

**Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Honiton Town Council on
Tuesday 20 May 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

Members present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr R Fowles

Cllr J Fotheringham

Cllr R Sexton

St Paul's Ward

Cllr S Craddock

Cllr A Pearsall

Cllr S Sexton

In Attendance

Heloise Marlow (Deputy Town Clerk)

25/01/P Election of the Planning Committee Chairman

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to elect Cllr Fowles as Chair for 2025/26.

Proposed by Cllr S Sexton and seconded by Cllr Pearsall

25/02/P Election of the Planning Committee Deputy Chairman

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to elect Cllr Kolek as Deputy Chair for 2025/26.

Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr S Sexton

25/03/P To accept apologies for absence

Cllr C Kolek (Personal)

**25/04/P To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and receipt
of requests for new DPI dispensations.**

None received

25/05/P Public Questions

None received.

**25/06/P To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on
22 April 2025**

**Members RESOLVED to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Planning
Committee meeting held on 22 April 2025.**

Proposed by Cllr A Pearsall and seconded by Cllr Fotheringham

For 5, Against 0, Abstentions 1

**25/07/P To consider the following applications, based on the information
available:**

Any District Councillors participating reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

25/0369/FUL	Mr Paul James (FWS Carter Sons Ltd)	Roebuck Farm Weston EX14 3PB
Proposed MOT station, hard-standing and widened access track (retrospective application).		
<p>Members unanimously OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal would result in the loss of privacy to neighbouring properties • Highway safety – the proposal would lead to an adverse increase in traffic along the existing access track and Weston Lane. • The proposal as implemented has had an adverse impact on trees and hedgerows. • The proposal as implemented has had an adverse impact on the character of the landscape. <p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant claims that there are no trees on the site that could be affected by the development. That may now be the case but the committee understands that there has been removal of trees and hedging, associated with the widening of the track. 2. Under "Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery" it states that the site is not only used as an MOT station but also for the repair and maintenance of vehicles. Even if this only to correct MOT failures, such activities can involve the use of oils, lubricants and fluids harmful to the environment. The application claims that no hazardous substances will be used. Although storage facilities will be made available for the disposal and recycling of waste, there are no details of precautions against contamination through spillages. No details are given of machinery that will be used, e.g. a vehicle lift. 3. The applicant claims that "Opening Hours" are not applicable to this proposal. However, neighbours have complained about traffic movement in the early hours to the rear of their property, disturbing the peace. Noise created from vehicle repair activities will also create a disturbance. If the application is successful, it is suggested that a limit be placed on vehicle movement along the developed track and hours of operation of the MOT station are limited. 		
25/0799/FUL	Mrs. Chloe Tupper	27 Hale Lane Honiton EX14 1HN
Retrospective application for the siting of single-storey, wooden mobile home adjacent to the property at 27 Hale Lane for ancillary use to the dwelling.		
<p>Unanimous SUPPORT</p> <p>Note: Members questioned the structural stability of the mobile home.</p>		

25/08/P To note planning decisions, copy letters and correspondence received as per the list below and to resolve any matters arising.

Application Number	Application Address	Proposal	HTC Comment	Decision
24/2656/LBC	2 St Margarets, Exeter Road, Honiton, EX14 1AY	Install stairlift in lobby at ground floor and landing at first floor	Unanimous SUPPORT subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer	APPROVED
25/0625/FUL	36 Millers Way, Honiton, EX14 1JB	Proposed 2 bedroom dwelling	SUPPORT	APPROVED
25/0635/FUL	Land to the rear of Barn Mews, King Street, Honiton	Demolition of outbuildings to be replaced by the construction of a two-bedroom single storey dwelling	Unanimous SUPPORT	APPROVED
25/0674/FUL	6 Rowcroft Close, Honiton, EX14 1RL	First floor extension and associated ground floor works	SUPPORT	APPROVED

The decisions listed above were **NOTED**.

25/09/P To close the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.05pm.

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