

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
EASTERN BCP PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 05 June 2026 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr P Hilliard – Chairman

Cllr M Le Poidevin – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr P Canavan, Cllr M Gillett, Cllr G Martin, Cllr Dr F Rice,
Cllr T Slade, Cllr M Tarling and Cllr S Armstrong

10. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr David Flagg and Cllr Jo Clements.

11. Substitute Members

Cllr Sara Armstrong substituted for the vacant seat.

12. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Armstrong declared an interest in item 6b and sat in the public gallery for the item and spoke as a ward councillor.

Cllr Martin declared an interest in item 6c as pre-determined and left the meeting before the item.

13. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2026 were approved as a correct record.

14. Public Issues

The Chair advised that there were a number of requests to speak on the planning applications as detailed below.

15. Schedule of Planning Applications

The Committee considered a planning application report, a copy of which had been circulated and which appears as Appendix A to these minutes in the Minute Book. A Committee Addendum Sheet was published on 4 June and appears as Appendix B to these minutes.

15.1 Theme Park, Merritown Lane, Christchurch, BH23 6BA

Commons Ward

P/25/00993/FUL

Change of use of family theme park to mixed use incorporating leisure and tourism uses with ancillary cafe and retail, education and commercial car parking, along with associated infrastructure (signage, ANPR cameras and columns, cabinet and adverts).

The Development Management Manager updated the Committee that the applicant had recently changed their agent and the agent sent information to the Planning Officer shortly before the meeting which tried to address some of the refusal issues. The Committee were informed that the officer had not had a chance to look at the proposals in detail.

The Committee were informed they could either defer the application to a future meeting to allow officers time to assess the new information submitted or the Committee could hear the application with the previous information and the recommendation to refuse.

The Committee were assured that if deferred the application would go before Committee as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred to allow officers to assess the recently submitted information and bring the application back to committee at a future date.

Voting: Unanimous

15.2 **426-432 Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth, BH8 9AA**

East Cliff & Springbourne Ward

7-2024-29061-A

Redevelopment of the site to provide residential accommodation of 20 flats (use class C3): including landscaping, refuse storage, cycle storage and other associated infrastructure.

Public Representations

Objectors:

- ❖ Adele Hartwell

Applicant/Supporters

- ❖ Phoebe Milner

Ward Councillors:

- ❖ Cllr Sara Armstrong
- ❖ Cllr Anne-Marie Moriarty

RESOLVED to GRANT permission in accordance with the recommendation set out in the officer's report, as updated by the Committee Addendum published.

Voting: For – 5, Against – 2, Abstain – 1

Notes: Cllr Armstrong sat in the public gallery for this item, spoke as a ward Councillor and did not vote on this item.

15.3 Car Park Rear of 629 to 623 Christchurch Road, Hawkwood Road, Bournemouth, BH1 4AP

Boscombe West Ward

P/25/03310/CONDR

Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of Application no. 7-2023-6706-D: Redevelopment of part of Hawkwood Road Main car park to provide a mixed use scheme comprising residential flats, a medical centre (or flexible Class E commercial floorspace), public park and community pavilion, landscaping and public realm improvements. Proposed community centre (or flexible Class E floorspace) on northern side of Hawkwood Road to rear of 629-633 Christchurch Road and a new pedestrian link and retail kiosks between Hawkwood Road and Christchurch Road following demolition of no. 625 Christchurch Road (WH Smith) - Regulation 3.

Public Representations

Objectors:

- ❖ Siobhan Ferguson

Applicant/Supporters

- ❖ None registered

Ward Councillors:

- ❖ None registered

RESOLVED to GRANT permission in accordance with the recommendation set out in the officer's report, as updated by the Committee Addendum published.

Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstain – 1

Notes: Cllr Martin left the meeting before this item as per her earlier declaration.

16. Appeals Report

The Development Management Manager presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated and which appears as Appendix F to these minutes in the Minute Book.

The report provided an update on the Local Planning Authority's appeal performance over the stated period.

The report was noted.

The meeting ended at 11.32 am

CHAIRMAN