Dorchester Town Council

Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee

2 February 2026

Present: Councillors R. Biggs, S. Biles, L. Fry (Vice Chair), J. Hewitt, F. Kent-Ledger, R. Major, R.Potter, M. Rennie and R. Ricardo (Chair).

Apologies: Cllrs P. Farmer, F. Hogwood, S. Jones, D. Leaper and V. Lloyd-Jones.

59. **Declarations of Interest**
Councillors L. Fry and R. Major stated that as members of Dorset Council's Northern Area Planning Committee, they would keep an open mind on the planning applications and consider all information available at each stage of the decision process. They would take part in the debate but not vote on planning applications at this meeting.

60. **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 January 2026 and ratified at the Full Council meeting held on 26 January 2026 signed by the chair.

61. **20mph Task and Finish Group Meeting Minutes**
The Committee noted the minutes of the 20mph Task and Finish Group meeting held on 26 January 2026.

Some members raised concerns about the willingness of volunteers for a community speedwatch scheme, having already had one in place in Herringston Road previously. The Committee was advised that, while such a scheme could support any future application for a 20mph speed limit, it was not essential. However, it would demonstrate community backing and provide useful data to help determine whether a 20mph scheme was justified.

The chair of the 20mph Task and Finish Group invited members of the committee to contribute ideas for future community engagement.

The Committee was asked to consider whether it wished to support the 20mph Task and Finish Group's recommendation that the Planning and Environment Committee approve the Group's request for £895 + VAT to commission traffic speed surveys for

- London Road
- Herringston Road
- Peverell Avenue East
- Peverell Avenue West.

The Committee supported the 20mph Task and Finish Group's recommendation to fund the traffic speed surveys.

Resolved
That the Clerk to the Committee instruct Dorset Council to undertake traffic speed surveys for:

- London Road
- Herringston Road
- Peverell Avenue East
- Peverell Avenue West.

62. **Planning Applications for Comment**
The Committee considered the planning applications referred by Dorset Council to the Council for comment.

Resolved
That the comments on the various planning applications, as set out in Appendix 1, be submitted to Dorset Council.

63. **Minute Update Report**

Minute 27 of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 1 September 2025 - **P/FUL/2025/00984 Former Gibbs & Dandy Site Builder Center Great Western Road Dorchester Dorset DT1 1RZ**
The Committee heard that the applicant had met with an independent design panel set up by Dorset Council to discuss Dorset Council's concerns about the applicant's revised proposals. Having had this meeting it was likely that a revised application would be submitted to Dorset Council.

64. **Planning Issues to Note**
There were no planning issues to note.

Appendix 1

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Planning Applications for Comment

East Ward (Councillors P. Farmer, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger and R. Major)

E1. **P/LBC/2025/07458 94 High Street Fordington Dorchester DT1 1LD**
Retain works to install 2no. stoves & flues. Replacement of 10no. single glazed modern windows with new double glazed windows, replacement render, repointing of the brick gable. Installation of french drain to perimeter & the repair of two porches.

No objection.

E2. **P/HOU/2026/00104 7 South Walks Road Dorchester DT1 1ED**
Erect single storey rear extension with roof lights.

No objection.

North Ward (Councillors S. Biles, A. Canning and V. Lloyd-Jones)

N1. **P/LBC/2026/00064 9-9A Cornhill Dorchester DT1 1BA**
Stone repairs to front elevation.

No objection.

N2. **P/FUL/2025/07231 38 South Street & 5A Trinity Street Dorchester**
Formation of two residential flats (Use Class C3) across the first, second and third floors. Replace ground floor retail frontage facing South Street. Replace roof structure & erect dormer window. Replace all windows. Replace roof to rear single storey extension.

No objection.

N3. **P/LBC/2026/00195 Town Pump Cornhill Dorchester**
Refurbishment of the Town Pump with new stone base, drinking water spout and shallow basin for drinking water for dogs.

As the application has been made by Dorchester Town Council, no comment will be made on this application.

No objection.

N4. **P/ADV/2025/06823 Oak House Poundbury Road Dorchester DT1 1SW**
Display 2no. internally illuminated fascia signs, 1 no. non illuminated projecting sign, 1 no. non illuminated freestanding sign, 1 no. non illuminated resident access sign. **(Amended plans)**

No objection.

N5. **P/HOU/2026/00357 6 Holly Close Dorchester DT1 2PZ**
Erect extension and convert garage.

No objection.

N6. **P/VOL/2026/00414 Former Military Hospital Millers Close Marabout Industrial Estate Dorchester Dorset DT1 1YA**
Alterations to facilitate the creation of a communal music venue, micro-brewery, communal & private function rooms & a communal pilates/yoga /craft room (with variation of condition 2 of listed building consent P/LBC/2025/06302 to amend approved plans).

No objection.

West Ward (Councillors L. Fry, J. Germodo, J. Hewitt and R. Ricardo)

W1. **P/LBC/2026/00235 Dorchester West Railway Station Great Western Road Dorchester DT1 2LB**
Installation of 2no. Customer Information System (CIS) displays on the platforms.

No objection.

W2. **P/HOU/2026/00347 22 Edward Road Dorchester DT1 2HL**
Erect single storey rear extension with roof lantern and install dormer window to East elevation (Demolish Existing extension).

No objection.

W3. **P/OUT/2025/06511 3 Maiden Castle Road Dorchester DT1 2QG**
Erection of 1no. dwelling (outline application to determine access & layout).

No objection.
The Committee asked that the design of the proposed dwelling be in keeping with the established character of the locality

South Ward (Councillors R. Potter and M. Rennie)
No applications received to date.

Poundbury Ward (Councillors R. Biggs, F. Hogwood and D. Leaper)
No applications received to date.