

Central Ward Matters
Notes of a Meeting of the Bridport Central Ward held
at Bridport WI Hall on 25 November 2025 at 3.00pm

Attendance:

Councillors: Kelvin Clayton, Nigel Rawlings, Dave Rickard (Chair) and David Worthington.

Also present: Sally Freemantle (Town Clerk) and Caroline Pearce (Project Manager).

There were three members of the public and no press present.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sarah Williams.

2. Declarations of Interest from Councillors

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Notes of the Last Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2025 were approved as a correct record.

4. Ward issues

Issues discussed were:

Issue	Action
Parcel of land on Back Rivers Lane	Town Clerk to look into the matter and report to relevant Committee if appropriate
It was reported that the 20 mph applications had been submitted to Dorset Council	None – for noting only
Discussion regarding the planning application for replacement windows at Folly Mill Lodge	Advice to applicants to speak to planning authority
Lighting at Foundry Lea on sales homes and street lighting	Raise queries with developers and planning authority

5. Ward Meetings/Community Engagement

The Project Manager outlined the light touch review of Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan and explained that until the adoption of the new Dorset Local Plan the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan (once adopted) will be the most up to date plan. As such it will be referred to in Planning Applications where relevant. The importance of affordable and social housing was stressed, and concerns were raised by members of the public with regard to infrastructure including roads and healthcare provision. The matters raised were noted and feedback would be included in the consultation process for the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan. Members of the public were also encouraged to fill out feedback forms individually.

AGREED that the concerns raised regarding infrastructure would be included in the consultation process for the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan review.

6. Any other matters, including date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for a date in February (tbc) at Bridport WI Hall.

The meeting closed at 3.58pm.