

**14 MAY 2025**

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 14 May 2025

- \* Cllr Christine Ward (Chairman)
- \* Cllr Barry Rickman (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

- \* Jack Davies
- \* Philip Dowd
- \* Richard Frampton
- \* Matthew Hartmann
- \* David Hawkins
- \* Dave Penny

**Councillors:**

- \* Joe Reilly
- \* Janet Richards
- John Sleep
- \* Malcolm Wade
- Phil Woods

\*Present

**In attendance:**

**Officers Attending:**

Tanya Coulter, John Fanning, Tim Guymer, Justina Hudson, Julie Parry, Ian Rayner, Joe Tyler, Mark Wyatt and Robert Thain

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Sleep and Woods.

**4 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2025 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr M Hartmann disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in application 25/10210 and explained that he was a member of Fawley Parish Council, whose planning committee had expressed a view on the matter. However, he was not a member of their planning committee, nor had he expressed a view on the scheme. Therefore, he concluded there were no grounds under common law to prevent him from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

Cllr D Penny disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in application 24/10445 and explained that although he is a member of their planning committee, he did not participate nor pass comment on the application. Therefore, he concluded that there were no grounds under common law to prevent him from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

**6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEE DECISION**

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**a Land to West of Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge (Application 24/10809)**

**Details:**

Reserved matters application for 74 residential dwellings and associated Alternative Natural Recreational Greenspace, public open space and ancillary infrastructure, and discharge of conditions 7,12,15,17,18,21,22,23,25,27,28,29,30,31, 32,33,34,36,38,40 & 41. (Details of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale, pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 21/10052.

**Public Participants:**

Mrs Suzanne Bangert (Agent)

**Additional Representations:**

None.

**Comment:**

In addition to the updates contained within the Committee Updates document, the Case Officer explained that a further design comment was submitted by the applicants for the application and may be referred to during the Officer's presentation and/or response to questions.

**Decision:**

Grant subject to conditions.

**Conditions/Reasons:**

As set out in the report.

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**b 83 Commercial Road, Totton, SO40 3AF (Application 24/10445)**

**Details:**

Conversion of the site use to residential and the construction of a building of nine flats with parking and amenity space.

**Public Participants:**

Mr Julian Boswell (Agent).

**Additional Representations:**

None.

**Comment:**

Cllr D Penny disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in application 24/10445 and explained that although he is a member of their planning committee, he did

not participate nor pass comment on the application. Therefore, he concluded that there were no grounds under common law to prevent him from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

**Decision:**

Grant subject to conditions.

**Conditions/Reasons:**

As set out in the report.

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**c Little Acre, 8 Dark Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1WB (Application 25/10210)**

**Details:**

Two-storey side extension; roof alterations to single-storey front projection and main roof in association with new first floor, including the addition of dormers and rooflights.

**Public Participants:**

Mrs Stephanie Miller-Harris (Applicant).

**Additional Representations:**

None.

**Comment:**

Cllr M Hartmann disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in application 25/10210 and explained that he was a member of Fawley Parish Council, whose planning committee had expressed a view on the matter. However, he was not a member of their planning committee, nor had he expressed a view on the scheme. Therefore, he concluded there were no grounds under common law to prevent him from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

The Case Officer informed the Committee that a letter of support had been received from a neighbour opposite the application site, stating that they believed the design would be in-keeping with the local area and would be a modest and thoughtful improvement. A supporting statement from the applicant had also been received.

**Decision:**

Grant Permission subject to conditions.

**Conditions/Reasons:**

Members felt that the proposed scheme was in-keeping with the local area and would not adversely affect its surroundings.

The following conditions were agreed with the detailed wording to be

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delegated to the Service Manager (Development Management):

1. The scheme must be commenced within 3 years
2. The works must be carried out in accordance with the relevant plans
3. The external brick and tiles must match the existing house
4. An example of the cladding must be submitted and approved.

CHAIRMAN