Ottery St Mary Town Council — MINUTES

Planning Committee — Monday, 26 October 2026

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Attendance

Present: Cllr Richard Grainger (Chair), Cllr Richard Copus, Cllr Janice Aherne, Mayor Vicky Johns, Cllr Peter Faithfull

Also present: Laura Dickinson — Assistant Clerk, Kerry Kennell — Town Clerk

Members of the public present: 3

C/26/10/053 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted from Cllrs Martin and Peka.

C/26/10/054 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

C/26/10/055 Exclusion of Public and Press

There were none.

C/26/10/056 Reports, Correspondence and Items Referred to the Committee

There were none.

C/26/10/057 To Finalise the Council's Response in Relation to the Appeal Made for 25/2468/MOUT

The Clerk advised that she had written to all statutory consultees on behalf of the Council, requesting that they consider their response; no replies had been received at the time of the meeting.

It was **NOTED** that the photographs submitted in connection with the appeal do not fully convey the steepness of the incline, and that the first field adjacent to the nursery is a considerably gentler slope. It was further **NOTED** that the Council supports the comments it submitted in January, and that the anticipated further impacts of climate change over the coming decades are material considerations worthy of attention.

The Council **NOTED** the Risk to Life Red Weather Warning issued on 26 January 2026, and the subsequent closure of the Tipton St John to Bowd Inn Road due to flooding, debris and damage caused by exceptionally heavy rainfall. The Council considered these events to be a significant indication of the increasing pressures on local infrastructure and the area's vulnerability to severe weather. It was also **NOTED** that South West Water has no published intention of updating the Fluxton Sewage Works until 2040.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Full Council authorise the Planning Committee not to support any new building applications until proven improvement to infrastructure has been demonstrated.

Cllr Peter Faithfull advised that he would be raising a motion to block future planning applications in his capacity as an East Devon District Council (EDDC) councillor.

It was **NOTED** from members of The Gerway Action Group in attendance that a significant number of people will wish to speak at the hearing, and that their intention is for key individuals to address key topics.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Richard Grainger and Cllr Richard Copus will speak on behalf of the Council at the hearing. Cllr Aherne informed the committee that she has some facts and figures regarding the appeal of

application 25/2468/MOUT.

C/26/10/058 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 19th October were approved by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

C/26/10/059 Planning Decisions Received

There were none. It was confirmed that no decisions have been made by EDDC since July.

C/26/10/060 Public Participation

A member of the public raised concern about the bench by Sainsburys being moved. Cllr Faithfull confirmed that it had been relocated next to a wall nearby. The committee requested the Clerk to raise a query with East Devon District Council Planning department to confirm if an InPost box is permitted within a conservation area.

C/26/10/061 Planning Applications

Two applications were discussed in the order of the agenda.

C/26/10/062 26/2009/FUL — Full planning application

Applicant: Mr Rupert Thistlewayte
Address: Cadhay House, Cadhay, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1QT
Proposal: Demolish existing structure and construction of a single-storey extension to an existing office building.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council supports the application subject to the approval of the conservation officer at EDDC, provision for rain water harvesting and bat box, and being sympathetic to the original building with the building materials.

C/26/10/063 26/2010/LBC — Listed Building Consent

Applicant: Mr Rupert Thistlewayte
Address: Cadhay House, Cadhay, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1QT
Proposal: Demolish existing structure and construction of a single-storey extension to an existing office building.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council supports the application subject to the approval of the conservation officer at EDDC, provision for rain water harvesting and bat box, and being sympathetic to the original building with the building materials.

C/26/10/064 Matters Raised by Members Not Otherwise on the Agenda

It was **NOTED** that the EDDC Local Plan Deadline has been extended from 31st December 2026 to 31st March 2027.

Cllr Richard Copus arrived at 18:59.

C/26/10/065 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Planning Meeting will be held on the 10th November 2026 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 19:05.

Signed: _____

Cllr Richard Grainger
Chair of the Planning Committee

Date: _____