



# ALDERHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of a Meeting of Alderholt Parish Council Planning Committee held in the Committee Room at Alderholt Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**

**Present:** Cllr G Logan (Chairman), Cllr A Butler, Cllr S Butler, Cllr S Emberson and Cllr A Hibberd

**In Attendance:** Kerry Brooker (Asst Parish Clerk) and 3 members of public

### **44/25 Welcome from the Chairman and housekeeping notices:**

Cllr Logan welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the emergency procedures.

### **45/25 To receive and accept apologies for absence:**

No apologies were received.

### **46/25 To receive declarations of interest and/or consider the granting of dispensations:**

No declarations of interest were received and no dispensations granted.

### **47/25 To confirm the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 are a correct record of that meeting:**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a correct record of that meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.

### **48/25 Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman advised that they attended a meeting regarding the forthcoming Dorset Local Plan which is to be publicly consulted upon from 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025. There will be a drop in session on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Verwood Memorial Hall and an Alderholt session (date to be confirmed).

### **49/25 Public Forum:**

Two members spoke regarding the Foxhill Farm Certificate of Lawfulness and raised the following points.

- No Notification received by Neighbour (was advised that this no longer happens and a site notice should be displayed nearby)
- In 2025, the applicant withdrew from its Caravan Club licence which in effect should make this a new application.
- There are 6 permanent hard standings which should have had planning permission.
- There is photographic evidence that the field has not been in use as a caravan site for 10 years.
- A request made to applicant for a plan of Foxhill Farm drainage and soakaway – this has never been provided.
- Same photo used on application for 2017 and 2021
- Change of Use should have been applied for as it has moved from a hobby to a business
- Should this Certificate be permitted then business rates should apply (including retrospectively) instead of the agricultural rates
- It is believed that the applicant should be applying for retrospective planning permission.



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- The caravans in storage require planning consent.
- The members of the public were advised to submit any evidence to Dorset Council as the Local Planning Authority.

**50/25 To consider new planning applications received from Dorset Council for comment by this committee (details below).**

APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION AND APPLICATION DETAILS	MEMBERS DECISION
<p><b>P/CLE/2025/04038</b></p> <p><b>Reporting Councillor:</b> <b>Cllr G Logan</b></p> <p><b>Certificate of Lawfulness</b> <b>For evidence only</b></p>	<p><b>Location: Foxhill Farm</b> <b>Ringwood Road,</b> <b>Alderholt, SP6 3DF</b></p> <p><b>Proposal: Continuation of existing use of field for caravan site</b></p> <p><b>An application for a Certificate of Lawfulness is not a planning application. In determining an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness the Local Planning Authority can only consider evidence that the claimed use or development is lawful or is not lawful. Normally that it has has existed, or not existed, continuously for a period of time, set by legislation, which is either 4 or 10 years. If there is evidence which demonstrates that the claimed use or development has existed, or not existed, continuously for a period of 4 or 10 years then the person who is able to provide the evidence should provide a written statement of what they can say to the case officer.</b></p>	<p>Members <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit the following comments.</p> <p>This application is for a Certificate of Lawfulness - in essence, has the use/development existed continuously for 4 or 10 years.</p> <p>To our knowledge there is limited evidence to demonstrate against the claim.</p> <p>It was a certified location used by Caravan Club members - the sign pertaining to this was removed in late May/early June 2025. The signage now advertises holiday lets and a touring caravan park - <b>this is a Change of Use.</b></p> <p>However:- On looking through the planning history of the site available through the planning portal, it is noted that there is no evidence of Change of Use for either the storage of caravans or for the running of a touring caravan site. We question whether the agricultural tie is still in existence?</p> <p>Neither is there any evidence of a planning application for touring caravans on the site as either Oakwood Nurseries or Foxhill Farm.</p> <p>Caravan Club were aware of the breach of its regulations. One caravan has been on site for more than the permitted 28 days.</p> <p>On looking at the photographs from 2017/2021, these appear to be identical. Within the application there is no evidence of continuous business use.</p>



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		<p>These planning anomalies require full investigation before legitimisation of the continued use of the field at Foxhill Farm as a touring caravan site.</p> <p>This is requested so as to ensure the system of planning control and enforcement is upheld equally for all within the community, and that trust in the system is maintained. Deviations from this impact upon the business/agricultural rates charged by the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>We trust that we will receive full support from our Dorset Councillor, David Tooke regarding these comments.</p>
<p><b>P/HOU/2025/03721</b></p> <p><b>Reporting Councillor:</b> <b>Cllr Antonia Butler</b></p>	<p><b>Location: 58 Ringwood Road, Alderholt, SP6 3DF</b></p> <p><b>Proposal: Erect a single story rear and side extension. To Include Solar Panels to roof</b></p>	<p>This application was Invalidated prior to meeting</p>
<p><b>P/HOU/2025/03392</b></p> <p><b>Reporting Councillor:</b> <b>Cllr Steve Butler</b></p>	<p><b>Location: 9 Park Lane Alderholt SP6 3AJ</b></p> <p><b>Proposal: Loft conversion comprising increase of roof pitch raising ridge by 1.4m; conversion of hip to gable and the construction of two dormers. Installation of timber style cladding to sections of new construction. Construction of new covered porch to front door.</b></p>	<p>Members <b>RESOLVED</b> No Objection but to submit the following comments.</p> <p>Members suggest an obscure window in the stairwell for privacy reasons.</p>

With no further business the chair closed the meeting at 7.37pm.

**Chairmans signature:**

**Date Ratified:**