

MINUTES of a meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield on Monday 24 April 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Ian Bark (in the Chair)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Will Austin (Town Clerk)

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman Cllr Ian Bark assumed the Chair.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public attended for the Public Forum.

#### **90. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dave Bolwell and Julian Jones.

#### **91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Kelvin Clayton advised that as a member of the Dorset Council South and West Area Planning Committee, he would not participate in discussion or voting on planning application P/RES/2021/04848.

#### **92. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

#### **93. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

In respect of planning application P/RES/2021/04848, Cllr Kelvin Clayton did not participate in discussion of, or vote on, the application, and Cllr Sarah Carney abstained from voting and asked that this be noted for the minutes.

#### **94. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3800.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Town Clerk be noted.

**95. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS**

The Town Clerk reported that there were no matters to report.

**96. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

The Town Clerk reported that the Government had launched a technical consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy, and asked members to consider whether a response should be drafted. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should pursue informal consultation with members and NALC, and report back to the next meeting.

**97. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES**

Cllr Dave Rickard reported that he was disappointed by the quality of engagement at a recent Dorset Council planning seminar, and at a perceived lack of commitment to climate-related matters. Members discussed the need to encourage a proactive and positive approach to the climate emergency.

Cllr Sarah Carney reported that the Foundry Lea Working Group had established that there was no plan for a crossing at the Miles Cross roundabout. Symondsbury Parish Council was pursuing this, and there was a need for the Town Council to get involved. The Town Clerk agreed to follow up with National Highways, Chris Loder MP, and Roland Tarr.

The Town Clerk reported on revisions to two of the St Michael's planning applications, which had been received too late for formal addition to the agenda, and the deadline for comment meant they could not wait until the following meeting in June. He advised that a formal response would be submitted under delegation, following informal consultation with members.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm.

**The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 5 June 2023**