

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

Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Advisory, Highways and Resilience Committee held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2026 in the Cowie Room, Public Hall.

**2430 MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Gillings (Chair), Cllr Ginder, Cllr Wallbridge, Cllr R Gunning, Cllr S Gunning, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins.

In attendance: Sara Cradock (Town Clerk), six members of the public and a representative from the Bridport & Lyme Regis News.

### **Public Participation**

Members of the public spoke both in support of and in objection to planning application P/FUL/2026/01075.

Those speaking in support referred to the employment opportunities provided by the restaurant, its use of local suppliers and produce, its contribution to other local businesses and the wider local economy, and the benefits of opening the Parnham Estate to the public.

Concerns raised included the retrospective nature of the application, previous planning permissions and conditions relating to the site, and representations submitted in objection to the application.

The Chairman thanked those present for their contributions and opened the formal meeting.

### **2431 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Andy Brown and Cllr Gill Acton.

### **2432 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **2433 PLANNING ISSUES**

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

#### **1. P/FUL/2026/01075**

#### **Site of Parnham House, Parnham, Beaminster DT8 3LZ**

Application for an enlargement to the walled garden potting shed over and above that approved by P/FUL/2021/04398 and erection of an associated timber pergola structure and mechanical extraction system; change of use of the potting shed and glasshouse to restaurant use (Class E).

Before considering the application, the Chairman advised that the application had been brought back before the Committee following concerns regarding procedural irregularities in its previous consideration and the consequent risk of legal challenge.

In view of the Committee's earlier resolution on the application and the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders relating to the reversal of previous decisions, members were asked to determine whether they were content for the matter to be revisited before proceeding to reconsider the application.

**RESOLVED: Unanimously, that planning application P/FUL/2026/01075 be re-examined by the Committee.**

The Committee then considered the application afresh.

Members discussed the existing planning permissions relating to the site, the restaurant's operation and the representations received. Members also considered the benefits of the restaurant to local employment, local businesses and the local economy.

Following discussion, it was proposed that the application be supported.

**RESOLVED: Unanimously, to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

**2434 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Planning Advisory, Highways & Resilience Committee will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

**2435 THE MEETING**

The meeting, which began at 7.00pm, concluded at 7.30pm.

Chairman  
1st September 2026