



MINUTES

Committee: Planning Committee
Date: Tuesday 6 May 2025
Time: 6.40pm
Venue: Community Club

Present

Cllr Mike Jeffery (Chairman)
Cllr Vivienne Hodges
Cllr Catherine Fileman-Wright
Cllr Chris Walden
Cllr Rob Austin

Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

25/2025 CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Hodges and **resolved** that Cllr Jeffery chair the meeting in the absence of Cllr Short.

26/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Short and Cllr Warner.

27/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensations were received. *Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4)*

28/2025 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright, and **resolved** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2025 as a correct record. *LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)*

29/2025 STANDING ITEM – CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY EMERGENCY:

The committee noted the Council Declaration to embed the climate and ecology emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change.

30/2025 0137/25: Digital display screen inside the store at The Co-op, 2 Court Street, Moretonhampstead, TQ13 8NE

Cllr Jeffery provided an overview of the application. The committee raised concerns that the LCD screen is too large, visually obtrusive, and inappropriate for a moorland town setting. Its placement in a window makes it clearly visible from the street, conflicting with efforts to preserve local heritage, including through recent shop front grants.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Hodges, and **resolved to object** to the application on the grounds that the LCD screen is too large, out of keeping with the character of a moorland town within the National Park, and visually unattractive for visitors and tourists.

31/2025 1924864: Sanduck & Willowrey Woodland Management Plan

The committee felt the management plan was very good, noting that the conifers will be replaced with large native trees. The project manager, formerly Head Forester at Dartmoor National Park, is highly knowledgeable and experienced.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright and **resolved to support** the management plan.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.49pm.