

**Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Honiton Town Council on
Tuesday 15 July 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

Members present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr R Fowles

St Paul's Ward

Cllr S Craddock

Cllr A Pearsall

Cllr S Sexton

Cllr C Kolek

In Attendance

Heloise Marlow (Deputy Town Clerk)

Max Paddick from Frontier Estates (Mal Care) Limited

Laura Grimason from Gillings Planning

Cllr R Collins (EDDC)

12 members of the public

25/31/P To accept apologies for absence

Cllr J Fotheringham (personal)

Cllr R Sexton (personal)

**25/32/P To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and receipt
of requests for new DPI dispensations.**

None received.

25/33/P Public Questions

None received.

**25/34/P To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 1
July 2025**

**Members RESOLVED to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Planning
Committee meeting held on 1 July 2025.**

Proposed by Cllr S Sexton and seconded by Cllr Craddock

For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 1

**25/35/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.

25/1090/ADV	Barnaby LeBeau	WH Smith 109 High Street Honiton EX14 1PE
X1 non-illuminated fascia sign: x1 non-illuminated projecting sign		
APPROVED unanimously		
25/1230/PDMA	Mr Chris Button-Stephens	The Old Stables 59 High Street Honiton, EX14 1PW
Change of use from shop unit to studio accommodation		
Unanimous SUPPORT subject to the planning authority confirming that the proposed new dwelling will have a gross internal floor area of at least 32 square meters and comply with the nationally described space standard.		
25/1259/MFUL	Frontier Estates (Mal Care) Limited	Former Mill Water School Honiton Bottom Road Honiton
Construction of a care home (within Class C2) with access, car parking, cycle parking, refuse storage, landscaping, boundary treatments, tree works including works to T15 (Pendunculate oak) protected by a tree preservation order (19/0073/TPO G1) and other associated works.		
<p>The applicant and agent spoke in favour of the application. 5 members of the public spoke against the application. Cllr Collins provided his views on the application.</p> <p>Members RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse impact on local infrastructure and health services. In particular Members had concerns regarding the impact the development would have on GP appointment waiting times. • Increased flood risk from surface water drainage. • Adverse impact on the local community • Design and impact on neighbouring properties. The applicant's agent confirmed that the soil structure was such that pile driving was necessary. This could adversely impact the structural stability of neighbouring properties. • Possible loss of habitat and adverse impact on local ecology such as bats and fauna. • Insufficient provision of parking • Increase in traffic in the surrounding areas • Overdevelopment of the site. The proposal is for a three-storey building located in 		

an area with only one or two-storey buildings.

- The proposal would lead to overlooking and privacy issues for neighbouring properties.

For: 4; Against 1; Abstentions 0

25/1351/LBC

Mr Tim Royce

**3-5 High Street
Honiton
EX14 1PR**

Remove chimney stack below the roof line and make good; new ridge tiles and replace rafters and ridge boards.

Unanimous **SUPPORT** subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

25/36/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
24/2697/FUL	Shoobridge Funeral Services, Silver Street, Honiton, EX14 1QJ	Changes to roof and additional windows and doors.	Unanimous SUPPORT	Approved
25/1177/TRE	11 Biddington Way, Honiton, EX14 2GU	T1 Silver Birch: Crown lift to achieve 2.5/3m clearance from ground level by end tipping. Prune upper branch growing to north by no more than 1/1.5m as per photograph. Prune growth around street light to achieve 0.5m clearance. Maximum diameter of cuts (MDC) 50mm.	Unanimous SUPPORT subject to the agreement of the Arboricultural Officer.	Approved

Signed Chair

Date: 29th July 2025

The decisions listed above were **NOTED**.

25/37/P To close the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50pm.

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