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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Planning Committee which took place on Thursday 15 October 2026 at 6.15pm at Westbourne Community Hall, River Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Nigel Ricketts, Cllr Peter Watterson and co-opted non-council members Mr Frank Campbell and Mr Kevan Pegley.

In attendance: Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Council

Meeting chaired by Cllr Ricketts. Three members of the public were present and no members of the press.

10/26/69. Apologies for absence: Cllr Lade Barker sent her apologies which were accepted.

10/26/70. Declaration of members interest:

a. Kevan Pegley declared an interest in planning application 26/01812/FUL as a friend of the applicant. As this was not of a pecuniary nature, it was **AGREED** that Kevan Pegley could take part in the discussion and decision.
b. There were no requests for a dispensation.

10/26/71. Minutes of the meeting of 8 October 2026: Members **APPROVED** the circulated minutes as a correct record which were signed by the Chairman.

10/26/73. Planning applications: Members **RESOLVED** to make the following decision.

26/01812/FUL: 7 no. dwellings with associated parking, 1 no. detached double garage for the residential use of Mile End House, landscaping and access.
Land north west of Mile End House, East Street, Westbourne.

It was **AGREED** to have **NO OBJECTION** with the following comments:

The proposal necessitates an access road joining East Street, very close to the junction with Foxbury Lane, Whitechimney Row and New Road. This is a part of the village which, owing to the shortage or non-existence of off-road parking and the number of vehicles parked at the kerb, can become extremely congested. The difficulties experienced by drivers, especially of larger vehicles, are well-documented and the battered bollard in the middle of the road is witness to this. If the proposal was approved, the Council considers it would exacerbate the situation. It is acknowledged that the Highways authority have not objected, but the Council would like to recommend that further consideration is given to the configuration of East Street with the creation of a mini-roundabout to facilitate the flow of traffic, as well as

ensuring that traffic from the new access road turns left only and does not cut across a line of traffic in order to travel in a westerly direction.

The Council considers that the detailing of some of the dormer windows should be reviewed to include pitched roofs instead of flat roofs, and that there is an adjustment to the landscaping strip adjacent to the neighbouring property of Woodstore Cottage to provide screening.

The Council would like to comment on the admirable way the architect has engaged with the Council and local community on the development of the scheme.

10/26/74. Items to be included on the next agenda: There were no additional items.

10/26/75. Date of next meeting: The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 12 November 2026 at 6.15pm.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm