CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held Monday 26th January 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

Members Absent: Cllr Bates (Ex-officio), Cllr Hassan, & 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.
2 Members of the public spoke.

2026/01 Apologies for absence
1 Apology was received by Cllr O'Brien (Ex-officio)

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

Resolved: The committee accepted the apology received.

A further comment was made by Cllr Eggins registering his disappointment at the continued lack of attendance by some Cllrs at these committee meetings and asked if the chair could follow this up with those committee members.
The Chair confirmed he would undertake this request with guidance from the Chief Executive & Town Clerk

2026/02 Declarations of interest
Cllr Eggins declared an interest in relation to agenda item 2026/06 c) due to the proximity of his home to this application.

2026/03 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public
There were no confidential items for consideration.

2026/04 Minutes
Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: The committee agreed the Minutes of the 15th December 2025 as an accurate record.

2026/05 Planning applications
To consider the following application and comment as necessary:

a) **Application Number**: **26/00018/LBC**

Proposal: Re-fixing the slates on the west elevation

Location: Snowdon Villa 42 High Street Chard Somerset TA20 1QS

Applicant: Mr S Mahoney

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: That the committee supported this application.

b) **Application Number:** **23/01537/OUT**

Proposal: Outline Application with all matters reserved except for means of access for the erection of up to 230 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS), main vehicular access point and secondary access point for emergency vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists

Location: Land Off Crewkerne Road Chard Somerset TA20 1HB

Applicant: Gladman Developments Ltd

Application Type: Outline Application

Reported to the Planning South Committee on: **20 January 2026 (Starting at 14.00)**

It was noted that despite several presentations of this application for consideration prior to the 20th January resulting in 12 reasons for concern by this committee, this application has been passed to the next stage which is Reserved Matter.

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: That the Chief Executive & Town Clerk & Chair to submit a joint letter to the relevant parties at Somerset Council expressing concerns about the ongoing progression of this application.

Cllr Eggins left the room 18.27

c) **Application Number:** **25/02801/FUL**
Proposal: The formation of a new vehicular access and the erection of a showroom, offices and store building

Location: Middle Payne Farm Hornsbury Hill Chard Somerset TA20 3DB

Applicant: Mr Joe Carbin

Application Type: **Full Application**

Proposed: Cllr Richter Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

Resolved: That the committee do not support this application and the Chief Executive & Town Clerk with the Committee Chair compile a list of the issues highlighted in regard to this application and submit to Somerset Council through the usual channels.

Cllr Eggins re-entered the room 18.34

2026/06 **Tree Preservation**

a) **Application Number**: **25/03088/TPO**

Proposal: Application to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 2 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CHAR 4) 2004 Tree Preservation Order. T1 and T2 - Birch - Reduce the height of both to 2ft above the main forks, reduce all side branches, cut back smaller laterals.

Location: 2 Forton Road Chard Somerset TA20 2HJ

Applicant: Mr Harris

Application Type: Tree Preservation Order

Consultation ends: 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 the tree preservation order and had no comments.

b) **Application Number:** **25/03103/TPO**

Proposal: Application to crown lift tips of low branches to 5m over highway and drive and 3m over garden and to carry out overall crown reduction in height and width (the intended final height after the reduction will be 10m, the intended final width after the reduction will be 4m on north side, 4m on east side, 4m on south side and 4m on westside) to No. 1 Oak tree (T1) as shown by the YDC (CHAR 1) 1982 Tree Preservation Order.

Location: 15 Langdon Close Chard Somerset TA20 1DP

Applicant: Mrs Joanne Jenkins

Application Type: Tree Preservation Order

Consultation ends: 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 the tree preservation order and had no comments.

2026/07 **Date of next meeting**
The Planning & Highways Committee noted the date of the next scheduled Planning & Highways meeting as 16th February 2026.

The Committee Chair Cllr Hussey thanked everyone present for their attendance and contribution to discussions and closed the meeting at 18.37

CHAIR: **DATE:** 16-2-26