



Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 27 May 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Councillors Z Gover (Mayor), K Critchley (Deputy Mayor), D Budd, M Cotton, B Dean, S Dean, V Green, M Hill, L Kirk, D Robinson and M Tighe.

Officers present: S Dickins, Deputy Town Clerk

TC 018/25 **Apologies for absence**

There were received and accepted from Cllr Cleaton, Cllr Dallimore, Cllr Davey, Cllr Holloway and Cllr Wheatley.

TC 019/25 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 020/25 **Public participation time**

There were seven members of the public present, none of whom wished to speak.

TC 021/25 **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Holloway had noted he had been missed from the attendees list for the Annual Town Council Meeting when he was in fact present.

It was **RESOLVED** the minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 13 May 2025 be **APPROVED** subject to the above amendment and would be signed by the Mayor following the meeting.

TC 022/25 **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

TC 023/25 **Neighbourhood Plan Review**

The Deputy Town Clerk noted that the Town Council and Wareham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had identified the prudence of reviewing The Wareham Neighbourhood Plan given Dorset Council's review of the Local Plan and as Town Councils hold the power to create and review their neighbourhood plans a resolution for Council to approve proceeding with a neighbourhood plan review would be timely.

Cllr Critchley noted that the creation of the current Neighbourhood Plan had been done in close collaboration with the former Purbeck District Council and Dorset County Council, along with the new Unitary Authority Dorset Council, and that renewed collaborative working to review the Neighbourhood Plan would be key.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with reviewing the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan and to delegate the review to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for approval by Council.

TC 024/25 **Any other items the Mayor deems urgent**

There were no items deemed urgent.

TC 025/25

Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Town Council was to be held on **Tuesday 24 June 2025** at **7.30pm**.

Mayor..... Date.....

After Council concluded transacting its business, Cllr Nick Ireland, Dorset Council Leader, addressed councillors and members of the public regarding the priority areas of work and challenges and developments within Dorset Council and the principal authority landscape. Following Cllr Ireland's address and question and answers, the Mayor led the Council in thanking Cllr Ireland for his informative and valuable talk.