



# MINUTES

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**Committee:** Planning Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday 2 December 2025  
**Time:** 18.30pm  
**Venue:** Community Club

## Present

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

## Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

## PUBLIC SESSION

### 72/2025 CHAIRMAN

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

### 73/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Short.

### 74/2025 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)*

### 75/2025 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Evans, and **resolved** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 as a correct record. *LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)*

### 76/2025 STANDING ITEM – CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY EMERGENCY:

The committee noted the Council's commitment to embed the Climate and Ecology Emergency Declaration across all activities, ensuring environmental impacts are considered in a fully integrated approach to climate change mitigation.

**77/2025      0379/25 & 0380/25: Change of use of redundant retail unit on ground floor to residential use including the realignment of modern partitions within the existing residential unit on the first floor at 7 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead , TQ13 8LN**

Cllr Jeffery summarised the application. Members expressed strong reservations, noting that the building is in the centre of town, surrounded by other businesses, and represents valuable commercial space. The committee felt the proposal offers no clear benefit to the town, particularly as Moretonhampstead needs smaller homes rather than a large residential property with no parking or garden.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Hodges, and **resolved to object** to the application due to the loss of a commercial premises and the unsuitability of a four-bedroom dwelling with no parking or garden in a central town location.

**78/2025      0389/25: Alterations and additions to storage areas at Parish Hall, Fore Street, Moretonhampstead, TQ13 8LL**

Members felt the proposed adjustments to external storage and minor internal works were sensible and would support the effective use of an important community building.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Evans, and **resolved to support** the application because of its importance as a community building and the need for adequate and safe equipment storage.

**80/2025 PLANNING MATTERS**

The following planning matters were noted:

1. Correspondence received from Dartmoor National Park Authority – Updated Local Validation Checklist

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.45pm.