



**SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Planning and Highways Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held in the Council Chamber, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 commencing at 7:00pm.

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**Members Present:**

Councillor Brown  
Councillor Lewer

Councillor Jackson  
Councillor Taylor

**Absent:**

Councillors Austin and Proctor

**Officers Present:**

Claire Commons, Committee Services Officer

**In Attendance:**

District Councillor Pritchard  
Five members of the public

**MINUTES**

**Public Participation**

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. The following matters were raised;

- Application for La Fleur de Lys. Requested support for the removal of condition 3.
- Request for crossing at Ivy Cross. Reminded members that there was a history of requesting a crossing on Grosvenor Road.
- Cattle Market. Estimated short of 750 car park spaces. Shaftesbury and District Task Force are looking at the site being returned to the town.
- Illuminated Signs. Note that the report refers to internally illuminated signs.
- Regarding housing figures from North Dorset, expected to show already at the 1140 minimum for the target up to 2031. Request that this Council needs to start highlighting to the townspeople that it will increase from that and possibly as many as 2000.
- Business site at the top of New Road would be coming up for auction next year.
- Crossing the High Street. In favour of no zebra crossing as have to take care.

Meeting started at 7.25pm

**PH59 Resignation and subsequent Election of Chairman**

Councillor Lewer formally resigned his position as Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee and requested the following statement to be minuted to explain his reasons.

“I am standing down as Chairman of this Committee because I cannot give the time required to do the job properly. There have been two recent meetings (16<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October) to which I, as Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee, should have been invited; indeed it is I who should have called them. Both were, in fact, called by the Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group (without reference to me – I have not yet had an explanation for this). My resignation will free up the post for someone better able to do justice to it.”

Councillor Lewer Proposed Councillor Taylor who declined and requested the following statement to be minuted to explain his reasons.

I am flattered to be considered for the post as chairman of the P&H committee but I feel I must decline on two grounds.

The first is that, like Cllr Lewer, I am unable to give the post the time it deserves.

The second and the more important in my eyes is on the principle of democracy. The biggest challenge that Shaftesbury faces over the next decade or so is the constant pressure of development. The townspeople would therefore expect the One Shaftesbury group that they elected with such an overwhelming mandate in both the main election and recent by-election, to take responsibility and step up to the plate.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Lewer remain as chairman until February Committee meeting.

**PH60 Apologies**

Councillor Proctor due to being abroad, Councillor Austin due to a conflicting engagement.

**PH61 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no interests declared. Members were reminded that they could declare interests at any appropriate point during the meeting.

**PH62 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and they were duly signed.

**PH63 Planning Applications**

The updated Officer’s report 1215PH05 was received. The Committee **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations to North Dorset District Council:

Planning reference	Applicant and address	Detail	Agent / Architect
<b>Committee Observation</b>			
2/2015/1625/ HOUSE	Mr W Clayton 18 St James Street	Erect 3m x 5m shed	None
<b>No Objection. The Committee had no objections to the application.</b>			

Planning reference	Applicant and address	Detail	Agent / Architect
<b>Committee Observation</b>			
2/2015/1674/ VARIA	Mr D Shepherd La Fleur de Lys, Bleke Street	Removal of condition No 3 to allow the owners to live in the converted redundant pool building whilst not running the hotel	None
<b>No Objection. The Committee had no objections to the application.</b>			
2/2015/1697/ FUL 1698/LBC	Abbeyfield Pepperell House, Bleke Street	Install 2 No. UPVC windows.	Michael L Lawson
<b>Objection. The Committee supported the Conservation Officer's report to this application.</b>			
2/2015/1699/ LBC	Mr Julian Pritchard Bleke House, Bleke Street	Replacement cement render on southwest, southeast and northwest elevations and carry out external alterations associated to this.	Proctor Watts Cole Rutter
<b>No Objection. The Committee supported the authentic render; it would not agree to the 'associated alterations' without knowing what they were.</b>			
2/2015/1743/ FUL	Ms Helen Porter 4 Love Lane Shaftesbury	Erect new two storey dwelling (demolish existing)	Proctor Watts Cole Rutter
<b>Objection. The Committee objected to the application due to the loss of two trees however would not object to the application if the plan was adjusted so as to preserve the existing trees.</b>			
2/2015/1752/ LBC	Dr B Drew 12 Angel Lane Shaftesbury	Repoint front elevation. Apply damp proof render to internal ground floor wall.	
<b>Support. The Committee supported the application</b>			
2/2015/1761/ HOUSE	Mr and Mrs Langley 39 Mead Way Shaftesbury	Erect porch	Singleton Design
<b>No Objection. The Committee had no objections to the application.</b>			

**PH64 Planning Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement**

Officer report 1215PH06 was received and noted.

**PH65 Highways and Footpaths**

Officer report 1215PH07 was received. It was **AGREED** to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Planning and Highways Committee, Melbury Abbas and

Cann Parish Council representative and Dorset Highways to discuss future road strategy in North Dorset.

It was **AGREED** to enquire of the A350 Community Group with a view to developing a relationship with the group.

The gullies report was received and noted

**PH66 Illuminated Sign Policy**

Officer report 1215PH08 was received. The Illuminated Signs Policy was amended and agreed in principle with the precise wording to be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee.

**PH67 Haines Lane – Street Lighting**

Officer report 1215PH09 was received and it was **AGREED** that the requests be referred to Dorset Highways.

**PH68 Cattle Market Site**

Officer report 1215PH10 was received and it was **AGREED** that North Dorset District Council be advised of this Council's wish, in the event of the Cattle Market being relocated, that the site be identified as a strategically important site for car parking.

**PH69 Street Lighting, St James and Gold Hill**

Councillor Lewer provided a verbal report of the outcomes of the meeting held with the Lighting Contractor and North Dorset District Council. It was reported that there was agreement for selected locations in St James Street and that the contractor was looking at alternative light bulbs to provide a softer light.

**PH70 Road Crossings – Ivy Cross Roundabout**

Officer report 1215PH12 was received and it was **AGREED** that the request be endorsed for onward referral to Dorset Highways. It was further **AGREED** to obtain traffic accident figures for that section of highway and for Highways to provide history of reasoning for not providing a crossing point to date.

**PH71 Grit Bins**

Officer report 1215PH13 was tabled. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the office £1,000 for grit bin provision for Shaftesbury. (*Financial Implication - Grit Bins*)

**PH72 Officer Report**

Officer report 1215PH13 was received and it was **AGREED** to discuss with the County Council the issues regarding adoption of roads on the Eastern Development and to request a copy of the accepted plans to inform that discussion. It was **AGREED** that the matter of electric vehicle charging points and alternative energy be considered at the next meeting of the Committee in order to establish the Council's policy on this subject.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:30pm

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Signed

Date