



Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Tuesday 23 September 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

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

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

P&T 063/25-26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs B Dean, M Hill and M Tighe.

P&T 064/25-26 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P&T 065/25-26 Public participation time

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

P&T 066/25-26 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2025 were approved and would be signed by the Deputy Chair following the meeting.

P&T 067/25-26 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

P&T 068/25-26 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/2025/05267
Location:	1 Stour Drive Wareham BH20 4EW
Proposal:	Erect single storey rear & side extension

Decision:	NO OBJECTION
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Application Number:	P/FUL/2025/04604
Location:	Public Conveniences Howards Lane Wareham BH20 4HU
Proposal:	Demolition of original existing toilet block & erection new modular toilet block

Decision:	NOTED – COUNCIL INTEREST
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P&T 069/25-26 Planning Decisions

The planning decisions report was noted.

P&T 070/25-26 Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2026-41 Consultation

The Committee considered the Local Transport Plan 2026-41 consultation.

Cllr Robinson noted the benefit of cycle routes within proposals to support active travel and noted the importance of maintaining access to the ground-level crossing at Wareham Railway Station. Cllr Robinson also noted the increased bus service frequency proposed in South-Eastern Dorset should extend beyond 7:00pm to accommodate those who choose not to drive as they would be drinking. Cllr Budd noted his support of traffic management and active travel improvements in the town centre, prioritising pedestrian usage.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the Local Transport Plan 2026-41 response to officers using the Committee's considerations from the meeting, along with the survey link shared with members via email, to enable a response by the consultation's close on 13 October 2025.

P&T 071/25-26 Dorset National Landscape Management Plan 2026-31 Consultation

The Committee considered the Dorset National Landscape Management Plan 2026-31 consultation.

Cllr Dallimore noted the extensive nature of the National Landscape Management Plan and highlighted that proposals within the Dorset Council Local Plan would stand in contradiction to the National Landscape Management Plan's aims.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the Dorset National Landscape Management Plan consultation response 2026-31 using members' considerations to the Deputy Town Clerk.

P&T 072/25-26 On-Street Residential Parking

The Committee considered the report regarding on-street residential parking.

Cllr Cotton noted the potential disturbance to visitor and shopper parking which on-street residential parking may pose for limited resident benefit.

It was **RESOLVED** not to support on-street residential parking in Wareham.

P&T 073/25-26 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

Cllr Robinson noted the letter Cllr Tighe had drafted in respect to Tree Preservation Order (TPOs) consultation and that it would be circulated with the Committee prior to being sent. Cllr Robinson noted his support of the letter and suggested that the benefit of Town Councils as consultees on TPOs be highlighted in respect to their understanding of the local context and of residents involved in any TPO processes. Cllr Dallimore noted his support and that the Dorset Council tree officer would have final jurisdiction regarding outcomes and that safety matters would be handled as a priority.

P&T 074/25-26 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 19:00.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Initials.....