

MINUTES of the Meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE** held at the **Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock** on **TUESDAY 31ST MARCH, 2026** at **6.30pm**.

PRESENT

Councillor B Smith
Councillor G Parker

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Councillor S Hipsey
Councillor Mrs A Johnson

Mayor ex officio
Deputy Mayor ex officio.

Councillors N Martin, T Munro and A Venning

IN ATTENDANCE

Administrative & Democratic Support Officer

357. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillors Mrs J Hughes and A Lewis

358. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Management & Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 17th February, 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Appendix 1).

RECOMMENDED THAT: In reference to Minute Number 330:-

- a) Confirm to Full Council that the Development Management and Licencing Committee advises that a urgent review of the Tavistock Neighbourhood Plan should take place and that it should cover at least:
 - A settlement boundary for the town
 - Criteria and constraints affecting the location of development
 - Infrastructure requirements
 - Site allocations for 600 new dwellings and 2 hectares of Employment related land.
- b) Proposing that Councillors Smith, Parker, Hipsey and Moody prepare a programme for carrying our such a review
- c) Hold a briefing event for all Councillors to update and inform of proposal

359. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was made; Councillor S Hipsey in respect of Minute No 364 (b)Mr J Clarence-Smith,25 Redmoor Close,

Tavistock, PL19 0ER, 0507/26/TPO by virtue of being neighbours to the applicant.

360. DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (DNPA)

No items received.

361. TOWN PLANNING ISSUES

WHP Telecoms proposed communications installation for EE at Tavistock Old Exeter Road, Wilminstone Quarry, Wilminstone Industrial Estate, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 0FD, NGR E: 249092 N: 075429.) this was considered and Members 'supported' the proposal.(Appendix 2)

362. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

No items received.

363. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

No items brought forward.

364. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **Planning Decisions**

Planning Decisions reached by West Devon Borough Council were attached at Appendix A (Appendix 3).

b) **NEW Planning Applications**

New Planning Applications to West Devon Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED THAT the views of the Town Council, as listed in Appendix B, be passed to the Local Planning Authority for consideration (Appendix 4).

NOTED THAT: The following Declaration of Interest was made; Councillor T Munro in respect of Minute No 364 (b) M Lake, 22 Churchill Rd, Whitchurch, PL19 9BU, 0569/26/HHO by virtue of being the applicants line manager.

365. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Development Management & Licensing Committee would be held on Monday 20th April, 2026 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock (please note the change of day).

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed:

Dated:

CHAIRMAN

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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE – LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS (Appendix A) FOR MEETING 31.03.2026

Applicant's Name, Site Location, P/App No.	Development Type	Town Council's Comments	Decision by Local Planning Authority	Date of Decision
<p>Ms J Wicks 22 Dolvin Road Tavistock PL19 9EA 0318/26/TCA</p>	<p>T1: Cherry Plum – Remove - Partially dead, in decline & growing horizontally out of riverbank</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Tree Works Allowed</p>	<p>4th March 2026</p>
<p>Mrs S Benny High Trees 8 Downlea Tavistock PL19 9AW P/A No. 0103/26/TPO</p>	<p>TPO S249; T1: Ash - remove over hanging branches at boundary from ground level to 10m height in order to balance tree, including dead crossing branches. T2: Red Oak - remove over hanging branches at boundary from ground level to 10m height in order to balance tree, including dead crossing branches. T3,T6: Sycamore - remove over hanging branches at boundary from ground level to 10m height in order to balance tree, including dead crossing branches. T4,T5: Beech - remove over hanging branches at boundary from ground level to 10m height in order to</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Refused</p>	<p>20th March 2026</p>

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	balance tree, including dead crossing branches. T7: Mulberry - remove over hanging branches at boundary from ground level to 10m height in order to balance tree, including dead crossing branches.			
R Rowe Street Record St Johns Tavistock P/A No. 3743/25/TCA	T1: Ash (952) remove large deadwood over footpath T2: Spruce (160 -) Fell - large dead tree on bank within striking distance of open green space and basketball court	Neutral – Refer to tree specialist	Raise No Objections	20 th March 2026

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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE - NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Appendix B) FOR MEETING 31.03.2026

Applicant's Name & Location	P/App Link	Proposal	Deadline to respond
Mr J Clarence-Smith 25 Redmoor Close Tavistock PL19 0ER P/A No. 0507/26/TPO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0507/26/TPO	TPO S52: T1,T2,T3: Beech – all over reduction by 5 metres to provide sufficient clearance to property.	Refer to tree specialist but note concerns to nesting birds and that the applicant is not the owner of the tree concerned
M Lake & A Rushall 22 Churchill Road Whitchurch PL19 9BU P/A No. 0569/26/HHO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0569/26/HHO	Householder application for proposed single storey extension at entrance & additional storey extension above the existing garage.	Support
Mr & Mrs Batten 12 The Dell Tavistock PL19 0EQ P/A No. 0333/26/HHO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0333/26/HHO	Householder application for proposed side & rear single storey infil extension together with first floor extension over garage, reinstatement of garage and extension of roof over new bay window & enclosed porch	Support
Mr J Canning Ormonde Highbank Close Tavistock PL19 8EQ	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0670/26/HHO	Householder application for proposed garage loft conversion	Support but question was raised regarding the lawfulness of wall backing onto Greenway Rd

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P/A No. 0670/26/HHO			(Greater than 1 metre in height)
Mr N Hollett 11 Hawthorn Road Tavistock PL19 9DL P/A No. 0044/26/TPO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0044/26/TPO	TPO S24 sub A5; x3 Alder – crown lift to 9m from ground level on SE aspect, x2 limb reduce at 9 meters from ground level on 11 Hawthorn Rd garden side by 3m, lateral reduction on SE side by 0.5m, x1 Cyprus - lateral reduction on SE side by 30cm, overhanging boundary.	Refer to tree specialist Object to crown lift due to excessive works. Note that the applicant is not the owner of the trees concerned
Dr Malvern Tipping, Devitt & Sons Limited 4 Market Street Tavistock PL19 0DA P/A No. 0159/26/LBC	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0159/26/LBC	Listed Building Consent for replacement of bow window & plank door to shop front	Support application and thank applicant of Local Authority for their revised application