

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 6 November 2023 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) and three members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Mike Greaves addressed members regarding parking issues in Victoria Grove, summarising a written request for an extension of existing residents' parking provision that was circulated to the committee. Mr Greaves highlighted the impact of the closure of Lyme Regis Sorting Office on commuter parking in the Victoria Grove area, and requested that residents' parking be extended to cover the western side of Victoria Grove from number 99 to the junction with North Mills Road.

Members discussed:

- The possibility that the request might simply move parking problems to another area;
- The cost of a permit, reported as £70 per annum or £40 for six months;
- Concessions for older motorists, and visitor permits; and
- Whether residents were willing to pay. Mr Greaves confirmed that all from number 99 to 111 had indicated they were.

The Chairman thanked Mr Greaves for his address.

41. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Geoff Ackerman.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

43. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 25 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

44. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Members considered the request for an extension of residents' parking in Victoria Grove, raised during the earlier Public Forum. The following matters were discussed:

- Whether this represented a new scheme or an extension of the existing arrangements. It was considered that this would be an extension;
- Limiting the extension to the area outside numbers 99 to 111 Victoria Grove only;
- Whether this could be regarded as not setting a precedent for other requests, as this was simply an extension of an existing zone;
- The absence of off-street parking for the affected residents;
- The displacement impact of additional parking restrictions on other areas; and
- A decision by residents of the affected addresses not to pursue this request when the existing scheme was first created.

Members felt that this request would not set a significant precedent and therefore

RESOLVED: that the request for an extension of the Victoria Grove residents' parking zone, covering the area outside numbers 99 to 111 Victoria Grove only, be supported.

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3840, which requested that members approve a response by the Town Council to a proposed town centre 20mph zone, and tabled a request for additional parking restrictions in Fulbrooks Lane.

RESOLVED: that the response to a consultation on a town centre 20mph zone be approved as tabled.

Members considered that the addition of new yellow lines in Fulbrooks Lane would simply displace the parking problems elsewhere, and that residents would be better advised to contact the Police if parking caused an obstruction, or Dorset Council if a parking contravention was noted.

RESOLVED: that the request for additional yellow lines on Fulbrooks Lane be declined.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council alert the Police to the obstruction of the pavement caused by parked vehicles.

45. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

46. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 3839.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

47. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

No matters for communication were reported.

The meeting closed at **8.38pm**.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 4 December 2023