



Minutes of the **Planning and Environment Committee** meeting held on **Tuesday 4 March 2025** at 7 pm in the Committee Room, Wimborne Minster Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1LT.

Present:

Councillors: J Hart, L Hector, B Jaggs, B Richmond (Vice Chairman), A Roberts, C Ryan and S Wheeler (Chairman)

Officers: KR Brooks (Deputy Town Clerk)

Members of the public: A Wakeling (representing the Wimborne Civic Society)

PEC/2024/100 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S Bartlett (Business), C Brown, and R. Nash (Non-Business). Councillor Hector proposed to approve apologies, seconded by Councillor Richmond, all in favour. **Resolved**

PEC/2024/101 Declarations of interest and dispensations

None.

PEC/2024/102 Public participation

None.

PEC/2024/103 Minutes of the Committee meeting on 4 February 2025

Councillor Hector proposed the minutes for the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 4 February 2025 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and signed by Councillor Richmond, seconded by Councillor Roberts, five in favour, two abstentions. **Resolve**

PEC/2024/104 Strategic Plan Review Update

The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee stating this would be a regular item on the agenda for discussion.

PEC/2024/105 Application responses submitted between meetings

The Committee noted the following retrospective no objection responses: P/ADV/2025/00578 12 High Street, P/LBC/2025/00559 12 High Street, P/VOC/2024/04630 7 West Borough, P/VOL/2024/04696 7 West Borough, P/TRT/2025/00820 Willow House 3 Rowlands Hill.

PEC/2024/106 Planning applications for consideration

P/FUL/2025/00942, Unit 1 Riverside Park Station Road. Change of business from industrial and wholesale warehouse to commercial, business and service use. Councillor Wheeler proposed no objection, seconded by Councillor Jaggs, all in favour. **Resolved**

P/TRC/2025/01031, 108 West Borough T1 Eucalyptus. Fell to ground level. Councillor Richmond proposed an objection - the eucalyptus tree is a vital environmental and visual asset that contributes to streetscape, biodiversity, and urban cooling. It's removal contradicts the Dorset Council's Trees and Woodland Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 131 (which

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emphasises the importance of retaining mature trees for climate resilience and community well-being).

Seconded by Councillor Hector, all in favour. **Resolved**

P/TRC/2025/01096, 30 West Street again tidy up wording: "Councillor Hector proposed objection - the Town Council is concerned over the removal of any tree within the Town and requests Dorset Council Tree Team assess any previous damage to a wall and evaluate the suitability of a replacement tree.

Seconded by Councillor Richmond, all in favour. **Resolved**

P/TRT/2025/00988, 3 Ashdene Close. T1 Horse Chestnut and fell to ground level. Councillor Wheeler proposed objection. The Highland Park Estate and Ashdene Close are defined by their mature trees and open spaces, which are protected by an Area Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to preserve their environmental and visual integrity. Removing these trees would significantly alter the character of the area and conflict with both the Dorset Trees and Woodland Strategy and NPPF paragraph 131, which emphasise the importance of preserving mature trees for biodiversity, climate resilience, and community well-being. Instead of removal, any concerns should be addressed through remedial pruning, seconded by Councillor Hart, all in favour. **Resolved**

P/VOC/2025/01046, Land Adjacent To Julians Road, Cowgrove Road and the River Stour Construction of 203 dwellings, office, cafe and basement parking, demolition of 20 dwellings at Cuthbury Close. Councillor Richmond proposed no objection, seconded by Councillor Hart, six in favour one abstention. **Resolved**

PEC/2024/107 Neighbourhood Plan

The Committee agreed to establish a steering group to manage the Neighbourhood Plan process in the town.

PEC/2024/108 Applications for information only

The application P/NMA/2025/01025, Land South of Leigh Road Wimborne Dorset BH21 2DA was noted for information purposes only.

PEC/2024/109 Correspondence

An email from a resident requesting a crossing in the vicinity of Stone Lane and West Borough was discussed. The Committee referred the resident to Dorset Council's future plans for a crossing in that area via the Deputy Clerk.

The Committee discussed correspondence from a resident concerning parking at Farris Avenue and Cuthbury Gardens and considered potential measures to address this issue. The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that although this matter fell under the remit of Dorset Council, the Town Council had a role to play as a consultee and it was agreed to liaise with the resident and Dorset Council to advise on best practices.

PEC/2024/110 Next meeting and close of meeting

The next Committee meeting (1 April 2025) was noted, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Signature of Chairman: 

Date: 