



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Held on 5th June 2025 at 6.30pm at Tatworth Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillors P Chapple, S Adams, R Down, K Patay, E Peadon

Clerk N Tinley

There were 4 Members of the Public present and no Press

The Members of the Public were invited to address the Council about any matters not already on the agenda but declined.

37/25 Apologies for absence

Councillor C Doel – Working night shift

38/25 Declarations of interest

Councillor S Adams – Application 25/00826/FUL, the owners of Crauchan are neighbours. Councillor Adams will sit in the public section and will not vote.

39/25 Election of Chairman of the Planning Committee

Councillor R Down nominated Councillor P Chapple, seconded by Councillor K Patay. There were no other nominations. 4 in favour with one abstention.

RESOLVED: Councillor P Chapple will continue as Chairman of the Planning Committee. He accepted the role.

40/25 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1st May 2025

Proposed by Councillor K Patay, Seconded by Councillor E Peadon. All in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st May 2025 be signed as a correct record.

41/25 Planning Applications

[25/00826/FUL Crauchan Blacklands Lane To Forton Lane Forton TA20 2NA](#)

What is proposed? Erection of a machinery barn

Councillor S Adams left the meeting and sat in the public area

Access is no longer through the hedgerow but via the drive to the bungalow.

The meeting was opened to the public

The owner explained that the barn will be for storage and repair of his vintage tractors, which is his hobby. The access past his bungalow is narrow; there is no room for a lorry. It is not a working farm. The barn is a similar size to the previous application but repositioned due to the change of access. The ecological report recommended that the rest of the area remain as grass and trees to screen from neighbours.

The meeting was closed to allow the Councillors to discuss

Proposed by Councillor K Patay, Seconded by Councillor R Down. 4 in favour, Councillor Adams did not vote.

RESOLVED: Now that the access has been resolved Tatworth and Forton Parish Council supports the application.

Councillor Adams returned to the meeting

[25/00628/FUL Land Opposite Perry Street House](#)

What is proposed? Demolition of Existing Barn and Equestrian Arena, Change of Use from Agricultural/Equine to C3 Residential and Erection of Two Dwellings (Revised information rec'd)

The application has been returned to the Council with amendments; however, the Councillors were unable to determine what has changed.

Proposed by Councillor P Chapple, Seconded by Councillor K Patay. 4 in favour with one abstention.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council were not able to make a comment because they were not given clear information, and would recommend that Planning make it clear when changes to previous applications are being considered what those changes are.

42/25 Other planning matters that councillors wish to report

Councillor P Chapple

Questioned the notification issued by Planning concerning Wreath Lane with the terms “for notification only”. Upon checking the Clerk confirmed it was a “Certificate of Lawfulness”. However, the Councillors were unaware what that term means. This will be another question to the Planning officer when they attend the meeting.

Councillor K Patay

In Forton the Manor Farm development is progressing but the actual listed farmhouse remains a ruin. Councillor R Down remembers that the developers are allowed to leave the renovation until the last new property has been sold. The Clerk will investigate this with Listed Buildings

43/25 Date of Next Meeting – 3rd July 2025

Meeting closed 6.58pm