

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 26 September 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the chair)

Cllrs: Ian Bark Anne Rickard  
Kelvin Clayton Dave Rickard  
Julian Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Will Austin (Town Clerk)

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public attended to speak at the Public Forum.

### **37. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Geoffrey Ackerman and Sarah Carney. Cllr Barry Irvine had been granted a leave of absence for a six-month period from 5 September 2022.

### **38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Kelvin Clayton declared an interest in planning application P/LBC/2022/05563 as the applicant, and left the meeting during discussion and voting.

### **39. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

### **40. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in column 4 of the attached [Schedule A](#) be forwarded to the planning authority.

In respect of application P/LBC/2022/05563, the Town Clerk reminded members that the application, for replacement windows, was refused by the planning authority in June 2022, and that at their previous meeting, the committee had discussed the matter with Magna Housing with a view to offering a letter of support for inclusion in any appeal. Members considered a draft letter circulated at the meeting, and suggested the following amendments:

- Inclusion of a reference to the planning authority's acceptance of the north facing windows, meaning that the principle of replacement was accepted. The refusal appeared therefore to be based purely on a subjective assessment of the impact on the church and its environs.
- An expression of concern that there had been no attempt to attach a value to the 'significance' of the heritage asset, and that any such assessment would require community consultation to establish.

RESOLVED: that the draft letter be amended to take account of the matters raised by members and be sent, with a copy to the constituency MP, if this is acceptable to Magna Housing Ltd.

RESOLVED: that a discussion of the wider policy aspects of applications relating to heritage assets be discussed at a future meeting.

**41. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3740.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

**42. COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications were reported for information.

The meeting closed at **8.11pm**.

**The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 7 November 2022**