



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Held on 5th March 2026 at 6.15pm at Tatworth Memorial Hall, Main Hall

Present: Chairman Councillor P Chapple, Councillors S Adams, R Down, R Jacobs, K Patay, E Peadon, M Rees, Co-Opted Member of Public N Parsons.

Clerk N Tinley

There were no members of the public and no Press present.

18/26 Apologies for absence

Councillor C Doel – Working Night Shift

Councillor R Wardell - Holiday

19/26 Declarations of interest

N Parsons has an "other registerable interest" in 22/26, the application at Wyndhams 26/00020/HOU. He will leave the meeting and sit in the public area. He will not vote.

20/26 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Planning Committee Meeting held on 4th February 2026 and Ordinary Planning Committee Meeting held on 5th February 2026

Proposed by Councillor M Rees, Seconded by N Parsons. All in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 4th and 5th February 2026 be signed as a correct record.

21/26 To authorise that we as a matter of course refer all discussion regarding the 95 houses South of Southmead to the full Council

It was felt that this development is of such a significance to the community it should be dealt with at Full Council.

Proposed by Councillor E Peadon, Seconded by Councillor S Adams. 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED: The development will be discussed at Full Council rather than at Planning.

22/26 Planning Applications

[26/00387/HOU Windrush Station Road Chard Junction](#)

What is Proposed? Erection of a single storey extension, associated internal works and porch canopy.

This property is situated off J B Wheaton & Sons Ltd yard behind a number of properties along Station Road. None of those properties have placed an objection. The application is to erect a single storey extension in an existing patio area.

Proposed by Councillor R Jacobs, Seconded by Councillor S Adams. All in favour.

RESOLVED: Tatworth and Forton Parish Council supports this application.

Nigel Parsons left the meeting and sat in the public area

[26/00020/HOU Wyndhams Forton Lane Tatworth](#)

What is Proposed? Erection of detached outbuilding comprising 5 bay garage/workshop with home office above (Retrospective)

This is a retrospective application for a completed building; a large 5 bay garage with office above.

The meeting was closed to allow a member of the public to speak.

The Applicant is an owner of classic cars and the building is for storage and a workshop.

The meeting was reopened

The building is behind a tall wall attached to Forton Lane; however, it is not fully hidden. There is one objection from a neighbour where the upstairs window overlooks their garden.

HM Government guidelines indicate that the application needs to be considered as if it were an unbuilt building. However, a conversation with Planning South indicates that the building is likely to get approval with conditions “only to be used by the owner of the dwelling, not as a business or for occupation”. These can only be overturned by a full application.

There is no penalty for not applying for planning permission first; however, a building regulations inspection will now be involved.

The Councillors expressed concerns.

Proposed by Councillor R Jacobs, Seconded by Councillor R Down. 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council objects to this application on material grounds: 1) overlooking neighbour, 2) excessive size, 5) no original biodiversity survey, 8) noise from workshop. If approved the following conditions should be attached: not converted to residential, no business use, windows on the first floor should be frosted, activities consistent with the tranquil nature of the area, building regulations inspection.

Nigel Parsons returned to the meeting

23/26 Planning Enforcement issues in the Parish, any action needed to be taken

Pop Lane	This has been reported as a breach and an acknowledgment received. No action yet.
Forton Lane	Retrospective planning application received.
Nigel Parsons	A patch of land at the junction to Forton Lane is being cleared. There may be an application in the future.

24/26 Other planning matters that councillors wish to report

There is a For Sale board opposite the Poppe Inn.

25/26 Date of Next Meeting – 19th March 2026

The clerk confirmed that an application had arrived so if an extension is not granted the Council will have to meet at Forton Community Hall.

Meeting closed 6:55pm