

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 27 April 2026 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Ian Bark (in the chair)

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| Cllrs: Nigel Amor | Anna Killick |
| Jonathan Bourbon  | Paddy Mooney |
| Sarah Carney      | Anne Rickard |
| Kelvin Clayton    |              |

ALSO PRESENT: Jo Hughes (Ward Clerk) and Claire Peters-Way (Property Manager).

ALSO PRESENT ONLINE: Caroline Pearce (Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer), and Steve Yarde (Clerical Officer).

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **91. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr David Worthington.

#### **92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **93. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 March 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **94. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

#### **95. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Chair reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 4123.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

#### **96. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEAL P/FUL/2025/04676**

Members discussed the planning appeal to install solar photovoltaics to rear facing roof slopes at 36 East Street, Bridport commenting that the appeal also provides an opportunity to highlight the limitations of current planning and conservation policy.

RESOLVED: that a Working Group of Councillors meet to prepare a comprehensive response to the planning appeal for submission by the Clerk ahead of the 11 May submission date.

**97. BRIDPORT AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 4124.

RESOLVED: (i) that the additional wording to the BANP Basic Conditions Statement amendment be approved; and (ii) that authority to agree any further minor changes be delegated to Officers.

**98. COMMUNICATION AND ONGOING ISSUES**

Cllr Clayton raised, on behalf of a resident, a request for the reinstatement of bollards on the road at the Tanyard due to ongoing antisocial vehicle activity.

It was noted that the construction works for the Miles Cross roundabout on the A35, which were scheduled to commence on Monday 27 April, have been delayed at short notice. The delay is due to a final legal agreement with the highways authority that must be completed before works can begin on the public highway.

There were no further updates regarding the West Allington pinch point or the proposed double yellow lines at Jessops Avenue. However, it was noted that the application for double yellow lines at Meadowlands, West Bay, was rejected.

It was also noted that the bench previously located outside Waitrose has been removed. The Property Manager confirmed that, following damage, the bench was removed by the grounds team and is in the process of being replaced.

Cllr Rickard advised that she will be standing down from the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.19pm.

**The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 1 June 2026**