



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Held on 6th March 2025 at 6.30pm at Tatworth Memorial Hall.

**Present: Chairman Councillor P Chapple: Councillors S Adams, R Down,
K Patay and E Peadon**

Clerk N Tinley

There was 1 Member of the Public present and No Press

The Member of the Public was invited to address the Council about any matters not already on the agenda, but declined.

AGENDA

16/25 Apologies for absence

Councillor R Wardell - Holiday

17/25 Declarations of interest

Councillor E Peadon 19/25 - Close neighbour of Applicant. Councillor Peadon will sit in the public section.

18/25 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2025

Proposed by Councillor S Adams, Seconded by Councillor E Peadon. All in favour with one abstention (not at meeting).

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th February 2025 be signed as a correct record.

Councillor E Peadon moved to the public section

19/25 Planning Applications

[25/00432/HOU](#) 18 Crossways, South Chard

What is proposed? Single storey rear extension

There are no objections on the Somerset County website and it is not overlooked.

Proposed by Councillor K Patay, Seconded by Councillor R Down. All in favour – Councillor E Peadon did not vote.

RESOLVED: Tatworth and Forton Parish Council supports this application.

[25/00227/COU](#) 18 Crossways, South Chard

What is proposed? Change of use from insulated storage building in the garden to a dog grooming salon. No structural changes to be made to the outside of the building just cosmetic and to make fit for use.

There were a number in support on the Somerset County website; however, there were 3 in opposition from near neighbours.

This application does not relate to the above extension but to an existing building. There are no external changes just a change of use to business purposes.

The meeting was opened to the public where concerns of dog noise and commercial waste were introduced.

The meeting was then closed for the Councillors to comment.

After discussion, Councillor K Patay Proposed, Seconded by Councillor S Adams. All in favour – Councillor Peadon did not vote.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council objects to the granting of this permission with the following material considerations:

- 3) Layout and density of building – it is based in a dense housing estate and would disturb immediate neighbours.
- 6) Inadequate parking – being a dense residential area there is limited onsite or road parking.
- 7) Access, highways safety – the onsite parking will require reversing onto or exiting the property across pavement. As it will be a commercial business it should have forward entry and exit.
- 8) Noise, smells and disturbance – noise from machinery and the additional dogs, and the smell of wet dogs in the hot summer months.
- 10) Other reason – disposal of commercial waste from dog washing.

20/25 Response in respect to Councillor Chapple document to Somerset Planning on “Making Planning Clearer”. Consider their offer of a visit from a planning officer for a Q&A session

Proposed by Councillor R Down, Seconded by Councillor K Patay. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is to accept the invitation for a Planning Officer to attend a planning meeting for a Q&A session.

21/25 Regarding Land at Pop Lane. Case ref; 23/00099/ENF - Update from Clerk

The Clerk has had a reply from Somerset Planning Enforcement Officer, Kevin Perry. The owner of the property is aware that planning permission is required but submitted the incorrect documentation. On the basis of our enquiry, he has written again to the owner.

The owner has emailed the Clerk to confirm that a Planning Agent has been employed, and the process will commence. He strongly disagreed with the Minutes from January indicating that he had 3 mobile homes on the property.

Mr Perry made the comment that his office was short-staffed; however, they are making progress with the backlog of cases that his office inherited from the District Councils.

22/25 To consider a standard procedure in cases of suspected violations of planning rules

It was suggested that the Parish Council get involved with violations by contacting those involved. The Councillors commented that the role of the Committee was to advise on applications and they do not have the expertise or remit to contact owners direct.

The Somerset website has a link for matters to be reported.

23/25 Other planning matters that councillors wish to report

Councillors Chapple and Patay have noticed that work has commenced at Dairs Barton, School Lane where we had objected to the application. The neighbours indicated that planning permission has been approved. The hedgerow has been cut into and a row of mature trees removed. The Parish Council was not notified.

The Clerk suggested that the Councillors carry out investigations and request an agenda item for next month if needed.

24/25 Date of Next Meeting – 3rd April 2025

Meeting closed 7:00pm