MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 4 September 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Dave Bolwell (in the chair)

Cllrs: Kelvin Clayton Anne Rickard Julian Jones Dave Rickard

ALSO PRESENT: Will Austin (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Public Forum.

26. APOLOGIES

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

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

28. <u>MINUTES</u>

RESOLVED: that, subject to removal of Cllr Julian Jones from the list of attendees, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman amended and signed the minutes accordingly.

29. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that the comments set out in column 4 of the attached <u>Schedule A</u> be forwarded to the planning authority.

30. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3827.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

31. FOUNDRY LEA WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk reported that the Foundry Lea Working Group held a stakeholder-only meeting on 15 August, to consider the arrangements for footpaths during and after the development. The full Foundry Lea Working Group had met on 25 August and the development consortium had responded positively to suggestions for footpaths, put forward by local stakeholders. The consortium had also agreed to issue a newsletter

for residents, and to provide a copy of a draft Construction Traffic Management Plan for the Miles Cross junction, when available. It was also reported at the meeting that Abri, whilst remaining the social housing provider for the Countryside Partnerships element of the development, would no longer be the equivalent partner with Barratt David Wilson Homes.

The Clerk also advised that the Town Council had engaged in positive discussions with National Highways regarding the installation of a crossing at the Miles Cross junction, after the new junction was built.

Following discussion, it was: -

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

32. HOUSING STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to the draft response to Dorset Council's Housing Strategy consultation, ENCL: 3831.

Members thanked David Dixon, Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer for collating comments and drafting the response, and

RESOLVED: that the draft response to Dorset Council's Housing Strategy consultation be approved for submission.

33. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported that a request had been received to install 'give way' arrangements at the narrowed part of West Allington by the Medical Centre. He asked for members' comments. Members were supportive of the need for measures to address safety and perceptions of safety, but considered that a 'give way' junction might not be the only one, and that any request to Dorset Council should include provision for a 20mph speed limit.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Monday 25 September 2023