

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 2 June 2025 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Ian Bark (in the chair from minute 2)

Cllrs: Nigel Amor, Jonathan Bourbon, Sarah Carney, Kelvin Clayton, Anna Killick, Paddy Mooney, Anne Rickard and David Worthington.

ALSO PRESENT: Three members of the public, Daryl Chambers (Town Surveyor), Claire Peters-Way (Property Manager), and Will Austin (Town Clerk) and one member of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kim Sankey spoke as the agent for applications P/HOU/2025/02348 and P/LBC/2025/02772, on behalf of the applicant and in support of the proposals. Kim outlined the history of the property and its ownership, and gave a description of the application. She advised that it resulted in no changes to the principal frontage of the property, and minimal change to the rear. The Conservation Officer was said to have advised on the use of vacuum double glazing. The use of traditional materials would reinforce the character of the property.

Alan Williams, a member of the Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG) spoke to express his frustration at the absence of improvements to bus stops on Sea Road South. National Highways had set out their aspirations to make improvements but seemingly never the funding to deliver them. The 40mph speed limit also added to problems for bus passengers.

Alan Leach spoke in respect of his daughter's attempt to purchase a property at land adjacent to Fairways, West Bay, a development that was to be considered at the meeting.

The outgoing Chair thanked those present for their addresses.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: that Cllr Ian Bark be elected Chair of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2025/2026.

Councillor Ian Bark assumed the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Paddy Mooney declared an interest in planning application A12 on the agenda for Land East of Fairways, East Cliff. Councillor Mooney advised he

would leave the meeting during consideration of the application and would refrain from voting.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED: that Cllr Jonathan Bourbon be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2025/2026.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That, subject to amendment of the draft minutes at minute 107 to change the name Jonathan Bourbon to Nigel Amor, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

The Chair signed the duly amended minutes.

As an update to minute 107, The Town Clerk reported that National Highways would not be proceeding with improvements to Sea Road South due to financial constraints.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: that the comments set out in the attached [schedule A](#) be agreed and 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: 4005.

Members noted the positive impact of their comments on the conditions applied by the planning authority to planning application P/FUL/2024/04044.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

8. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

(i) Parking Restrictions – Alexandra Road

Cllrs Kelvin Clayton and Ian Bark reported on a meeting with Colin Fudge, the owner of the One Stop Shop, 34 Alexandra Road, to discuss his request for parking restrictions to facilitate deliveries. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: that a request be made to Dorset Council for a timed loading/unloading area to be established in Coronation Road adjacent to the One Stop store, Alexandra Road.

(ii) Speed Indicator Devices – locations and costings

Cllr Nigel Amor introduced this item, and asked that the committee consider costs and potential locations for speed indicator devices (SIDs). He said that more were needed than the one currently in operation.

Members discussed the process for agreeing possible locations, and

RESOLVED: that potential SID locations be considered at ward level and that proposals be taken forward by the Town Surveyor under delegation.

(ii) West Allington 'Pinch Point'

Members considered a proposal from Cllr Jonathan Bourbon to address concerns about dangers posed by the pinch point, and

RESOLVED: that a request be made to Dorset Council to implement a give way junction at the pinch point, with priority to traffic heading west away from the town centre.

(iii) Cycle/pedestrian links – Foundry Lea to town centre

Members considered an outline proposal to improve cycle and walking routes between the Foundry Lea development and the town centre, ENCL: 4007. This proposal focused on the route from Dreadnought Trading Estate only, with two end points at Boldwood House and Foundry Lane respectively. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: that the proposals be supported in principle, noting concern regarding the safety of any route running through Plottingham Car Park and the adjacent Magna Housing Car Park.

9. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

No licensing applications had been received for consideration.

10. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

Cllr Sarah Carney asked whether any updated information had been received regarding possible Tree Preservation Orders at a site on St Swithins Road. The Town Clerk advised he was not aware of any further information.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 23 June 2025