

## **PLANNING ADVISORY, HIGHWAYS & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 in the Skyrm Room, Public Hall.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, members of the public were given the opportunity to address the Committee regarding planning application **P/FUL/2026/01918 – Land Adjacent to Bowgrove Road**.

Approximately ten residents spoke and raised concerns relating to the proposal. Key issues highlighted included highway safety, access to the site, increased traffic movements, the absence of an independent ecological assessment, references within the supporting documentation to a potential worker's dwelling, and concerns that the proposed borehole could impact existing water supplies.

Residents also questioned the viability of the proposed business, citing the current lack of utilities on the site, the proposed use of electric bicycles for deliveries, competition with existing local businesses, and how staff would access the site. Residents expressed disappointment that the applicants had declined the opportunity to attend a public briefing prior to the meeting and were not present at the meeting to address questions relating to the proposal. Overall, residents felt that the proposed location was unsuitable for the development.

**2391 MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Gillings (Chairman), Cllr Acton (Vice Chair), Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Wallbridge, Cllr R Gunning, and Cllr S Gunning; also Sara Cradock (Town Clerk) and approx. 50 residents.

**2392 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Corbett.

**2393 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY, HIGHWAYS & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**  
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Dawkins and **SECONDED** by Cllr R Gunning and **AGREED** unanimously that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**2394 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest were made.

**2395 PLANNING ISSUES**

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

**1. P/FUL/2026/01918 – LAND ADJACENT TO BOWGROVE ROAD**

Erection of barn with associated hardstanding, permeable access track & parking area, 2 x polytunnels and 1 x propagation greenhouse to enable to establishment of a new rural enterprise.



- Cllr Dawkins also expressed concern regarding the speed limit transitions on routes into Beaminster, where motorists are required to reduce speed from 50mph or 60mph to 20mph over a relatively short distance. Members agreed that this could contribute to poor compliance with the lower speed limits. **NOTED.**

## **2399 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES**

### **(a) 20MPH SPEED LIMIT**

Members considered what proactive measures the Town Council could take to encourage compliance with the newly implemented 20mph speed limits within Beaminster.

The Town Clerk reported that we are waiting for Dorset Council to let us know if a post on North Street/Gerrard's Green could be used to mount a SID. **NOTED.**

## **2400 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

No issues were raised.

## **2401 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

Mr Langdon advised that the establishment of a dedicated steering group would assist in the development of an effective and comprehensive Community Emergency and Resilience Plan (CERP). Members noted the update and agreed that the matter should be considered further by Council.

## **2402 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

## **2403 THE MEETING**

The meeting which began at 7.00pm was concluded at 8.05pm

Chairman  
7<sup>th</sup> July 2026