



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET ON  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.00 pm

**Meeting Concluded:** 7.40pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Peter Crew (C), John Carson, Ray Armstrong, Owen James (S), Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz, Marcia Pepperall and Tim Taylor.

**ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:** Sarah Pearse (CEO/Town Clerk), Samantha Bishop (Democratic Services Manager) and Alison Garner (Democratic Services Officer).

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the committee needed to elect a Chair of the meeting.

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Marcia Pepperall

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Ray Armstrong

A vote was taken and accordingly it was **carried**.

**RESOLUTION:** That Councillor Peter Crew be elected Chair of the meeting.

<p><b>184</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitution</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Caroline Reynolds and Catherine Gibbons, with no substitution and Richard Tucker substituted by Owen James.</p>
<p><b>185</b></p>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
<p><b>186</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of the previous Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025.</b></p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 had been previously circulated.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Ray Armstrong <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Tim Taylor</p> <p>A vote was taken and accordingly it was <b>carried</b>.</p>

**RESOLVED:** That minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**187 PLANNING**

**Matters for Consideration:**

**a) Advisory disabled parking bay applications:**

The committee considered the following application, noting ward councillors' comments

1. 9 Bathurst Road – Which had been previously circulated to ward councillors for comment.

It was noted that ward councillors had no objection to the application.

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

**188 Matters for Noting:**

Members were pleased to note that the Town Council comments were being considered in line with applications.

- a) Appeal - 25/P/0185/FUL - 35 Whitecross Road W-s-M BS23 1EN – appeal against decision to refuse to grant planning permission – previously circulated to ward councillors for comment.**

**RESOLVED:** Noted

- b) Appeal - 25/P/0556/FUL - Land Off Junction At Broadway And Loxton Road W-s-M BS23 4RF – appeal against decision to refuse to grant planning permission – previously circulated to ward councillors for comment.**

**RESOLVED:** Noted

- c) Revised plans - 25/P/1940/R3 - Grove Park, Grove Lane, Weston-super-Mare – previously circulated to ward councillors for comment.**

**RESOLVED:** Noted

- d) Consultation on Forthcoming Planning Application – Costa Nosta/Cliff Café, Toll Road, W-s-M– previously circulated to ward councillors for comment**

**RESOLVED:** Noted

- e) Appeal - 25/P/0592/FUL - Land On The South Side Of Coleridge Road Rear Of Weston Youth Centre Weston-super-Mare – previously circulated to ward councillors for comment**

**RESOLVED:** Noted

**189 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) **8-14 September 2025**
- b) **15-21 September 2025**
- c) **22-28 September 2025**
- d) **29 September – 5 October 2025**

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

<b><i>Application Number</i></b>	<b><i>Comments</i></b>
1746	<b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>
1824	<b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>
1890	<b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>
1898	Noted that work had started before application was submitted. Is in line with plans. Working with the community. <b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>
1821	<b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>
1860	
1867	
1940	First stage of plans for improvement to the park. Very welcomed. <b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>  Discussion ensued regarding public comments, design and vandalism. When reopened will be managed by the town council.
1941	<b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>
1896	Concerns regarding reconfiguration of accommodation into multiple accommodation and sufficient space/welfare facilities. Overdevelopment of the site. Design, scale, and character of development. <b>OBJECT - WSM TC</b>
1995	Providing this does not contradict conservation area requirements <b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>
1997	Noting one public comment of support. <b>SUPPORT - WSM TC</b>

**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

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### Budget setting considerations

The report of the Director of Finance and Resources had been previously circulated.

A review of the budget setting process was taken to the Finance & General Purposes on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 whereby it was recommended that during September and October each year that Committees and Sub Committees were to provide recommendations/considerations to budget areas in line with set strategic aims of the council only (having regard for the councils Medium Term Financial Plan). (Available on the council's website).

The following budget areas were reviewed as part of the first draft review for the 2026/2027 budget and identified income and expenditure that needed consideration against the budgets that were set in 2025/2026.

The items within the attached report had been identified to aid the delivery of the Town Council's strategic plan and to move forward working with partners and community groups through service level agreements and community grants.

It was noted that the £46,125 included the tree allowance and solar for the Museum etc for 2025/2026 which were for projects identified for progression during this financial year.

Members queried whether there was provision within the £46,125 for the monitoring of the council roadmap.

The Town Clerk advised that the figure did not allow for this resource and it was noted that the council had utilised ad hoc, a volunteer to help with data capturing.

**RESOLVED:** To approve in principal, the costs and income identified within the budget holders reports for inclusion in the draft budget for 2026/2027 and that the direction for budget setting from the committee was that the budget presentation in December 2025 for the year 2026/2027 should be representative of a standstill budget (against 2025/26) with only a CPI increase applied.

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### Roadmap to Zero

#### 8.1 Community Fridge Update

A report had been previously circulated.

Members noted that the Community Fridge (CF) was very well received by the community and engaging with more shops.

This was a great example of a good news story that should be celebrated.

The Town Clerk informed that the CF was regularly reported through the council's newsletter and through social media platforms.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

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