



Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Tuesday 09 September 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

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

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

P&T 053/25-26 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

P&T 054/25-26 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P&T 055/25-26 Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

P&T 056/25-26 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2025 were approved and were signed by the Chair.

P&T 057/25-26 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

P&T 058/25-26 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/2025/04925
Location: Betws Y Coed Wyatts Lane Wareham BH20 4NH
Proposal: Erect a single storey rear extension, remove existing front flat low-level roof and replace with a tiled lean-to roof & replace existing vertically hung tiles for natural timber cladding

Decision: NO OBJECTION

Application Number: P/TRC/2025/05184
Location: 4 Folly Lane Wareham BH20 4HH
Proposal: T1 Sycamore: Fell

Decision: NOTED

Application Number: P/TRT/2025/04940
Location: 39 Stowell Crescent Wareham BH20 4PT
Proposal: Birch: Fell.

Decision: NOTED

Cllr Dallimore noted his concern that applications pertaining to tree preservation orders were provided to the Town Council for information purposes only with minimal information regarding the trees or reasoning and context for proposed work. The Committee agreed the importance of trees within the town and their contribution to the street scene. The Town Clerk noted that planning applications for trees received from Dorset Council for consultation did not allow for the Town Council to respond as it would for other forms of planning applications and that feeding back the Committee's comments regarding tree applications is often ineffectual as the appropriate mechanism is lacking. The Committee noted this could be an area of improvement to relay to Dorset Council representatives for Wareham.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair draft a letter outlining the concerns to Dorset Council Councillors to stress the lack of input from the Town Council on Tree applications.

P&T 059/25-26 Planning Decisions

The planning decisions report was noted.

P&T 060/25-26 Residential Parking in Wareham

The Committee considered the report in respect to a request from a resident for support of mixed model on-street residential parking in Wareham.

The Committee discussed the matter at length, considering the pros and cons of such an arrangement for the town. It was noted that some streets in Wareham, likely to be subject to on-street residential parking if implemented, had off-street parking solutions often accompanying properties as well as car parks with resident permit availability.

The Committee sought further information regarding existing zone layouts in other towns in the region, clarity about the hours of operation of on-street residential parking and the reversibility of on-street residential parking if implemented.

It was **RESOLVED** that further investigation into the detail of Dorset Council's on-street residential parking be done with clarity obtained on operating hours, and whether on-street parking is reversible if found to not work in the town.

It was also **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk advise the resident who raised the request that parking permits are available in all the car parks within the vicinity of North Street.

P&T 061/25-26 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

P&T 062/25-26 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 23 September 2025 at 19:00.

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