CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor Tricia O'Brien **Town Clerk Stephen Hill**

MINUTES

Planning & Highways Committee meeting held Monday 21st September 2026 commencing at 18:00 hours in The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

Members present: Cllr Bates, Cllr Bulmer (Chair), Cllr Eggins (Vice Chair), Cllr Hussey (Deputy Mayor ex-officio) & Cllr Richter, Cllr Tribble.

Officers present: Stephen Hill, Town Clerk, Beverley Newman DSO.

Section1 - Standing Items

2026/55/PH **Apologies For Absence**
There were no apologies. Cllr Hussey pre advised he would be arriving late for the meeting due to his work schedule.

2026/56/PH **Declarations Of Interest and Dispensations**
There were no declarations of interest

2026/57/PH **Public Participation**
There were 5 members of the public present.
The subject of restricted parking was raised.
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2026/58/PH **Minutes of Meeting 21st August 2026**
Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Richter
For: Against: Abstain 4:0:0
Committee RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of 21st August 2026

Councillor Hussey joined the meeting 18.07
Councillor Tribble joined the meeting 18.08

Section 2 - Items to Note

2026/58b/PH

Application Number:	**26/01922/P3MA**
Proposal:	Prior Approval for change of use from commercial, business and service use (Class E) to 6 No. dwellinghouse(s) (Class C3).
Location:	35 To 37 Fore Street Chard Somerset TA20 1PT
Applicant:	Mr Jonathan Gregory
Application Type:	PA COU Class E to Dwelling
Consultation deadline:	**For notification only.** Somerset Council

Committee noted the application

Section 3 – Items for Decision

2026/59/H Committee considered the following applications.

a)

Application Number:	**26/01981/S73**
Proposal:	S73 Application to vary Condition No's 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11,12, 13, 14, 18 & 23 to allow for certain elements of the design to be adjusted relating to planning consent 21/00927/FUL; Erection of 70 bed residential care home (Use Class C2) with associated car parking and landscaping, creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access from East Street, upgrade of existing pedestrian access and demolition of existing buildings and other structures on site
Location:	Land At East Street Chard Somerset TA20 1EP
Applicant:	Country Court Care
Application Type:	Section 73 Determination
Consultation Deadline:	**22 September 2026.** Somerset Council

Proposed: Cllr Bates Seconded: Cllr Eggins
6:0:0

Committee supported the application but would like the Clerk to ask whether sufficient consideration has been given for parking: 26/01981/s73

b)

Application Number:	**26/02008/HOU**
Proposal:	Erection of a new garage
Location:	28 Thorndun Park Drive Chard Somerset TA20 1DH
Applicant:	Mr Neil Ottley
Application Type:	Householder Application
Consultation Deadline:	**22 September 2026.** Somerset Council

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded Cllr Richter
6:0:0

Committee supported the application 26/02008/HOU

c)

Application Number:	**26/02119/HOU**

Proposal:	Single storey rear extension to dwelling
Location:	137 Henson Park Chard Somerset TA20 1NL
Applicant:	Mr Marek Pavol
Application Type:	Householder Application
Consultation Deadline:	**5th October 2026**
	Somerset Council

Proposed: Cllr Bates Seconded Cllr Richter
6:0:0
Committee supported the application 26/02119/HOU

d) **Consultation and Review of Draft Somerset Heritage at Risk Register**

Committee is invited to review and contribute to the local draft Somerset Heritage at Risk Register for Chard.
Consultation & Review Draft S-set Heritage at Risk Register

Consultation deadline: **30th October 2026**

Proposed: Cllr Bates Seconded Cllr Hussey
6:0:0
Committee resolved to delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Planning & Highways Committee Chair and Vice Chair to deliver a response to Somerset Heritage.

2026/60/PH Committee considered the following parking restriction requests

Cllr Hussey declared an interest being an employee of Numatic and left the room 18.18

a) New parking restriction request – Numatic International

Points discussed included; parking problems caused for residents as well as businesses, the condition of the road is very bad to the extent it is causing safety issues, the volume of traffic adds to the overall situation for instance there is a commercial garage on the same site.

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded Cllr Bates
5:0:0

Committee resolved to support the parking restriction for Millfield, requesting that Somerest Council undertake a road condition report in their assessment.

Cllr Hussey re-entered the room the room 18.30

b) New parking restriction request - 7d153d29 - Helliers Road, Chard.

Points discussed included; parking is a problem throughout Chard, many properties do not have parking, adding yellow lines could anger local residents, parking permits were considered however supporting this request will displace parking across the board, as would parking permits. Committee agreed there were safety issues however they felt, this parking restriction request might be best resolved with the implementation of speed calming measures.

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded Cllr Richter
6:0:0

Committee resolved not to support the parking restriction in Helliers Rd

Section 4 - Confidential, Items for Decision

There were no items that were Confidential.

2026/61/PH Date of next meeting

The next scheduled Planning & Highways Committee will be Monday 19th October 2026, 18:00 at Chard Guildhall.

The Chair thanked everyone present and closed the meeting at 18:42.

CHAIR: T.M. Eggins **DATE:** 19th October 2026