



PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 7th October 2025 in the Skyrm Room, Public Hall.

A member of the public drew attention to the impending public consultation with regard to the proposal to introduce 20mph limit within the Town and the introduction of 50mph limit on Bridport Road and enquired how the Council intended to publish the consultation. In response the Chairman advised the question would be considered later in the meeting under agenda item 10 – road safety issues.

2329 MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Gillings (Chairman), Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Gunning, Cllr Tuff and Cllr Turner; also Christine Bright (Town Clerk) and one member of the public.

2330 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Biggs.

2331 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025

Members having previously been circulated with the minutes of the Planning Advisory & Highway Committee meeting held on 2nd September 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2332 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

2333 PLANNING ISSUES

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

1. P/HOU/2025/05029

22 HOGSHILL STREET

Proposed alterations to existing extension

Recommend approval, the proposed alterations would not significantly impact the property or surroundings.

2. P/CLE/2025/05219

CHANTRY FARM, CHANTRY LANE

Change of use of granary building to a single dwelling house

The Town Council were not in a position to offer evidence.

3. P/CLE/2025/05220

CHANTRY FARM, CHANTRY LANE

Change of use of agricultural building to 2No dwellings and refurbishment of stables and associated works.

The Town Council were not in a position to offer evidence.

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

NOTED the following planning approvals since the last meeting:

1. P/PABA/2025/04332

GROVEFIELD, WEST DIBBERFORD

Erect agricultural barn for storage of hay

Approved with 4 conditions.

2. P/TRC/2025/05006

DANIELS HOUSE, 29 HOGSHILL STREET

G1 – Beech x 3 – reduce overall crown

by up to 3.5m and thin internally by 15%, crown raise to 3.5m off ground level and remove overhanging branches from southern boundary.

3. P/TRC/2025/05041

KNAPP FARM, SHORTS LANE

T1 & T2 – Thuja Plicata – dismantle leaving stumps just above ground level.
T3 Acer Campestre – dismantle leaving stump just above ground level

c) PLANNING REFUSALS

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

2334 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dorset Council – Dorset Local Plan Consultation

Members had previously been circulated with details of the Draft Dorset Local Plan consultation documents in respect of Beaminster and the wider environs.

Cllr Turner had collated members comments and circulated members with a draft response for consideration. Members were in general agreement with the responses, Cllr Turner agreed to edit the content and circulate for final approval prior to submission.

(b) Dorset Council – Local Transport Plan Consultation

Members had previously been circulated with details of the Draft Transport Plan consultation documents in respect of a new Local Transport Plan 2026 to 2041 which would set out the vision for improving transport and travel over the next 15 years.

Cllr Turner would collate comments and prepare a draft response for circulation prior to submission.

2335 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(a) Minutes of the CB3 Management Committee meeting held on 15th September 2025

The Committee **NOTED** the minutes of the CB3 Management Committee meeting held on 15th September 2025.

2336 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

No issues were raised.

2337 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

In response to the question raised during the public session, members **AGREED** to publicise the consultation once the formal documentation had been received from Dorset Council. It was **NOTED** however that responses were to be submitted to Dorset Council direct negating the need for collating within the Town Council.

2338 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members **NOTED** a public event had been scheduled to take place on Saturday 11th October 2025 in the Public Hall from 2.30pm.

2339 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

(a) Gate at the Fleet Street end of Footpath 69

Further to the response received from Dorset Council it was found that the original gate remained in situ albeit it in need of refurbishment with the addition of a self-closing mechanism. Cllr Gunning **AGREED** to undertake the necessary works.

2340 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

No issues were raised.

2341 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

2342 THE MEETING

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

Chairman
4th November 2025

