# CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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**Mayor Victoria Bates & Chief Executive Town Clerk David Bell**


# PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held Monday 16th February 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 Bates (Ex-officio) & Cllr Hassan

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

**Public Participation Time**
No members of the public were present

**2026/08 Apologies for absence**
1 apology was received by Cllr Tribble - personal

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

**Resolved:** The committee accepted the apology received.

**2026/09 Declarations of interest**
Cllr Eggins declared an interest in relation to agenda item 2026/12 c) due to the proximity of his home to this application.

**2026/10 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public**
There were no confidential items for consideration.

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**2026/11 Minutes**
Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

**Resolved:** The committee agreed the Minutes of the 26th January 2026 as an accurate record.

**2026/12 Planning applications**
To consider the following application and comment as necessary:

a) **Application Number**: 26/00136/FUL

**Proposal**: Proposed Erection of a Detached Dwelling house (Self-Build) and the formation of a new vehicular access

**Location:** 48 Bonfire Close Chard Somerset TA20 2EQ

**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs T Adams

**Application Type**: Full Application

**Committee comments:** Good use of land, no disruption to the surrounding area.

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

**Resolved:** That the committee supported this application.

b) **Application Number: 26/00296/P3MA**

**Proposal:** Prior Approval for proposed Change of Use from commercial, business and service use (Class E) to Dwelling House (Class C3) for 1 No. dwelling.

**Location:** 17 Holyrood Street Chard Somerset TA20 2AH

**Applicant:** Mr David Fletcher

**Application Type:** PA COU Class E to Dwelling

This is a notification only and in line with the Council's Constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to officers. This notification is therefore being provided as a matter of courtesy for your information.

**Committee noted this application**

Cllr Eggins left the room 18.05

c) **Planning Response: Welcome Home Farm**
For committee to review the response received from Somerset Council Planning, (see attached), discuss and agree any further comments.

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr O'Brien
Unanimous

**Resolved:** That the Committee Chair with support from the Chief Executive & Town Clerk formulate a written response to Somerset Planning based on this meeting's discussions and request additional factual information and clarification.

Cllr Eggins re-entered the room 18.32

**2026/13 Tree Preservation**

**a) Notification of applying a Tree Preservation order**

Committee noted the new tree preservation order and had no comments.

**b) Application Number**: 26/00226/TPO

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| **Proposal:** | Application to Fell No. 1 Tree as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CHAR 2) 1995 Tree Preservation Order. T1 - Oak tree at the bottom of my garden. I feel that the tree is becoming too big for the garden, threat of damage to property, replanting with smaller ornamental species such as Amelanchier proposed. |
| **Location:** | 46 Redstart Road Chard Somerset TA20 1SD |
| **Applicant:** | Mrs Gillian Davis |
| **Application Type:** | Tree Preservation Order |

Committee noted the tree preservation order and had no comments.

**2026/14 Date of next meeting**
The Planning & Highways Committee noted the date of the next scheduled Planning & Highways meeting as 23rd March 2026.

The Committee Chair Cllr Hussey thanked everyone present for their attendance and contribution to discussions and closed the meeting at 18.35

**CHAIR:**  **DATE:** 23-3-25