

**Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Honiton Town Council on
Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.00 pm.**

Members present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr R Fowles (Chair)
Cllr C Maunder
Cllr R Sexton

St Paul's Ward

Cllr S Craddock
Cllr S Sexton

In Attendance

Christine McIntyre (Interim Assistant)
EDDC Cllr Roy Collins

26/56/P To accept apologies for absence

There were none

**26/57/P To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and receipt
of requests for new DPI dispensations.**

None received

26/58/P Public Questions

None received

**26/59/P To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th
August 2026**

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve for accuracy the minutes of the
Planning Committee meeting held on 18th August 2026.

Proposed by Cllr R Sexton and seconded by Cllr S Sexton

**26/60/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.

26/1421/FUL	Raziye Oflaz	9 Church Hill Honiton EX14 2DB
Single storey rear extension to replace the existing utility room and shower, loft conversion and alterations to driveway		
Members RESOLVED unanimously to SUPPORT the application		

26/1475/LBC	Specsavers Optical Stores	121 High St, Honiton EX14 1LS
Proposed replacement of 1 x non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 x non- illuminated hanging sign to the shopfront		
Members RESOLVED unanimously to SUPPORT the application		
26/1476/ADV	Specsavers Optical Stores	121 High St, Honiton EX14 1LS
Proposed replacement of 1 x non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 x non- illuminated hanging sign to the shopfront		
Members RESOLVED unanimously to SUPPORT the application		
26/1117/FUL	McDonald's Restaurants Limited	Eden Vauxhall Heathpark Way Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton EX14 1SF
Demolition of existing building and the erection of a freestanding restaurant/takeaway with drive thru facility, access road, car parking, landscaping and associated works, including Customer Order Displays (COD).		
<i>Letter received</i> from Daniel Turner in connection with the application was read out by the Interim Assistant		
Members unanimously OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:		
• Highways and Traffic Congestion: The proposed development will generate a significant increase in traffic volume, exacerbating existing congestion in the area. Crucially, Members are concerned that the resulting traffic queues risk obstructing emergency vehicles, creating a severe public safety hazard. • Economic Impact on Local Businesses: The development will have a profoundly negative effect on established independent eateries within the town. Many of these local businesses are currently struggling to survive in the challenging economic climate, and this proposal threatens the viability of the high street. • Environmental Concerns: Drive-thru and fast-food developments inherently generate substantial quantities of litter. The Council is concerned about the detrimental impact this will have on the local environment, visual amenity, and the resources required for community clean-up operations. • Public Health and Well-being: The proposed food offering lacks nutritional value. At a time when public health strategy prioritises the reduction of obesity, introducing a high-calorie food outlet contradicts efforts to encourage healthier lifestyles within the community.		

Councillors are aware of a large number of residents who have overwhelmingly voiced their opposition to the arrival of McDonald's, explicitly citing all or many of the material planning objections detailed above.		
26/1343/ADV	McDonald's Restaurants Limited	Eden Vauxhall Heathpark Way Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton EX14 1SF
1no. illuminated freestanding signhead on a pole		
Members RESOLVED unanimously to defer the application until application 26/1117/FUL is determined by EDDC		

26/1344/ADV	McDonald's Restaurants Limited	Eden Vauxhall Heathpark Way Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton EX14 1SF
Installation of internally illuminated signage to comprise; 3 no. fascia signs, 3 no. booth lettering, 1 no. digital booth screen and 4 no. yellow soffit lights		
Members RESOLVED unanimously to defer the application until application 26/1117/FUL is determined by EDDC		

26/1345/ADV	McDonald's Restaurants Limited	Eden Vauxhall Heathpark Way Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton EX14 1SF
Installation of site signage including 4 no. illuminated freestanding signs, 1 no. non-illuminated banner unit, 1 no. illuminated play land sign and 21 no. non-illuminated dot signs		
Members RESOLVED unanimously to defer the application until application 26/1117/FUL is determined by EDDC		

26/1503/FUL	Sivasubramaniam Surenthira	156-158 High Street Honiton EX14 1JX
Change of use relating to part of the ground floor from 'sui generis' to a retail unit (Use Class E) including changes to ground floor front window. Conversion of the upper floors (currently use Class C3) from 2no existing flats, into 2no. flats and 1no maisonette (use Class C3)		
Members RESOLVED unanimously to SUPPORT the application		

26/1716/GPD	Daniel Cosby	1 Hornbeam Close Honiton EX14 2UB
Notification of intent to remove existing conservatory and replace it with a single-story extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.9m, for which the maximum height would be 3.19m and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.15m		
As the Town Council was not a consultee re the application it was simply noted		

26/61/P To note planning decisions, copy letters and correspondence received as per the list below and to resolve any matters arising.

DECISION NOTICES

Application Number	Application Address	Proposal	HTC Comments	EDDC Decision
26/1076/FUL	Land To Rear Of St John Close Honiton EX14 1PN	Construction of detached 1 bedroom dwelling over 2 storeys	Objects	Approved
26/0918/FUL	7 Hickory Close Honiton EX14 2UN	The conversion of the existing garage including raising the roof and introducing a dormer window and a small rear extension	Supports	Approved
26/1401/FUL	21 Avenue Mezidon-Canon Honiton EX14 2TT	Removal of a conservatory and the erection of a single storey extension	Unanimously supports	Approved
25/2657/FUL	Mountbatten Park Sports And Social Club Ottery Moor Lane Honiton EX14 1AR	Installation of ball stop netting	Unanimously supports	Approved
26/1482/FUL	5 Rookwood Close Honiton EX14 1BH	Construction of single storey side extension	Unanimously supports	Approved

Application Number	Application Address	Proposal	HTC Comments	EDDC Decision
26/0723/ADV	Unit 2 And 3 Heath Retail Park Heathpark Way Honiton EX14 1BB	High level signs to front and side elevation and loading bay sign to rear	Unanimously supports	Approved
26/1359/DOC	58 High St, Honiton EX14 1PQ	Discharge of condition for 24/1432/LBC : Condition 4 (Windows and Doors), Condition 5 (Investigative Works)	Unanimously supports app 24/1432/LBC	Approved 26/1359/DOC
26/1330/DOC	25 Pine Park Road, Honiton EX14 2HR	Discharge of conditions for 25/2462/FUL Condition 3 (materials), Condition 4 (vehicular access), Condition 5 (landscaping), Condition 6 (ecology enhancement)	Unanimously supports app 25/2462/FUL	Approved 26/1330/DOC

The decisions and correspondence listed above were **NOTED**.

26/61/P To close the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm.

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