CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held Monday 23rd March 2026 commencing at 18:00 hours in The Town Hall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

Members present: Cllr Bulmer (Vice Chair), Cllr Eggins, Cllr Hussey (Chair), Cllr Richter & Cllr O'Brien (Ex-officio)

Members Absent: Cllr Tribble

Officers present:
David Bell, Chief Executive & Town Clerk.
Beverley Newman, Democratic Services Officer.

Public Participation Time
4 members of the public were present

2026/15 Apologies for absence
1 apology was received by Cllr Hassan - work

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr O'Brien
Unanimous

Resolved: The committee accepted the apology received.

2026/16 Declarations of interest
Cllr Eggins declared an interest in relation to agenda item 2026/19 e) the applicant is his next door neighbour; Cllr Richter 2026/19 a) as she knows the family and Cllr O'Brien 2026/19/b as the applicant has spoken to her about this application.

2026/17 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public
There were no confidential items for consideration.

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2026/18 Minutes
Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

Resolved: The committee agreed the Minutes of the16th February 2026 as an accurate record.

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2026/19 Planning applications

To consider the following application and comment as necessary:

a) Application Number: **26/00311/S73A**

Proposal: S73A Application to vary Condition 02 (approved plans) to reflect minor changes required to the approved design relating to planning permission 22/01414/HOU; Alterations, first floor side extension and front porch (Re-submission of 22/00346/HOU)

Location: Willowdene Bews Lane Chard Somerset TA20 1JU

Applicant: Mr and Mrs T Tompkins

Application Type: Section 73 A determination

Committee comments: Committee saw no issues with this application.

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer — Seconded: Cllr Eggins
For: 3 — Abstain: 1

Resolved: That the committee support this application.

b) Application Number: **26/00345/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of a detached 2.5 storey Residential (Class 4) property as a 6-bed HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) (Sui Generis)

Location: Chataway House Leach Road Chard Business Park Chard Somerset TA20 1FR

Applicant: Mr S Beasant

Application Type: Full Application

Committee comments: Committee saw no issues with this application

Proposed: Cllr Eggins — Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
For: 3 — Abstain: 1

Resolved: That the committee support this application.

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c)	**Application Number:**	**26/00439/HOU**
	Proposal:	New porch and first floor side extension over exiting garage.
	Location:	15 Monmouth Court Chard Somerset TA20 1HQ
	Applicant:	Mr & Mrs Love
	Application Type:	Householder Application
	Committee comments	Committee saw no issues with this application.

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

Resolved: That the committee support this application.

Support

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

c i) Revised application for the above proposal

Committee support the revisions to this application

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

Resolved: That the committee support this application.

d)	**Application Number:**	**26/00418/FUL**
	Proposal:	Erection of a single private dwelling
	Location:	Sunshine Mill House Chaffcombe Road Chard Somerset TA20 1RR
	Applicant:	Mr Danny Hyams
	Application Type:	Full Application
	Committee comments:	Committee saw no issues with this application.

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Proposed: Cllr Hussey Seconded: Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

Resolved: That the committee support this application.

Cllr Eggins left the room 18.11

e) **Application Number:** 23/03051/OUT (no documents)

Proposal: An outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 67no. dwellings, open space, vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access, and associated infrastructure

Location: Land At Welcome Home Farm Hornsbury Hill Chard Somerset TA20 3DB

Applicant: Blackburn

Application Type: Outline Application

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: For Standing Orders to be suspended.

Mr Whale commented that there appeared to be no commitment from the developer to pay for the cost of the relief Rd, which brought into question how this would be funded.

Standing Orders were resumed
Proposed: Cllr Richter Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

Resolved: For Standing Orders to be resumed.

Committee Comments: Committee had grave concerns about the relief road on a number of points;

Proposed: Cllr Richter Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

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Resolved: For the Chief Executive & Town Clerk to report back to the relevant planning officer for this application, outlining all the Committee concerns.

Cllr Eggins re-entered the meeting at 18.29

2026/20 Tree Preservation

Committee noted there were no new tree preservation order for comment.

2026/21 Date of next meeting

The Planning & Highways Committee noted the date of the next scheduled Planning & Highways meeting as 20th April 2026.

The Committee Chair Cllr Hussey thanked everyone present and Mr M Wale for his contribution on application e) and closed the meeting at 18.30.

CHAIR: **DATE:**

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