



# MINUTES

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**Committee:** Planning Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday 3 February 2026  
**Time:** 18.45pm  
**Venue:** Community Club

## Present

Cllr Richard Short (Chairman)  
Cllr Mike Jeffery  
Cllr Vivienne Hodges  
Cllr Gordy Keep  
Cllr Jan Evans

## Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

## PUBLIC SESSION

### 07/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Fileman-Wright and Walden.

### 08/2026 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)*

### 09/2026 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Evans, and **resolved** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as a correct record. *LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)*

### 10/2026 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.

### 11/2026 0005/26: Thermal improvements to ancillary building including raising the roof, bat loft, external staircase and garden room extension at Court Park Court Street, Moretonhampstead, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 8LG

Cllr Short summarised the application and noted that a Certificate of Lawful Development was granted in 2024, confirming the building's ancillary use to the dwelling.

He outlined the key considerations for the Committee:

- **Design:** A large building, but reasonably well designed.

- **Bats:** Provision of a bat loft requiring a 2m clearance, necessitating a roof height increase of approximately 300mm.
- **Extension:** The proposal represents a very marginal increase within the 30% limit set by Dartmoor National Park policy.

Cllr Hodges spoke in support of the proposal, stating that it would improve the usability of the existing building, is not a greenfield site, and complies with planning policy.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Jeffery, and resolved to raise no objection and note that the design appears reasonable.

**12/2026      26/0014: Trees (Conservation Area): The Chimes, 18 Fore Street, Moretonhampstead, TQ13 8LL**

The Committee noted that the Planning Authority has six weeks to determine whether to place a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on the trees. The test to be applied is whether the trees provide sufficient public amenity to justify the making of a TPO.

Cllr Short noted that the two trees overhang nearby buildings and have limited public visibility. As a result, their contribution to public amenity is not considered significant.

It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery, seconded by Cllr Hodges, and **resolved to raise no objection** as the works seem reasonable.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.57pm.