



Notes of the Informal Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee Members held on Wednesday 16 February 2022 via Zoom at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Councillors B Dean, D Budd, K Green, M Humphries

Officers present: K Noble, Deputy Town Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Cleaton, Z Gover and R Schofield. Councillor Green would be arriving late.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public participation time

Seven members of the public were present. The first resident spoke in relation to the Methodist Church application and raised concerns about the proposed clear windows that would affect the privacy of his mother's property. The only access to the site was from North Street. Neighbours had not received notification of the proposal.

The second resident also spoke in regard to the Methodist Church application and stated that no notices had been put outside the building. The community building that had served the community for hundreds of years would be a loss and it was inappropriate to lose a church building. An offer had been made for the building to be purchased and to continue being used for the benefit of the community.

(Councillor Budd joined the meeting at this juncture and apologised for his late arrival, which was due to zoom access issues).

A third member of the public who also spoke against the Methodist Church application stated that it went against section 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

(Councillor Green joined the meeting at this juncture).

Another member of the public also spoke objecting to the Methodist Church planning application and stated there was no access to the building on three sides and there was no parking.

Concerns were also raised regarding fire restrictions and how the listed arch would be protected.

A fifth member of the public spoke in relation to the new cycleway that was being installed from the north side of the levelling crossing and that he had written to the Dorset Councillor and had not received a reply. He was concerned that the level crossing would be stopped.

(3 members of the public left the meeting at this juncture)

4. Planning Applications

Application Number: P/FUL/2022/00333
Location: Methodist Church, North St BH20 4AG
Proposal: Extensions and alterations to convert former church into seven apartments

A lengthy discussion took place, and all residents representations were considered.

Minded to decision of the Proper Officer – Objection. The proposal went against Sections H9, H10, LDP1 and LDP3 of the adopted Wareham Neighbourhood Plan. The application did not adhere to section 8 and section 12, in particular to clauses 124, 127a, & 130 of the NPPF.

Pre-planning advice was given before the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan had been adopted and this should now be referred to. There were also concerns about how the Listed arch will be protected.

(4 members of the public left the meeting at this juncture)

Application Number: P/HOU/2022/00618
Location: 26 Sherford Drive BH20 4EN
Proposal: Extension and conversion of garage to form granny annexe

Minded to decision of the Proper Officer – No objection

5. Planning Decisions

The list of planning decisions was noted.

6. Sandford Lane Speeding

A request was considered to support a speed watch group in Sandford Lane. Following the speed survey, that the Town Council requested and paid for, it was found there were very few vehicles that were speeding and therefore no further action is to be taken.

7. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee will be held on Wednesday 9 March at 7.00 pm.