

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 5 December 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the chair)

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

ALSO PRESENT Will Austin (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr J Tigg addressed members regarding planning applications 1/D/11/002012 and WD/D/16/002852, relating to St Michael's Trading Estate. He commented that:

- the rooms in the Stover building appeared to meet minimum size standards;
- viability studies had shown 22, then 14, then 7 homes to be affordable;
- there was no indication of the size of the affordable homes;
- the applicant should plan for the full amount of affordable housing, to demonstrate blind tenure;
- the Neighbourhood Plan stipulates that new houses for open market sale are not required; and
- both applications looked reasonable.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tigg for his address.

51. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dave Bolwell declared an interest in applications P/LBC/2022/07118, WD/D/16/002852, and 1/D/11/002012, as a Dorset Council member. He vacated the Chair during consideration of these applications, with Cllr Ian Bark assuming the role.

Cllr Kelvin Clayton declared an interest in applications P/LBC/2022/07118, WD/D/16/002852, and 1/D/11/002012, as a Dorset Council member and as a neighbouring resident. He did not participate or vote on these applications.

53. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 November 2022 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

With members' consent, Martin Ridley of Hayward & Co introduced applications P/LBC/2022/07118, WD/D/16/002852, and 1/D/11/002012, and answered questions.

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

55. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3767.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

56. BRIDPORT AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This item was deferred as the minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Councils Committee were not yet available.

57. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had led discussions between the developers at Foundry Lea and local stakeholders, regarding the erroneous removal of trees and hedgerow on West Road. The developers had been very apologetic and had set out remedial actions and preventative measures to avoid a recurrence. They had also proposed actions to be taken by way of community reparations. The Town Council would issue a public statement shortly.

The meeting closed at **8.22pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 9 January 2023