



MINUTES

Committee: Planning Committee
Date: Tuesday 20 May 2025
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Parish Council Office

Present

Cllr Richard Short (Chairman)
Cllr Mike Jeffery
Cllr Gordon Keep
Cllr Jan Evans
Cllr Vivienne Hodges
Cllr Rob Austin

Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

32/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

33/2025 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)*

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It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery, seconded by Cllr Hodges, and **resolved** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2025 as a correct record. *LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)*

35/2025 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.

36/2025 0167/25: Permanent use of an existing agricultural worker's dwelling (following temporary consent 0481/19) at Berry Coombe Farm, Moretonhampstead, TQ13 8PX

Cllr Short provided an overview of the application, noting that temporary consent for an agricultural dwelling was granted in 2019 to assess the viability of the business. The application must meet both the functional test (requiring on-site presence for livestock) and the financial test (demonstrating business viability). The original consent was for the upper floor of a converted building; with the condition it would revert to agricultural use if not made permanent.

An earlier application for permanent use submitted in 2024 was withdrawn for unknown reasons. A new application has now been submitted after five years of operation, and the business appears viable with a reasonable prospect of continuing. There are twelve letters of support on the DNPA website. Cllr Hodges noted the Parish Council has consistently supported local agricultural businesses, and this enterprise seems to be progressing well.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Austin, and **resolved to support** this sustainable farming business which justifies a permanent agricultural dwelling.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.08pm.