

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd JUNE 2026 AT 2.00 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT.

PRESENT: Councillor: N Yabsley (Chairperson) Presiding
G Jennings (Vice Chairperson)

Councillors: J Bradford
C Parker
M Ryan

Officers in attendance: Linda McGuirk, Principal Administrator
Pierre Doutreligne, Projects & Strategy Officer

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Valid reasons for absence were received from Councillors A Gibbs, A Hall and L Wood.

Apologies were also noted from Nigel Canham, Communications Advisor.

74. INTERESTS

None.

75. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2nd June 2026 were received and signed as a correct record.

76. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

77. CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL PLAN & NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Committee reaffirmed their recommendation that applications for all new build properties and where appropriate refurbished sites, give regard to the policies included in the Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016-2033 (NANDP) which contributes to the District Local Plan. In particular, to the inclusion of renewables within the development as per Policy 1 NANDP and given the rise in electric vehicles, that any such application with an off-street parking space, consider the installation of an electrical vehicle charging point as per Policy 2 NANDP. In addition, the Committee recommended that new build properties should include provision for a sustainable heating system given the Government's intention to cease the use of mains gas central heating from 2025.

78. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/00780/FUL
Dolbears Garage Ashburton Road Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 1RE
Rear extension to form additional workshop area.

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

26/00871/FUL and 26/00872/LBC

8A & 8B Courtenay Park Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2HD

Replacement of north facing first floor window including repairs to the existing lintel, replacement of south facing first floor door, the removal of existing render and re-rendering and painting of external walls in colour to match existing.

RECOMMENDATION: No objection subject to replacement with similar.

26/00902/CAN

Lethbridge Court Courtenay Park Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2GY

T004 Corsican pine - Prune for 1.5m clearance from building

T005 Lucombe oak - Crown reduction over road by approx. 3m in lateral spread

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

26/00919/FUL

128-130 Queen Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2EY

Subdivision of the existing ground floor commercial premises with associated alterations to the front elevation including the installation of new shopfronts and replacement signage

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

Cllr C Parker abstained from voting.

26/00822/HOU

5 Carew Gardens Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 4DJ

Two storey side extension

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

26/00928/TPO

6 Hawthorn Close Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 4TG

T1 - 1x Silver Birch Stem - Sectionally dismantle, fell, and remove to ground level

T2 & T3 - 2x Silver Birch Trees - Sectionally dismantle, fell, and remove to ground level

T4 - 1x Silver Birch Stem - Sectionally dismantle, fell, and remove to ground level

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council supports the proposed works to T1, T2 and T3. However, Members did not support the proposed felling of T4, as no valid justification had been provided for its removal. Members will support the views of the District Council's Arboriculture Officer.

Members requested that all tree applications include photographs.

26/00894/FUL

Land Adjoining 26 Courtenay Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2DT

Installation of a proposed new global street hub, including the associated display of advertisements on both sides of the unit

Members were advised that following a discussion between the applicant, the Town Clerk and Highways the application has been withdrawn while consideration of a more suitable location is considered. The Town Council has suggested that one of its current kiosk notice board locations would be a better location, subject to Council consideration.

26/00875/CAN

10 College Road Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 1EF

Multi Stemmed Bay Tree - Crown Thinning by 20%, Crown Lifting to 2 meters and Crown Reduction to 16ft high by 12 ft wide.

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

79. **DISTRICT COUNCIL – PLANNING COMMITTEE**

None.

80. **DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS**

None.

81. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT VARIANCE WITH TOWN COUNCIL'S OBSERVATIONS**

None.

82. **APPLICATIONS IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES**

None.

83. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

84. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 14:25 hrs

Chairperson..... Date.....