



Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Tuesday 11 March 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Councillors B Dean (Chair), D Budd, D Cleaton, A Dallimore, S Dean, M Hill, M Tighe.

Officers present: N Gray, Town Clerk & RFO, S Dickins, Deputy Town Clerk

P&T 154/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr D Robinson.

P&T 155/25 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P&T 156/25 Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

P&T 157/25 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2025 were approved and would be signed by the Chair following the meeting.

P&T 158/25 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

P&T 159/25 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/HOU/2025/01067
Location: 17 Bestwall Road Wareham BH20 4HY
Proposal: SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION & ALTERATIONS TO SIDE WINDOWS/DOORS

Decision: No Objection

Application Number: P/HOU/2025/00990
Location: 9 Stowell Crescent Wareham BH20 4PT
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Decision: No Objection

Application Number: P/HOU/2025/00895
Location: 37 Stour Drive Wareham BH20 4EW

Proposal: **Single storey rear extension and garage conversion**

Decision: **No objection with comment** – it was noted the redevelopment of the garage into accommodation was not aligned with the rest of the development as accommodation. Therefore, Wareham Town Council would like to request that a planning condition be imposed to ensure the new accommodation created within the extension to the existing house and separate garage be used for residential purposes only.

Application Number: **P/CLP/2025/00871**
Location: **14 Stowell Crescent Wareham BH20 4PY**
Proposal: **Removal of a chimney stack**

Decision: **Noted**

P&T 160/25 Planning Decisions

The planning decisions report was noted.

P&T 161/25 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

The Town Clerk noted she had been approached by the owner of the Old Gas Works requesting support from the Town Council for the extension of condition one of the planning consent. The condition had specified the works must be commenced within 3 years, which was not feasible with Southern Gas Works requiring a minimum of 34 months to carry out removal of historic gas pipes to comply with Health and Safety requirements and timings. The support of the Town Council would be by way of letter for the owner to attach to their case to Dorset Council, which would return to the next meeting for noting.

The Town Clerk further noted that she had also discussed logistics for the roundel Wareham Town Crest, which was located on the side of the Old Gas Works building, to be delivered to the Wareham Men's Shed for restoration work. The owner had expressed that they would like the roundel to be returned to the building as it was a prominent site for it for those visiting the Town, and they were keen to have it restored.

In addition to the support and the roundel, the Town Clerk reported that during the meeting possible solutions to overcome accessibility issues in respect to the pavement width in front of the old gas works had been discussed which would be passed to Dorset Council for consideration.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the owner of the Old Gas Works in their request for an extension to condition one of the planning consent, and to delegate the writing of a letter of support to the Town Clerk, which would be included for noting at the next meeting, and to delegate the contact between the parties in respect of the roundel to officers.

P&T 162/25 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 19:00.

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