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Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee (P&H) held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 7th April 2026 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

Members Summoned and Present: P&H Councillors: Cllrs Hollingshead (Chair), Elmendorff (Vice-Chair) (arrived at 7.01pm), Barratt, Dibben and Edwyn-Jones

Absent: Cllrs Smith and Yeo

Officers Present: Billy Maddock (Interim Town Clerk)

In Attendance: Press (1), Members of the public (3)

Minutes

Public Participation

- 20mph Sweetmans Road - agrees with the proposal and enquired if there will be a mechanism to police to enforce the proposed new limit. The chair reported that speed limit enforcement and traffic management is down to the Police and is not under the jurisdiction of the council. Dorset Council are very keen on supporting this and a Community Speed Watch is encouraged, which would give residents some agency with this issue.
- Representing Melbury and Cann Parish Council re agenda item nos. 7 and 8. Very keen on working together with the town council to lobby Dorset Council on both these items. This can be further worked up after the Annual Meeting next month.
- Resident living on Maple Road spoke about the Bus Gate. He is not in agreement about the decision. Are there any plans for sleeping policemen on Maple Road and Allen Road to ensure people stick to their side of the road? The chair responded that it is the jurisdiction of Dorset Council Highways to ensure that regulations are adhered to. Works are due to start in the summer. It would be best to contact DC Cllr Jack Jeanes for further guidance and support.

The meeting commenced at 7.07pm.

PH65 Apologies

Officer report 0426PH1 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Smith.

Proposed by Cllr Hollingshead		
Seconded by Cllr Dibben		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Hollingshead, Elmendorff, Barratt, Dibben and Edwyn-Jones
Against	0	
Abstentions	0	
MOTION CARRIED		

PH66 Declaration of Interest

It was **NOTED** that Councillors should declare any interests if they arise.

PH67 Minutes

Officer report 0426PH3 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2026. They were duly signed.

Proposed by Cllr Edwyn-Jones		
Seconded by Cllr Barratt		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Hollingshead, Elmendorff, Barratt, Dibben and Edwyn-Jones
Against	0	
Abstentions	0	
MOTION CARRIED		

Action: Interim Town Clerk

PH68 Clerk’s Report including progress report on Planning and Highways business

Officer report 0426PH4 was received and noted.

Blackmore Down Redrow Development – Cllr Edwyn-Jones reported that the deadline for the s73 application was 31st March and an outcome is awaited.

Speed Indicator Device Sweetmans Road – It appears the device is not working. The Interim Town Clerk reported that this is already being investigated. Dorset Council have said it might be an issue of cars not driving fast enough; however, they will get the SID checked.

Wessex Farm Sherborne Causeway application – Cllr Hollingshead wanted it recorded that the principle of an anaerobic digestion facility is acceptable, however the location of this proposed facility is the issue. Cllr Dibben spoke on the issue of larger vehicles using small roads. Cllr Hollingshead also reported that during harvest season there will be 24/7 traffic.

PH69 Planning Applications – to consider responses to planning applications

[P/HOU/2026/01205](#)

Proposal: Erect Two Storey Side Extension

Location: 7 Gower Road SP7 8RU

Comment: Objection on the basis that it is an excessive development, of over density in this area and of loss of sunlight for neighbouring properties, of overshadowing/loss of outlook to the detriment of neighbouring amenity as well as loss of privacy.

Proposed by Cllr Edwyn-Jones		
Seconded by Cllr Elmendorff		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Hollingshead, Elmendorff, Barratt, Dibben and Edwyn-Jones
Against	0	
Abstentions	0	
MOTION CARRIED		

Proposal: Erect two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and single storey front porch (Demolish Existing Garage).

Location: 14 Heathfields Way SP7 9JZ

Comment: No Objection

Proposed by Cllr Hollingshead		
Seconded by Cllr Dibben		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Hollingshead, Elmendorff, Barratt, Dibben and Edwyn-Jones
Against	0	
Abstentions	0	
MOTION CARRIED		

PH70 To further consider the addition of a bus stop in Allen Road

Officer report 0426PH6 was received and noted.

Members considered the additional information and it was **RESOLVED** that, having consulted with Allen Road residents who were not in support of this proposal, Shaftesbury Town Council would like to propose an alternative location on the A30 Eastbound where there is an existing layby.

Proposed by Cllr Edwyn-Jones		
Seconded by Cllr Elmendorff		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Hollingshead, Elmendorff, Barratt, Dibben and Edwyn-Jones
Against	0	
Abstentions	0	
MOTION CARRIED		

Action: Interim Town Clerk

PH71 To consider two speed surveys to support the possible extension of the proposed 20mph area on the eastern side of the town

Officer report 0426PH7 was received and noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the whole of Shaftesbury is to become a 20mph zone, except for the trunk roads. Once confirmed by Full Council this request will be sent to Dorset Council.

Proposed by Cllr Edwyn-Jones		
Seconded by Cllr Dibben		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Hollingshead, Elmendorff, Barratt, Dibben and Edwyn-Jones
Against	0	
Abstentions	0	
MOTION CARRIED		

Action: Full Council

PH72 To consider support for a speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph on the B3081 at the Saxon Grange entrance

Officer report 0426PH8 was received and noted.

Members considered the residents' request for a speed reduction along the B3081, and it was **RESOLVED** to refer the request and all information to Melbury and Cann Parish Council to take forward to Dorset County Highways Authority if they so wish.

Proposed by Cllr Hollingshead		
Seconded by Cllr Edwyn-Jones		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Hollingshead, Elmendorff, Barratt, Dibben and Edwyn-Jones
Against	0	
Abstentions	0	
MOTION CARRIED		

Action: Interim Town Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.42pm.

These minutes were adopted on enter date. under minute reference enter ref. as a true record of the decisions taken and are duly signed below by the Chair of that meeting.