

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Monday 20 July 2026 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Ian Bark (Chairman)

Cllrs: Nigel Amor	Paddy Mooney
Jonathan Bourbon	Bev Thornton
Kelvin Clayton	David Worthington

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

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

20. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Sarah Carney and Anna Killick.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 June 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct records and signed by the Chairman.

23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

24. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Chair reported for information, the planning decisions received relating to applications previously considered by the Committee, ENCL: 4152.

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions be noted.

25. COMMUNICATIONS AND ONGOING ISSUES

West Allington pinch point - no update.

Dorset Council Local Plan - Cllr Mooney advised members that Dorset Council is proposing a new approach to preparing its Local Plan following changes to Government planning rules, housing requirements and deadlines. These changes mean the council is unable to prepare a sound Local Plan under the previous system. Government guidance indicates that Local Plans should be prepared within approximately 30 months. Dorset Council will consider the proposal at its Cabinet

meeting on 28 July. If approved, the council will formally begin preparing its Local Plan under the new system this summer.

The meeting closed at 6.19pm.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 7 September 2026