffic generation. It was noted that previous planning applications have been refused.

**WP/20/00076/NOTP Various Sites in Weymouth and Portland**

Cllr James reported that she has in the past requestedthat the telephone boxes outside of the NatWest Bank and Rossi’s be removed due to anti-social behaviour yet they remain in situ. The Committee requested that the Town Clerk request the removal of these.

**WP/19/01025/RES Field South of Nottington Lane, Nottington Lane, Weymouth**

Cllr Morgan left the Council Chamber briefly during this item.

Concerns were raised regarding all of the social/affordable housing being grouped together rather than mixed with other properties. The Committee wished to review the distribution of these properties and noted that the provision of shared ownership does not appear on the site plans. Members would also want the courtyard areas to be secure in order to prevent anti-social behaviour. It was unanimously agreed that consideration of this application be deferred in order to approach the developer with questions.

Resolved: that the following comments be forwarded to Dorset Council.

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| Plan No. | Location | Comments |
| [WP/19/00983/ADV](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37843&prevPage=inTray) | The Rendezvous, 49 St Thomas Street, Weymouth, DT4 8AW | The Council objects on the grounds of the proposal not being in keeping with the surroundings, the proposal being out of context with the historic harbour, and the building being located in a conservation area.  Proposer: Cllr Hamilton  Seconder: Cllr Morgan  Majority of five in favour of the objection, with one against and two abstentions. |
| [WP/19/00987/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37847&activeTab=summary) | 15 Belle Vue Road, Weymouth, DT4 8RX | The Council has no objection.  Proposer: Cllr Orrell  Seconder: Cllr Weaving  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/00994/CLP](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37854&activeTab=summary) | 5 Beech Road, Weymouth, DT3 5NP | The Committee discussed the application and understood that no comment is necessary from the Council. The notification received by WTC states:  “An application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed use or development has been received by the Council. This is not a planning application and the Council cannot consider the planning merits of the development. The application will be determined solely on the question of whether the development or use proposed would have been lawful on the date the application was made.” |

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| [WP/19/00996/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37856&activeTab=summary) | 10 Mayfield Close, Weymouth, DT4 0TE | The Council has no objection.  Proposer: Cllr James  Seconder: Cllr Orrell  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/01002/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37862&prevPage=inTray) | Land to the North of, Lorton Lane, Weymouth | The Council has no objection and supports the development. There are concerns regarding parking issues on Lorton Lane but the Council is pleased to see that the proposed development does not appear to add to them as there will be direct access to/from Dorchester Road. The Council is pleased to see buildings in keeping with local character and green spaces included.  Proposer: Cllr Winter  Seconder: Cllr Morgan  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/00986/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37846&prevPage=inTray) | 1 Sycamore Road, Weymouth, DT4 9UF | The Council has no objection.  Proposer: Cllr James  Seconder: Cllr Frost  Unanimous |
| [WP/20/00077/PIP](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37969&activeTab=summary) | Land South of, Hambro Terrace, Weymouth | The Council objects on the grounds of access to the site, highway safety and traffic generation, and the site being in a conservation area. Additionally, previous planning applications have been refused.  Proposer: Cllr Bergman  Seconder: Cllr Winter  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/00726/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37326&prevPage=inTray) | Westbrook House, 11 Church Street, Weymouth, DT3 5QE | The Council has no objection and supports the application subject to the Conservation Officer’s comments.  Proposer: Cllr Hamilton  Seconder: Cllr Orrell  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/00727/LBC](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37327&prevPage=inTray) | Westbrook House, 11 Church Street, Weymouth, DT3 5QE | The Council has no objection and supports the application subject to the Conservation Officer’s comments.  Proposer: Cllr Hamilton  Seconder: Cllr Orrell  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/00992/VOC](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37852&activeTab=summary) | 9 Custom House Quay, Weymouth, DT4 8BG | The Council has no objection subject to the Conservation Officer’s comments. The Council warmly welcomes the refurbishment of this building.  Proposer: Cllr Weaving  Seconder: Cllr Bergman  Unanimous |

