



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT 32, WATERLOO STREET, ON
WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm**Meeting Concluded:** 8.11 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Caroline Reynolds (C), Ray Armstrong, Peter Crew, Ciaran Cronnelly, Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz, Marcia Pepperall and Richard Tucker.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Pearce (CEO/Town Clerk) and Alison Garner (Democratic Services Officer).

120	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitution Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Carson and Tim Taylor with no substitution.
121	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were received.
122	Minutes of the previous Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 19th August 2026. The minutes from the previous meeting held on 19th August 2026 had been previously circulated. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Richard Tucker SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Crew A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried. RESOLVED: That the minutes of 19th August 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair.
	PLANNING
123	Matters for Consideration – Due to an technical issue at the meeting there was no ability to obtain this full application at the request of members, it was agreed that it would

therefore be emailed to committee members and the relevant ward councillor for comment.

a) Advisory disabled parking bay application –

- 33 Rodney Dunster Cr, WsM – application, objection and correspondence from North Somerset Council.

RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset Council of the Town Council's response.

7.06 pm At this point Councillor Marcia Pepperall joined the meeting.

124 Matter for Noting – Previously circulated for information.

a) Planning appeal –

- **25/P/0511/FUL** Grand Central Hotel 1 Beach Road, WsM – appeal.

RESOLVED: That the appeal be noted.

125 Planning Applications and other Planning Matters submitted to the Town Council for consideration.

The Committee considered all applications in respect of the weekly lists provided by North Somerset Council dated:

At the time of despatch, this includes weekly lists dated:

- a) 10th August to 16th August 2026**
- b) 17th August to 23rd August 2026**
- c) 24th August to 30th August 2026**
- d) 31st August to 6th September 2026**

The following applications were discussed with further comment and recommendations as follows:

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1604	SUPPORT – WSM TC – The Committee considered the objections received and were happy to support providing sufficient parking spaces were provided for vehicles awaiting repair.
1619	NEUTRAL - WSM TC – The Committee considered the objections received and noted that the dormer window should be opaque as per the covenant.
1077	SUPPORT - WSM TC – The Committee considered the objections received and were happy to support this application.
1545	SUPPORT - WSM TC – The Committee considered the objections received and were happy to support this application.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's comments on planning applications discussed be directly uploaded to the 'Uniform' website as part of the system of work requirement by

	North Somerset Council. This information would also be reflected on the Town Council's website with hyperlink back to North Somerset Council's website for referral purposes.
	ENVIRONMENTAL
126	Environment Budget The CEO/Town Clerk presented the previously circulated report on the 2026/27 Environmental/Climate Budget. • Members considered options for allocating the remaining £10,000, including updating the Roadmap to Zero following devolution, introducing community environmental grants, and retaining funding as a contingency for devolution-related costs. • It was clarified that the £10,000 tree planting budget was for trees in WSMTC parks and play areas; the Tree and Plant Group was a community initiative supported by WSMTC. • Members considered establishing a Community Green Grants Fund to support constituted community groups, organisations and volunteer-led environmental initiatives, with individuals excluded. Grant criteria would need to be agreed before implementation. • Members noted that funding had been used for planting schemes to meet environmental planning requirements and for tree felling and replacement planting within the cemetery arboretum. An arboricultural update was requested to provide a snapshot of tree planting activity and expenditure. • Members discussed the use of HVO for WSMTC vehicles, noting the current lack of suitable storage facilities. It was suggested that any future compound arising from devolution should include appropriate HVO storage facilities. • Future electric vehicles were also discussed, although the lack of suitable charging facilities remained a constraint. • The Committee supported a combined approach of updating the Roadmap to Zero and piloting a Community Green Grants Fund. • It was agreed to maintain the Environmental/Climate Budget at its current level, with a report to the next meeting setting out anticipated allocations. A provision for a suitable compound would also be considered as part of the 2027/28 budget. RESOLVED: 1. That a updated Road Map to zero report be commissioned to provide up to date information and include 32 Waterloo Street, The Old Town Quarry and all other council assets as required. 2. That consideration is given by the Devolution Working Group and Council with regard to suitable premises for the grounds team to enable the use of HVO (storage requirements) and in addition that Environmental opportunities are explored across the Grounds department to include vehicles and working practices as part of the devolution conversation. 3. That a Community Green Grant fund be explored with a draft application and process of how it would be implemented is brought back to a future meeting.
127	Fridge of Free Stuff June, July and August The report of the Community Wellbeing Development Officer covering the period June, July and August had previously been circulated. A discussion took place regarding the Fridge of Free Stuff premises, as the existing licence had expired. Members considered the need to explore alternative options for permanent

accommodation, either as a dedicated premises or through a partnership arrangement with another organisation. The Committee requested that permanent options be explored and brought back for further consideration.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Fridge of Free Stuff report for June, July and August be noted.
2. That permanent options with regard to premises be explored (to include opportunities for shared space options) are brought back for further consideration.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.11pm.

Signed.....Dated
Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee

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