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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Porlock Parish Council held at 6.00pm at the Old School Centre on Wednesday the 7 October 2026

Councillors Present: D McCanlis (Chair), J Adlington and S McCanlis

Also present: 1 member of the public and the Clerk J Jones.

Signed: _____ **Dated:**_____

Min Ref: **MINUTES** **Action:**

PC-2026-017 **1) Receive apologies for absence** (Local Government Act 1972 s85 (1))

RECEIVED from Cllr. D Heath.

PC-2026-018 **2) Resolve declarations of interest and any dispensations granted**

No declarations were received.

PC-2026-019 **3) Resolve items to be dealt with after the public, including press, have been excluded** *(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2))*

There were no items proposed.

PC-2026-020 **4) Resolve to approve the minutes from the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 19 Auguust 2026** (LGA 1972 s12 para 41(1))

RESOLVED to adopt the draft minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 19 August 2026. The minutes were signed by Cllr. D McCanlis.

PC-2026-021 **5) Public participation**

There were no matters raised during public participation.

PC-2026-022 **6) Resolve planning application No: EXM/26/207/TPO**
Location: Conigar Orchard Redway Porlock Somerset TA24 8QG
Proposal: Works to Tree/s subject to a Tree Preservation Order: restorative pruning to approximately 114 trees.

The applicant gave a brief overview of the application, highlighting the aims and objectives and approach of the restorative pruning which focused on restoring and conserving the orchard close to its original state.

RESOLVED to support application EXM/26/207/TPO.

PC-2026-023 **7) Resolve planning application No: EXM/26/219/TCA**
Location: The Rectory Parsons Street Porlock Minehead TA24 8QL
Proposal: Works to trees in a conservation area: To remove hanging branch in mid crown and reduce height by 1m (T2), Cut back side branches to give 2m clearance to building line (T3), Re-pollard to live, sound wood - 3m crown reduction (T4), Reduce crown by 1 to 1.5m (T8)

RESOLVED to support application EXM/26/219/TCA.

PC-2026-024 **8) Resolve planning application No: EXM/26/228/FULL**
Location: Porlock Caravan Park High Bank Porlock Minehead TA24 8ND
Proposal: Proposed formation of 40no. hard surfaced car parking bays

Whilst recognising the need for visitor infrastructure, the Committee considered that the proposal would introduce an inappropriate area of hard surfacing within the National Park landscape, contrary to the objectives of Exmoor Local Plan Policy GP1. Members were also concerned that insufficient evidence had been provided to demonstrate that the development would not adversely affect surface water drainage, groundwater recharge, and local hydrological conditions.

The Committee further noted that more sustainable and visually appropriate permeable surfacing options had not been adequately explored.

Should the application be approved, the Committee requested conditions requiring permeable surfacing, a detailed SuDS management scheme, comprehensive landscaping using native species, and long-term maintenance arrangements.

RESOLVED to object to application EXM/26/228/FULL on landscape, drainage and sustainability grounds, and to request refusal unless these concerns are satisfactorily addressed through redesign and improved drainage and surfacing measures.

PC-2026-025 **9) Receive any other business -** For information only

No other items were received for information.

Meeting closed at 6.27 pm

 Initials: _____ Date:_____