



**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Wednesday 26 October 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillors K Green (Chairman), Z Gover (Vice Chairman) D Budd, B Dean, M Humphries

**Officers present:** N Gray, Town Clerk and RFO

**387. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Cleaton.

**388. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**389. Public participation time**

There was one member of the public present who addressed the Committee in respect of the recent planning application from Lidl supermarkets. The member of the public acknowledged that Wareham Town Council would not be a consultee as the application sat outside the Wareham Boundary, however, the impact to the businesses in Wareham could potentially be significant. The main concerns were loss of biodiversity, the site being on Greenbelt land, change of character to the gateway of Purbeck, potential harm to the retail businesses in Wareham and the impact on traffic.

The Chairman noted the comments from the member of public, who then left the meeting.

**390. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**391. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

**392. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were received from Dorset Council, in its capacity as the local Planning Authority, for Wareham Town Council to consider:

**Application Number:** P/FUL/2022/04609  
**Location:** Wareham Riverboats, Abbots Quay, Wareham BH20 4LW  
**Proposal:** Replace storage kiosk. Retention and relocation of Bamford's Water Pump. Demolition of stone and concrete plinth

**Decision:** **Objection:** Members were concerned about the application's impact on the public slipway. The application indicated, by outline in red, that the whole area including the slipway was in the ownership of the applicant, which is factually incorrect, and a request be made of the Planning

Authority to decline the application and an investigation as to the ownership of land above the highwater mark and the public slipway be carried out to establish the public access which must remain in place, and to determine whether the application is factually correct. There is a potential for the public to lose access if this application is granted in its current form.

**Application Number:** P/ADV/2022/05807  
**Location:** 12 South St, Wareham BH20 4LT  
**Proposal:** Display 2no. non-illuminated projecting signs and replacement of existing non-illuminated fascia sign

**Decision:** No Objection

### 393. Planning Decisions

The Planning Decisions report was considered, and the following items noted:

- P/ADV/2022/04770 – The planning application had been withdrawn; however, the illuminated sign was still in situ despite the matter being dealt with retrospectively. It was noted that the Co-Op also had an illuminated sign which had also not received any planning consent and also breached the Neighbourhood Plan policy. Members expressed concern that regulations were being ignored and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be requested to establish with the planning authority what the position was in respect of any application or enforcement action for both premises.

### 394. Rights of Way survey

Members considered the information within the reports and correspondence, and agreed that, as the deadline date had been removed the item be deferred until March 2023.

### 395. Speeding in St Martins Lane

Members considered the report and correspondence regarding speeding in St Martins Lane.

It was **RESOLVED** that, as the committee did not have specific technical expertise on the items being requested, it was neutral on the request and therefore, the matter be referred to Dorset Council for consideration.

It was also **RESOLVED** that the information from the residents would be passed to the Community Speedwatch group as a potential site for checking and a suitable response to the lead resident be given informing them of the Committee's actions.

### 396. St Michaels Road car parking survey

Cllr Dean presented the results of the survey noting the following points:

- 13 responses out of 20 had been received.
- Only 4 responses were in favour of any measures at all.

- Six responses were against any action being taken.
- From the responses, it was considered that a blanket restriction would not be acceptable, and the solution needed to be subtle and sympathetic to residents.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should relay the information from the results to Dorset Council and request they considered alternative options to assist the residents.

**397. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent**

The Chair noted on his recent visit to Wimborne that it had a blanket 20mph speed limit throughout the town and asked if it was something which could be implemented in Wareham. Cllr Budd noted it had been mooted many years previously with a reconfiguration of the main junction in the centre of the town, but it had not been progressed for several reasons.

**398. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee was scheduled to be held at **7.00pm on 16 November 2022.**

Chairman..... Date.....

