



## PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the Cowie Room, Public Hall.

**2216 MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Gillings (Chairman), Cllr Anderton, Cllr Body, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Gunning, Cllr Tuff, Cllr Turner and Ethan Kalemjian (Administrator); also Cllr Craig Monks, (Dorset Council, Beaminster Ward) Gillian Fearnough, (Beaminster Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) Theo Langdon (Community Resilience Committee) and one member of the public.

### **2217 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Dawkins and Cllr Woods.

### **2218 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

Members having previously been circulated with the minutes of the Planning Advisory & Highway Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

### **2219 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Cllr Turner declared an interest in Planning Application: **P/HOU/2024/07602 (1 THE ORCHARD, NEWTOWN)**

### **2220 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

This was brought forward from item **10** on the **AGENDA** at the Chairman's request.

#### **(a) Dorset Council – Consultation – Climate & Nature Emergencies**

Dorset Council have invited town and parish councils to partake in a survey where they can share valuable insights into current and nature initiatives 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 **NOTED**. Mr. Kalemjian confirmed Council officers would collect responses and submit a single form in line with instructions from Dorset Council.

#### **(b) Beaminster Emergency Plan – concerns with regard to wider county issues.**

Further meetings with staff and officers at Dorset Council were pending. **NOTED**

#### **(c) Neighbourhood Plan and Resilience**

Mr Langdon advised that documents recently circulated to members of the Committee were intended as a draft proposal; to agree the principle of long-term sustainability was, in his view directly relevant to Beaminster's Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman expressed his concern that the documents were too advanced and thus would not be directly relevant to Beaminster.

Ms Fearnough felt that the guidance relating to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) would be relevant, provided the NP Steering Group made progress.

Cllr Gunning confirmed that Ms Fearnough had been asked to assist with collecting responses to the forthcoming NP Survey.

Ms Fearnough believed the work of the Neighbourhood Plan was in need of revitalising, and hoped that greater clarity would help to achieve this. Ms Fearnough confirmed her willingness to host workshops for the benefit of the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **2221 PLANNING ISSUES**

(a) To **CONSIDER** the following **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**:

**1. P/TRC/2025/00267**

Recommend approval.

**2. P/TRT/2025/00266**

Recommend approval.

**3. P/TRT/2025/00159**

Recommend approval.

**4. P/FUL/2024/07187**

Recommend approval.

**5. P/HOU/2025/00108**

Recommend approval.

**6 WHITCOMBE ROAD**

T2 Eucalyptus – Fell

1.T3 Whitebeam – removal of lower limb growing towards service line, reduce branches supressing neighbouring Ginko by yup to 1.5m & crown clean throughout.

T4 Pittosporum – reduce to wall height, approximately a height of 2.4m

T5 Italian Cypress – transplant to alternative location on site

T6 Pittosporum – reduce to 1.5m in height.

**6 WHITCOMBE ROAD**

T1 Yew – reduce overall by up to 1m, removal of major deadwood throughout, reshape and balance.

**14 HOGSHILL STREET**

T1 London Plane – reduce by 30% overall. Cut size 20cm and cut back by 2.5m

**BUCKHAM DOWN FARM, ACCESS ROAD TO BUCKHAM DOWN FARM**

Erection of new dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and surrounding outbuildings/barns

**4 CHAMPIONS GARDENS**

Conversion of side entrance hall into a utility room; replacement of two external doors with windows; replacement of kitchen window with French doors; installation of solar PV panels; replacement flat roof with rooflight; internal alterations

**6. P/HOU/2024/07602**

**1 THE ORCHARD, NEWTOWN**

Replace existing thatched roof with slate roof and installation of eighteen solar PV panels. Installation of underground water harvesting tank

Recommend approval.

**(b) To NOTE the following PLANNING APPROVALS:**

**1. P/LBC/2024/06034**

**15 HOGSHILL STREET**

Repair rotten window which is letting in water

Granted with two conditions.

**2. P/TRC/2024/07372**

**1 CHAMPIONS GARDENS**

T1 & T2 Cypress - Fell

Granted.

**(c) PLANNING REFUSALS**

No planning refusals have been received. **NOTED**

**2222 CORRESPONDENCE**

No items of correspondence received. **NOTED**

**2223 PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

**(a) Minutes of the CB3 Management Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (attached)**

The Committee **NOTED** the minutes of the CB3 Management Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Cllr Turner highlighted the need to have the bus serviced and regular safety inspections to be carried out. He also confirmed the training of new volunteers was progressing and that the vehicle was available for private hire.

**2224 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Cllr Body expressed his concern with regard to a tree in Shorts Lane that required pruning to prevent it becoming a danger to road users, Cllr Corbett agreed to draw it to the attention of Beaminster St Mary's Church.

Cllr Corbett expressed his concern with regard to the frequent occasions of speeding at the roundabout at the junction of Hogshill Street and Clay Lane. In particular, by drivers approaching via Clay Lane. Cllr Turner suggested refreshing the white lines could improve their visibility.

**2225 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES**

**(a) 20mph application**

No further update available. **NOTED**

**(b) Pedestrian Crossing Clay Lane**

Dorset Councillor Craig Monks had opened dialogue with Dorset Council officers. **NOTED**

Cllr Body drew attention to the condition of the road between Beaminster and Broadwindsor (B3163) and the need for sections to be refreshed. It was **AGREED** that this would be raised with Dorset Council via Cllr Craig Monks (Beaminster Ward).

Cllr Turner expressed his concerns with regard to the road markings between Broadwindsor and Salway Ash (B3162) where the road surface has been repaired in patches, but the associated white lines need repainting. **NOTED**

**2226 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Neighbourhood Plan Survey was currently with the printers, to be delivered by Royal Mail week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> February. Online survey was also available to complete. **NOTED**

**2227 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**2228 THE MEETING**

The meeting which began at 7.00pm was concluded at 8.00pm

Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2025