CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held Monday 20th April 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

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

Public Participation Time
3 members of the public were present

2026/22 Apologies for absence
No apologies were received.

2026/23 Declarations of interest
Cllr Eggins declared an interest in relation to agenda item 2026/27 e) the applicant is his next door neighbour;

2026/24 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public
There were no confidential items for consideration.

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2026/25 Minutes
Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: The committee agreed the Minutes of the 23rd March 2026 as an accurate record.

2026/26 Planning applications
To consider the following application and comment as necessary:

a) Application Number: 26/00329/LBC

Proposal: To add a slate sign to the right side of the main door with the centre's logo and title laser etched onto the slate. to add a half

carriage outside light the style of which is in keeping with the age of the building.

Location: St Marys Centre Holyrood Street Chard Somerset TA20 2DN

Website: @St Marys Centre | Church of St Mary the Virgin, Chard

Applicant: MR IAN JONES

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Committee comments: For Committee to support this application

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: That the committee support this application.

b) **Application Number**: 26/00657/COL

Proposal: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use C3 Residential as 2 no. three bedroom flats.

Location: 18 High Street Chard Somerset TA20 1QB

Applicant: Mr Martyn Reardon

Application Type: Certificate of Lawful Use or Development

For Notification only: Committee duly noted this application and had no further comments.

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Cllr Eggins left the room 18.04

2026/27 **Planning South Committee Notification** - Land At Welcome Home Farm Hornsbury Hill Chard Somerset TA20 3DB

The Chair Cllr Hussey informed the Committee he had a meeting prior to this Planning & Highways meeting with the Chief Executive & Town Clerk where they had used the supporting document for this agenda item to have a thorough re-cap and discussion on this application. Cllr Hussey further informed the Committee he would be attending the Somerset Planning South Committee meeting 21st April to represent the feedback previously received from this committee.
Cllr Bulmer suggested this Committee ask Officers f to request a service delivery plan for Chard from Somerset Planning on behalf of this Committee.

Proposed Cllr Bulmer Seconded Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

Resolved: To suspend Standing Orders to all a member of the public to speak – 18.20

A member of the public offered to leaflet to raise the profile of this situation regarding the 'Relief Rd' relating to the above application.

Proposed Cllr Bulmer Seconded Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

Resolved: To re-instate Standing Orders to speak – 18.21

Cllr Eggins re-entered the room 18.09

2026/28 **Highway Matters**

Cllr Bulmer suggested a request be made by Officers on behalf of this Committee to Somerset Council Planning to ask for a Service Delivery Plan for Chard.

Cllr Bulmer further commented on the current state of many of the surface water gullies in Chard. Cllr Richter further stated that as well as the issue the blocked gullies were causing currently, she had concerns about the additional damage that would occur if these were not cleared in the near future.

Committee agreed with all these points raised.

Committee also acknowledged the good work by Highways, specifically repairs to Crowshute Rd.

Proposed Cllr Bulmer Seconded Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

Resolved:

a) For the Chief Executive & Town Clerk to thank Somerset Council Officers for the recent improvement works to Crowshute Rd and invite them to deliver a presentation at the Chard May 18th Planning & Highways Committee meeting regarding, Somerset Councils' forward plans for Chard.

b) For Planning & Highway Committee members to inspect gullies in their own wards and identify a list of blocked water gullies which officers will then pass on to Somerset Council with a request to take measures to unblock.

2026/29 Tree Preservation

Application Number: 26/00827/TCA

Proposal: Notification of intent to Fell No. 2 Trees and carry out Tree Surgery Works to:

- No. 2 Trees within a Conservation Area.
- T1 Cedar - Reduce canopy quadrant over private residents garden by 3m, back to suitable growth points.
- T2 Holly - Fell (multi-stemmed specimen).
- T3 Holly - Fell.
- T4 Lime - Reduce crown height and spread 3m, back to suitable growth points.

Location: Snowdon House High Street Chard Somerset TA20 1QS

Applicant: Gregory

Application Type: Work to Trees

For Notification only: Committee duly noted this application and had no further comments

2026/30 Date of next meeting

The Planning & Highways Committee noted the date of the next scheduled Planning & Highways meeting as 18th May 2026.

The Committee Chair Cllr Hussey thanked everyone present and closed the meeting at 18.27.

CHAIR: **DATE:** 9th June 2026