CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

Planning & Highways Committee meeting held Monday 19th October 2026 commencing at 18:00 hours in The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

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

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

Section1 - Standing Items

2026/62/PH **Apologies For Absence**
Proposed: Cllr Hussey Seconded: Cllr Richter
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Committee RESOLVED to accept the apology received from Cllr Bulmer

2026/63/PH **Declarations Of Interest and Dispensations**
There were no declarations of interest

2026/64/PH **Public Participation**
There were 2 members of the public present.
No questions were raised.

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2026/65/PH **Minutes of Meeting 21st September 2026**
Proposed Cllr: Eggins Seconded: Cllr Hussey
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Committee RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of 21st September 2026

Section 2 - Items to Note

2026/66/PH a)

Application Number:	**26/02336/TCA**
Proposal:	Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area. T1 - Deodar cedar - Fell to ground level and remove all debris - Grind out Stump 12- 18inches below ground level and trace out surface roots from a Cedar Deodar.
Location:	The Cemetery Combe Street Chard Somerset TA20 1JH
Applicant:	Mr Kevin Dyer

Application Type: Work to Trees
Consultation deadline: **For notification only.**
Somerset Council

Committee noted the application

b) **Application Number:** **26/02382/TPO**
Proposal: Application to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree as shown within the (CDC) 1974 Tree Preservation Order. T1 Horse Chestnut; the proposed tree work is to carry out a radial crown lift of the pendulous branches lifting to 3m from ground level, Reducing by up to 3m lengths, with maximum diameter cuts of up to 100mm - with the majority of cuts and lengths below these stated maximums. The aim of the tree work is to lift the lower crown off of and away from the adjacent buildings an from the public footpath/pavement and Road (A30). To prevent damage from high sided vehicles.
Location: The Pool House Shepherds Lane Chard Somerset TA20 1QU
Applicant: Mrs Felicity Poile
Application Type: Tree Preservation Order
Consultation deadline: **For notification only.**
Somerset Council

Committee noted the application

Section 3 – Items for Decision

2026/67/H Committee considered the following applications.

a) **Application Number:** **26/02186/HOU**
Proposal: Erection of a two storey extension to side of dwelling
Location: 25 Bubwith Road Chard Somerset TA20 2BW
Applicant: Mr George Perkins
Application Type: Householder Application
Consultation Deadline: **20th October 26** (extension agreed)
Somerset Council

Proposed: Cllr Hussey Seconded: Cllr Eggins
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Committee supported the application 26/02186/HOU

b)	**Application Number:**	**26/02115/FUL**
	Proposal:	Erection of 4 No. two storey dwellings for self-build and other associated works
	Location:	Land South Of The Laurels Centre Wilkins Close Chard Somerset
	Applicant:	Mr J Elliis-Smith
	Application Type:	Full Application
	Consultation Deadline:	**20th October** 26 (extension agreed) Somerset Council

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Richter
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Committee supported the application 26/02115/FUL and made the following comments: Expressed Surprise that no consideration had been given to energy saving devices, would like to see provision of 1 bedroom accommodation & agreed this application was a good use of 'infill' land.

c)	**Application Number:**	**26/02362/HOU**
	Proposal:	Replacement of existing front door grp flat canopy for a larger pitched version with supporting oak pillars
	Location:	12 Bramble Lane Chard Somerset TA20 1GE
	Applicant:	Mr Ben Watson
	Application Type:	Householder Application
	Consultation Deadline:	**2 November 2026** Somerset Council

Proposed: Cllr Richter Seconded: Cllr Hussey
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Committee supported the application 26/02362/HOU

Section 4 - Confidential, Items for Decision

There were no confidential items for discussion

2026/68/PH Date of next meeting

The next scheduled Planning & Highways Committee will be Monday 16th November 2026, 18:00 at Chard Guildhall.

The Vice Chair thanked everyone present and closed the meeting at 18:14.

CHAIR: **DATE:** 16/11/2026