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| [WP/19/00999/VOC](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37859&activeTab=summary) | 9 Custom House Quay, Weymouth, DT4 8BG | The Council has no objection subject to the Conservation Officer’s comments. The Council warmly welcomes the refurbishment of this building.  Proposer: Cllr Weaving  Seconder: Cllr Bergman  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/01010/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37870&prevPage=inTray) | 7 Goldcroft Avenue, Weymouth, DT4 0ET | The Council has no objection.  Proposer: Cllr James  Seconder: Cllr Frost  Unanimous |
| [WP/20/00076/NOTP](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37968&prevPage=inTray) | Various Sites in Weymouth and Portland | The Council has no objection.  Proposer: Cllr Hamilton  Seconder: Cllr James  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/01020/LBC](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37880&activeTab=summary) | 87 The Esplanade, Weymouth, DT4 7AT | The Council has no objection subject to the Conservation Officer’s comments.  Proposer: Cllr Winter  Seconder: Cllr Hamilton  Majority, with one abstention. |
| [WP/19/01025/RES](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37885&prevPage=inTray) | Field South of Nottington Lane, Nottington Lane, Weymouth | Consideration of this application was deferred in order to approach the developer with questions.  Proposer: Cllr Hamilton  Seconder: Cllr James  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/01018/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_37878&prevPage=inTray) | 10 Gloucester Street, Weymouth, DT4 7AP | The Council has no objection.  Proposer: Cllr Frost  Seconder: Cllr Morgan  Unanimous |
| [WP/19/01022/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37882&activeTab=summary) | 2 Mead Road, Weymouth, DT4 9SE | Members agreed unanimously to defer consideration of this application until the next meeting. |
| [WP/19/01019/CLP](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_37879&activeTab=summary) | 23 Winslow Road, Weymouth, DT3 6NE | The Council did not wish to make any comments regarding this application as it is an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness rather than a planning application. |
| [WP/16/00310/FUL](https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/public-access/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=DCAPR_26835&prevPage=inTray) | Land at Bayard Dairy, Goulds Hill, Weymouth | The Council has no objection subject to the protection of historic features and slurry control.  Proposer: Cllr Orrell  Seconder: Cllr Winter  Unanimous |

**P00155 Licensing, Enforcement, Appeals & Phone Masts**

There were no new applications to consider.

**P00156 Other development consultations**

**Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in St Mary Street, St Thomas Street, and New Bond Street, Weymouth**

Ed Warr, Town Centre Manager, introduced the report as detailed in the agenda documentation.

Ed Warr confirmed that the experimental TRO will last for 18 months should it go ahead.

Cllr James, Cllr Orrell and Cllr Bergman voiced their support for the proposal, as did Cllr Luke Wakeling who had attended the meeting as a member of the public.

Cllr Hamilton stressed that it is important to ensure that the Town Centre is fully accessible to all members of the community and trusted that particular care will be taken regarding this. Ed Warr confirmed that the intention is not to exclude anyone as there is a wish for everyone to come in to the town.

Resolved:

Proposer: Cllr Weaving Seconder: Cllr James

Members voted unanimously to support the proposed experimental Traffic Regulation Order in St Mary Street, St Thomas Street and New Bond Street.

**Chickerell Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

Members felt that the most important responses Chickerell Town Council will receive is from Chickerell residents. However, it was acknowledged that the Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan will affect Weymouth Town Council.

Cllr Hamilton was pleased to see that the draft plan takes biodiversity seriously and that ecological networks and green spaces are included. It was noted that the land around Weymouth Football Stadium is mentioned.

Members warmly welcomed the draft Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan and looked forward to hearing the response from residents. The Council also supported the proposals for green spaces and felt that there is a need to balance development with the preservation of green spaces, and looked forward to the subsequent stages of the development of the plan. The Council recognises the importance of Weymouth Football Club to the whole town, and the loss of the practice pitch and the Speedway remains a concern.

**P00157 Traffic Calming and Parking Restriction Requests from the public:**

There were no traffic calming and parking restriction requests from the public.

**P00158 Emergency Items**

There were no emergency items to consider.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm