

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 7 November 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the chair)

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

ALSO PRESENT Will Austin (Town Clerk),

PUBLIC FORUM

Shesha Courtney, applicant for P/LBC/2022/05853, and her sister Brigid provided background to the planning application. The flat had been bought in 2006, and a sale fell through in 2021 due to issues with planning permission and confusion over the submitted plans. A retrospective application had been submitted to enable the sale of the property. The Conservation Officer appeared content, but the purchaser's solicitor had raised concerns. Shesha and Brigid were anxious not to take any risks with the sale.

The Chairman thanked Shesha and Brigid for their input.

43. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sarah Carney.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Geoff Ackerman declared an interest in application P/FUL/2022/05507 as he was a close acquaintance of the owner of the property. He neither participated in the discussion, nor voted on this application.

45. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 September 2022 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Julian Jones asked whether any progress had been made following the letter of support sent to Magna Housing Limited regarding replacement windows at Church House. The Town Clerk advised that Chris Loder MP had responded, having been copied in, and would be contacting the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to seek guidance on the flexibility available in interpreting the National Planning Policy Framework.

46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

47. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3753.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

48. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 13 October 2022 were received and summarised by the Town Clerk. The following recommendations therein were approved:

(Note 3) WATAG Public Transport Issues

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to Dorset Council regarding possible conflicts arising from the forthcoming bus tender process.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to Dorset Council asking for Bridport-specific Real Time Information messages to be accepted when requested by WATAG.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council promote the £2 fare scheme, via a media release and social media.

(Note 6) Other Highway Matters

a. Request for 30mph speed limit on Sea Road North

RESOLVED: that a 20mph limit be supported, as part of the request for a Bridport-wide 20mph limit.

b. Request for traffic calming on West Allington

RESOLVED: that a 20mph limit be supported, as part of the request for a Bridport-wide 20mph limit, and that the existing pinch point be removed.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to National Highways regarding delays to improvements on Sea Road South, with a copy to Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council.

Following further discussion of the notes, members

RESOLVED: that the developers of Foundry Lea be advised of the Council's support for a town-wide 20mph speed limit.

RESOLVED: that the constituency MP be copied into the letter to National Highways.

49. FOUNDRY LEA WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk reported that the last meeting had considered

- the revised remit for the group, as resolved by Planning Committee;
- Developer updates. Symonds Estate was still considering possible approaches for the employment site, and the housing developers were waiting for the conditional approval of the Reserved Matters application to be issued;

- Development timelines, which remained unclear;
- The need for a master developer to take responsibility for delivery of the entire mixed use development; and
- The Miles Cross junction, which had not yet been agreed.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

50. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reminded members that there would be a Budget Working Group meeting on Friday 11 November 2022.

The meeting closed at **8.18pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 5 December 2022