

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 5 June 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the Chair from item 2 onwards)

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

ALSO PRESENT Will Austin (Town Clerk)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Dave Bolwell be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2023/2024.

Councillor Dave Bolwell assumed the Chair.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke at the Public Forum.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Geoff Ackerman and Sarah Carney.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by councillors.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Ian Bark be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2023/2024.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

7. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3807.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

8. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL 3809.

Councillors considered the report, which outlined a National Highways consultation on the strategic road network, and a request from Fontmell Magna Parish Council for support for a change in Dorset Council policy, to allow a 20mph speed limit on A roads without pavements.

After discussion it was:

RESOLVED: that any comments, to form the basis of a response to the strategic road network consultation, be submitted by members to the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the Council supports a change in Dorset Council policy, to allow a 20mph speed limit on A roads without pavements.

9. FOUNDRY LEA WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk reported that the condition of the verge at West Road, where trees, hedgerow and other growth had been erroneously removed, was such that it could not be mown. He advised he would follow this up with the development consortium.

RESOLVED: that the update was noted.

10. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

Cllr Kelvin Clayton reported that the payment options at Bridport Football Club Car Park were unclear. The Town Clerk advised that this matter would form part of a report to be considered by Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Members considered a concern raised by Cllr Sarah Carney in respect of parking charges and permit options in Dorset Council car parks. It was recognised that the 'flexi permit' was a reasonably affordable option for residents and workers, and that this needed promotion. Members also discussed whether the recently increased charges might discourage car use.

The meeting closed at **8.34pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 26 June 2022