



Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Tuesday 10 March 2026 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, M Cotton, A Dallimore, B Dean and M Hill.

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

P&T 158/25-26 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Cleaton.

P&T 159/25-26 Declarations of interest

Cllr Hill noted a non-pecuniary interest in planning application P/FUL/2026/00872.

P&T 160/25-26 Public participation time

There was one member of the public present, who spoke requesting the Town Council support the Men's Shed planning application P/FUL/2026/00872.

P&T 161/25-26 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2026 were approved and were signed by the Chair.

P&T 162/25-26 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

P&T 163/25-26 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/FUL/2026/00872
Location: Bestwall Road Wareham BH20 4HY
Proposal: Erect a temporary workshop building (40 years)

Decision: NO OBJECTION

Application Number: P/FUL/2026/00961
Location: 6 Westminster Road Wareham BH20 4SP
Proposal: Extension to existing industrial unit

Decision: NO OBJECTION

Application Number: P/VOL/2026/01002
Location: 31 Church Street Wareham BH20 4NF
Proposal: Demolish and rebuild existing pitched roof single storey rear extension, remove and insert new ground floor window. Form

ensuite at first floor (with variation of Conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15 of Approved P/A P/LBC/2021/02600 to improve the design and rebuild the rear lean-to).

Decision: NO OBJECTION

Application Number: P/VOC/2026/00881
Location: 31 Church Street Wareham BH50 4NF
Proposal: Demolish and rebuild existing pitched roof single storey rear extension, remove and insert new ground floor window. Form ensuite at first floor (with variation of Conditions 1 and 2 of Approved P/A P/HOU/2021/02599 to improve the design and rebuild the rear lean-to).

Decision: NO OBJECTION

P&T 164/25-26 Planning Decisions

The planning decisions report was noted.

P&T 165/25-26 Saxon Roundabout Pedestrian Crossing Safety

The Committee considered the ability for pedestrians to cross the main road at the Saxon Roundabout when the underpass was out of use due to flooding.

The Committee noted the recent safety precautions deployed by Dorset Council for pedestrians using the crossing were insufficient due to the high numbers of vehicles, lack of visibility for both road users and pedestrians, and the number of lanes that needed to be crossed to reach the centre refuge. The benefits of lane reduction on both the approach to the roundabout and on the exit to Swanage were discussed, and improved and earlier signage provision further back on the bypass warning motorists of crossing pedestrians would be preferred. The Committee also felt that tree, hedge and brush cutting to improve visibility for vehicles approaching the roundabout and for pedestrians crossing would be advantageous.

The Town Clerk noted a discussion had taken place with a Dorset Council officer regarding the risk of the underpass being unsuitably used when it was flooded and that it would be prudent for Dorset Council to install measures to securely close off the underpass during times of flooding.

It was **RESOLVED** that Dorset Council be formally requested enhance signage provision to warn motorists more clearly and earlier of pedestrians crossing, improve visibility for pedestrians and motorists by cutting back trees and bushes, consider the lane configuration on the approach and exit on the Swanage side of the roundabout, and investigate the installation of a secure means of closing the underpass to the public when unsafe to use.

P&T 166/25-26 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

P&T 167/25-26 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 7:00pm.

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

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