



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on **Tuesday 30 September 2025** at **19:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council (8 Broad Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, EX11 1BZ)**

Present: Ottery St Mary Town Council Admin, Cllrs Richard Grainger (Mayor) Richard Copus, Janice Aherne and Nick Sneller

Minute Taker: Jane Bushby, Ottery St Mary Town Council Admin

P/25/09/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apology received from Cllr Vicky Johns

P/25/09/02 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Richard Grainger	No declaration made
Cllr Richard Copus	No declaration made
Cllr Janice Aherne	No declaration made
Cllr Nick Sneller	No declaration made

P/25/09/03 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

P/25/09/04 REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

1) APPEAL REF: 6000719 PROPOSAL: Alterations to roof to allow for creation of first floor. LOCATION: 2 The Orchard Tipton St John Sidmouth EX10 0AZ - Appeal notice received – circulated to the committee

Chair's initials _____

2) Appeal Ref: APP/U1105/W/24/3358074 Clapperentale Farm, Escot Park, Ottery St Mary, Devon EX11 1LU - Dismissed - circulated to the committee

P/25/09/05 MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of 28th August 2025 and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Chair as a correct record

P/25/09/06 PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

25/1705/AGR	Higher Ash Farm. - Higher Ash Farm Fenny Bridges Honiton EX14 3BL	Prior approval not required
25/0896/VAR	Otter Mead Sense, Otterhayes, Salston Ride, Salston , OM, EX11 1RH	Approval with conditions
25/1186/CPE	Black Studio Land At Long Barton, Higher Metcombe	CPE Approved
25/1495/FUL	Pinetrees, Exeter Road, Ottery St Mary Devon, EX11 1LH	Approval with conditions
25/1031/DOC	Ottery Feoffee Day Centre, Brook Street , Ottery St Mary Devon EX11 1EZ	Discharge of condition
25/1402/DOC	Ottery Feoffee Day Centre, Brook Street , Ottery St Mary Devon EX11 1EZ	Discharge of condition
25/1586/FUL	45 Oak Close Ottery St Mary Devon EX11 1BB	Approval with conditions
25/1894/DOC	34 Raleigh Road, Ottery St Mary, Devon, EX11 1TG	Discharge of condition
25/0984/PDQ	Stonehill Quarry Lodge, Lancercombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0JX	Deemed consent
25/1513/VAR	8 Hayne Park, Tipton St John, Devon, EX10 0TA	Withdrawn
25/0411/FUL	3 Mill Lane, Alfington, Devon EX11 1PF	Approved

P/25/09/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To assist with the smooth running of the meeting, the Chair will allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments relating to items on the agenda for consideration prior to the application being heard. Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes. Where there is a group of objectors or supporters for an application, a spokesperson should be appointed to speak on behalf of the group. The Chair will invite the member of public to speak, after the application has been introduced.

P/25/09/08 TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE OBSERVATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Reference	Applicant	Details
1) 25/1847/FUL	Mr & Mrs Toby Cooper	Single storey rear extension 12A Kings Avenue, OS M, EX11 1TA
Town Council comments; The Town Council support this application		

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2)	24/1098/MFUL	Ciera Deering (Elgin Energy Esco Ltd)	Construction and operation of a ground mounted solar farm and associated landscaping and ecological habitat, with permission being required for 40 years, comprising solar arrays, equipment housing, sub-station, fencing, ancillary equipment and associated development; temporary change of use of land for construction compound (off site) Land West of Escot Park Estate, Talaton
Town Council comments; While the Town Council recognise and support the need for renewable energy infrastructure, this proposal is not appropriate for this particular location. The site comprises productive agricultural land that plays an important role in the local farming economy and contributes to food resilience. It also lies within an area of valued rural landscape that forms part of the distinctive setting of Escot Park, a Grade 11 listed building. The Town Council would like to see an Ecological Impact Assessment carried out over a period of at least 12 months. Concerns were also raised regarding traffic management during construction on the surrounding, very unsuitable roads. The scale and industrial nature of the development would have a significant and irreversible impact on the character of the countryside, resulting in harm to both visual amenity and biodiversity. We are concerned that such harm is not justified when more appropriate, less sensitive sites for solar infrastructure are available elsewhere.			

P/25/09/09 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS

There were none

P/25/09/10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TBC

Meeting concluded at 19.39

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