



DRAFT MINUTES – SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

PLANNING ADVISORY, HIGHWAYS & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

2430 MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Gillings (Chair), Cllr Acton (Vice Chair), Cllr Ginder, Cllr Wallbridge, Cllr R Gunning, Cllr S Gunning, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins and Cllr Brown. Sara Cradock (Town Clerk) was also present, together with one member of the public.

2431 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2432 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY, HIGHWAYS & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4th AUGUST 2026

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr R Gunning and **SECONDED** by Cllr W Wallbridge and **AGREED** (5 votes for, 2 abstentions and 2 did not vote, having not been present at the meeting concerned) that the Minutes be approved and signed.

2433 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PLANNING ADVISORY, HIGHWAYS & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th AUGUST 2026

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr R Gunning and **SECONDED** by Cllr S Gunning and **AGREED** (7 votes for and 2 did not vote, having not been present at the meeting concerned) that the Minutes be approved and signed.

2434 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wallbridge declared an interest in item 5, a.5 (Meerhay Cottage).

Cllr Gillings declared an interest in item 5, a.6 (Old School House).

2435 PLANNING ISSUES

(a) The Committee considered the following planning applications:

1. P/FUL/2026/01918 Land adjacent to Bowgrove Road, Beamminster DT8 3SB

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 (amended plans or additional information has been received).

It was **AGREED unanimously to recommend REFUSAL** of the application.

2. P/LBC/2026/04118 Buckham Mills Farm (Dairy House and Mill House)

Reinstatement of fire damaged farmhouse which includes laying new thatch roof above whole property (Mill House and Dairy House), replacement roof structure above Dairy House, internal fabric repairs and internal redecoration of Dairy House and partial internal redecoration of Mill House.

It was **AGREED unanimously to recommend APPROVAL** of the application.

3. P/FUL/2026/04117 Buckham Mills Farm (Dairy House and Mill House)

Reinstatement of fire damaged farmhouse which includes laying new thatch roof above whole property (Mill House and Dairy House), replacement roof structure above Dairy House.

It was **AGREED unanimously to recommend APPROVAL** of the application.

4. P/FUL/2026/04174 Whatley Farm, Cherry Cottage Lane, Beaminster, DT8 3SB

Erection of balcony with timber store, erection of covered porch and alterations to the fenestration and layout of the converted residential accommodation approved under application

WD/D/18/002719.

It was **AGREED unanimously to recommend APPROVAL** of the application.

5. P/FUL/2026/04558 Meerhay Cottage, Meerhay Manor Access Road, Meerhay, DT8 3SB

Installation of solar PV array and associated fencing.

It was **AGREED unanimously to recommend APPROVAL** of the application.

6. P/TRC/2026/04642 Old School House, 9 School House Close, Beaminster, DT8 3AH

T1 Laurel – Fell

It was **AGREED unanimously to recommend APPROVAL** of the application.

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

The Committee noted planning approvals granted since the last meeting:

None received.

(c) PLANNING REFUSALS

The Committee noted the following planning refusals since the last meeting:

1. P/CLE/2026/03447 Site Of Parnham House Parnham Beaminster DT8 3LZ

The partial digging of a trench which is to contain part of the foundations of the approved boat house building (P/FUL/2023/06528)

2. P/FUL/2026/02163 Land off Netherhay Lane Drimpton Beaminster DT8 3FS

Erect steel framed agricultural store 12.2m span x 23m long (5 No. 4.572m bays) x 4m to eaves to have a functional area for the storage of hay harvested from the surrounding field and dry storage for agricultural accessories.

2436 CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee considered the following correspondence received since the last meeting:

1. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATHS W21/23 AND W21/26

Members considered the pre-application consultation and **AGREED unanimously** to complete the response form by selecting: 'I see no reason at this stage to object to the proposed diversion but reserve the right to do so later'.

2437 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(a) CB3 Management Committee – Minutes of meeting held on 10th August 2026

2438 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

(a) Public Hall – Installation of Bollards

The Council had received complaints about vehicles parking on the pavement outside the Public Hall, including concerns that this could restrict access for larger vehicles on Fleet Street. Parking is prohibited in this area during the daytime, but the restriction is frequently ignored. Dorset Council had offered to install two plastic bollards outside the Public Hall to discourage pavement parking. Cllr Ginder expressed concern that the proposed bollards might not be in keeping with the character of the Conservation Area and reported that she had contacted Dorset Council's Conservation Team. The Conservation Team had advised that, from a conservation perspective, it would not support the installation of bollards in this location without clear and convincing justification.

It was **AGREED** to ask Dorset Council to replace the existing faded parking restriction sign. It was also agreed that Council staff would place advisory notices on the windscreens of vehicles parked there during the daytime to assess whether this helped to resolve the issue.

Other highways issues

- (a) A member of the public had asked the Town Council to seek an update from Dorset Council on the Tunnel Road works and temporary traffic lights. Cllr R Gunning advised that Cllr Monks would provide an update at the Full Council meeting on 22nd September 2026.

2439 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

(a) Whitcombe Road – Traffic Speeds

Members considered correspondence received from residents of Whitcombe Road regarding concerns about vehicle speeds on the lower section of the B3163 and a request for the Town Council to support their call for Dorset Council to undertake a comprehensive assessment of road safety on this section of the road.

Members discussed the concerns raised, including the operation of the 20mph speed limit and traffic speeds along this section of Whitcombe Road. Dorset Council Highways have informed the Town Council that the new restrictions need to be in place for at least 6 months before they will consider additional assessments. **Therefore, no formal resolution was made.**

2440 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

No issues were raised.

2441 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

No report was received.

2442 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Advisory, Highways & Resilience Committee will be held on Tuesday 6th October 2026.

2443 THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 8.00pm.

