

COMMUNITY AND PLANS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
5th July 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Martyn Hudson (Chair)
Councillor Alan Biggs
Councillor Toni Coombs
Councillor Charmaine Crossley

Apologies: Cllrs: Lindsey Dedden, Sandra Grove, Pat Morrow, Matthew Parker, Jane Russell & Carol Traves

In attendance: Jan Sebire – Asst Town Clerk & Michaela Saunders – Admin Assistant

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065/23/24 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2023
The minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

066/23/24 Declarations of Interest
Councillor Toni Coombs declared an interest due to being Chair of East Dorset Planning at Dorset Council and left the meeting at 7.30pm

067/23/24 Planning Applications.
Consideration was given to applications submitted and recommendations/comments made as follows:

23/02575	Single storey rear extension, part conversion of existing detached garage into study 104 Albion Way Verwood	<i>No objection</i>
23/02624	Single storey extension at rear 10 Aggis Farm Verwood	<i>No objection</i>
23/02723	Proposed single storey rear extension 34 Strathmore Drive Verwood	<i>No objection</i>
23/03044	Proposed single storey kitchen and dining area extensions and replacement garage 11 West Close Verwood	<i>No objection</i>
23/03204	Display fascia sign that is part illuminated and totem pole sign that is non illuminated 10 Bank Court Manor Road Verwood	<i>No objection</i>

23/03258	First floor extension over garage with extended rear dormer and new front dormer 21 Oaklands Close Verwood	<i>No objection</i>
23/03441	Erect single storey rear extension 15 The Lea Verwood	<i>No objection</i>

068/23/24 Appeals

None

Jan Sebire and Councillor Toni Coombs re-entered the meeting at 7.40pm

069/22/24 Highway matters

Parking Outside Tesco: Residents had written to report cars parked outside Tesco causing traffic congestion and potential accidents. Members agreed that the parked vehicles act as a natural traffic calming measure and Cllr Coombs advised that Dorset Council would not support an application for yellow lines in this location.

Parking in St Stephens Lane: Residents had written to report that parents dropping off and collecting children from Hillside School are parking cars within 10 meters of the junction with Ringwood Road causing congestion and a potential accident situation. Members agreed that:

- i) A request for yellow lines should be made to Dorset Council
- ii) A Temporary TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) should be requested, since the process of procuring yellow lines can take up to 2 years.
- iii) Cllr Crossley, a Police Liaison Officer, is to request of Jane Moore, Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant, that the On-Street Parking Team visit the site to assess the danger.

Parking outside Al Trullo (on the Ringwood Road, opposite St Stephens Lane). Residents had written to report parked cars outside the restaurant causing traffic congestion on the main road, difficulty exiting St Stephens Lane and a potential accident situation. Members agreed that:

- i) an application for double yellow lines should be made to Dorset Council for the opposite side of the road to Al Trullo, to avoid parking on both sides of the Ringwood Road. (Action: Asst. Town Clerk)
- ii) A second application should be made for double yellow lines on the Al Trullo side of the road leaving space for vehicles to park outside the restaurant, thus avoiding cars parking within 10 meters of corners. (Action: Asst. Town Clerk)

Parking on Howe Lane: A pupil at Emmanuel Middle School had written reporting parked cars on both sides of Howe Lane approaching the school, causing hazards for children trying to cross the road. The pupil also highlighted the issue of parked cars narrowing the road for emergency vehicles (2022 a fire engine was unable to gain access). Members agreed that Dorset Council should be asked for an assessment of the situation. (Action: Asst. Town Clerk)

Parking on Coopers Lane: A second pupil of Emmanuel Middle School had written asking for support of their D of E poster project highlighting parking issues near Trinity First school causing road-crossing issues for parents with young children. Members

agreed that Verwood Town Council ask Emma Selway at Dorset Council, Road Safety Team, for permission for posters to be put on lampposts. (Action: Asst. Town Clerk)

West Moors Road: A Resident had written in to report drivers leaving the 30mph restricted zone, accelerate up to the national limit causing potential hazards to residents walking along the verge. Following discussion, Members requested an incident report be requested from Tony Burden of Dorset Council covering the past 3 years for this stretch of road. (Action: Asst. Town Clerk)

Speeding traffic along Sandy Lane: a Resident had written to report vehicles speeding through the unmade road causing potential hazards. Cllr Coombs advised that she had obtained information from Mark Adams that Sandy Lane is not an adopted highway but there is a legal agreement for the section which is made up road. The remainder of Sandy Lane is under private ownership therefore no action can be taken by the Council.

With regard to all the parking issues, Members agreed that David Sidwick, Crime Police Commissioner, should be contacted to advise him of the problems in Verwood and seek a resolution.

- i) Cllr Crossley advised that she and Cllr Mann, as Police Liaison Officers, would request of Jane Moore, Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant, an enforcement team to ticket cars for 3 consecutive months in Verwood.
- ii) Cllr Coombs will discuss on-street parking issues with David Sidwick.

070/23/24 Setting up a Youth Council

Members agreed to consider setting up a Working Group to look into the feasibility of a Youth Council for Verwood at Full Council meeting when Cllr Maw could participate, as the initiative was his suggestion.

071/23/24 Items for future agenda

- Cllr Hudson raised concerns about the forthcoming Horse Fayre on 26th/27th/28th August having a potential risk of spreading strangles equine disease which is currently in Three Legged Cross. Cllr Crossley wanted a letter of guidance to be sought from The Barn Equine Veterinary Practice and Cllr Coombs advised contacting Environmental Health regarding concerns.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Chairman