

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 9 January 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Ian Bark (in the Chair)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman Anne Rickard
Sarah Carney Dave Rickard
Julian Jones

ALSO PRESENT Will Austin (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public requested to speak.

58. APOLOGIES

In the absence of the Chairman, it was

RESOLVED: that Cllr Ian Bark be elected Chairman for this meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Dave Bolwell, who attended the meeting virtually, and Kelvin Clayton.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

60. MINUTES

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

61. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

62. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by this Committee, ENCL: 3771.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

63. BRIDPORT AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk presented the notes of a meeting held on 1 December 2022, and advised that as the meeting was inquorate, the meeting was informal, with recommendations to be considered at the next quorate meeting.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the informal Neighbourhood Plan Joint Councils Committee meeting of 1 December 2022, and the recommendations therein, be noted.

64. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk presented a response from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, to concerns raised by Chris Loder MP on behalf of the Town Council regarding obstacles to making energy-saving improvements to heritage assets. The letter advised that this matter would be considered at the next review of the National Planning Policy Framework, although no timetable had been agreed for this.

The Town Clerk also reported that the Town Council's comments on planning applications relating to the St Michael's Trading Estate had been submitted to the planning authority, following consultation with members and a public engagement campaign.

RESOLVED: that the updates be noted.

The meeting closed at **7:50pm**.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 30 January 2023