

Minutes



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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's extraordinary Planning Committee meeting which took place on Thursday 28 August 2025 at 6.15pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Lade Barker, Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Nigel Ricketts, Cllr Peter Watterson and Cllr Jennie Scott and co-opted non-council member Mr Frank Campbell.

In attendance: Kevan Pegley, standing in as Clerk to the Committee

Meeting chaired by Cllr Barker. No members of the public or press were present.

08/25/22. Apologies for absence: There were no apologies.

08/25/23. Declaration of members interest:

- a. Cllr Barker expressed an interest in planning application 25/01511/FUL as a neighbouring property and the owner of Mill Lane and did not take part in the discussion or decision.
- b. There were no requests for dispensations.

08/25/24. Planning applications: Members **RESOLVED** to make the following decision:

25/01511/FUL: Erection of 1 no. dwelling. Land east of no. 4 Brook Cottages, Mill Lane, Westbourne. It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

- a. It lies outside the settlement boundary with no exceptional justification or affordable housing provision, contrary to Westbourne Neighbourhood Plan, policy OA1.
- b. It lies within a designated strategic wildlife corridor, with no evidence to pass the necessary tests, and stands to impair habitat integrity. This is in direct conflict with Local Plan policy NE4.
- c. It fails the stringent tests for residential development in the countryside contained in the NPPF (paragraph 84) and does not align with sustainable development principles (NPPF paragraph 11).

08/25/25. Date of next meeting: The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 11 September 2025 at 6.15pm.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm.