MINUTES of the Meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE** held at the **Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock** on **TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER, 2026** at **6.30pm.**

PRESENT

Councillor B Smith	**Chairman**
Councillor A Hutton	**Vice Chairman**
Councillor Mrs A Johnson	**Mayor ex officio**
Councillor J Moody	**Deputy Mayor ex officio**

Councillors A Lewis, G Parker, A Venning.

IN ATTENDANCE
Administrative & Democratic Support Officer, WDBC Councillor G Reed

155. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
No apologies received.

156. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Management & Licensing Committee held on Monday 14th September, 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Appendix 1).

157. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr J Moody declared an interest as he sits on the Development Management & Planning Committee at West Devon Borough Council

158. DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (DNPA)
No items received.

159. TOWN PLANNING ISSUES
No items received.

160. 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).

161. NEXT MEETING
The next Meeting of the Development Management & Licensing Committee would be held on Tuesday 27th October at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Drake Road.

Note- It was declared that both the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be away for the next Development Management & Licensing Committee, thus a Chairman will have to be elected for the next meeting only.

The Meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Signed:

Dated:
CHAIRMAN

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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE – LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS (Appendix A) FOR MEETING 06.10.2026

Applicant's Name, Site Location, P/App No.	Development Type	Town Council's Comments	Decision by Local Planning Authority	Date of Decision
Mr Nigel Weeks 44 Chaucer Road, Tavistock PL19 9AJ P/A NO. 2320/26/TPO	TPO S31: T1 Sycamore - Reduce height of tree by 3.5 metres back to previous pruning cuts from work in 2017 so as to reduce sail effect and amount of wind tree catches & reduce lateral spread throughout on all four cardinal bearings N,S,E & W by 2.75 metres so as to reduce overhang over property at 6 Heather Close and client property	**Neutral - refer to tree specialist**	Approved	22nd September 2026
Mr S Bradford 25 Alder Road, Tavistock PL19 9LW P/A No. 2321/26/TPO	T1: Elm - Reduce crown height of tree by 3 metres so as to reduce amount of wind it catches and reduce risk of branches failing and falling on warehouse behind and client property Reduce lateral spread throughout on all 4 cardinal points N, S E & W by 2.5 metres so as to reduce risk of branch failure and amount of shading and overhang over client property and warehouse behind.	**Neutral - refer to tree specialist**	Approved	24th September 2026

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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE - NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Appendix B) FOR MEETING 06.10.2026

Applicant's Name & Location	P/App Link	Proposal	Deadline to respond
Mrs S Edwards St Maurice Down Road Tavistock PL19 9AD P/A No. 2448/26/HHO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2448/26/HHO	Conversion of existing garage and erection of first-floor extension above existing single-storey extension, together with associated external and internal alterations.	**Support**
Mr P Snook Flat 18 Bedford Court Garden Lane Tavistock PL19 8BQ P/A No. 2526/26/FUL	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2526/26/FUL	Installation of a single external air conditioning condenser unit within balcony/terrace	**Support, subject to suitable arrangement regarding the noise of the equipment**
Ms R Holifield 22 Dipper Drive Whitchurch PL19 9FS P/A No. 2472/26/HHO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2472/26/HHO	Erection of porch	**Support**
Mr B Fiske The Cabin Day Nursery Courtlands Cabin, Courtlands Road, Tavistock PL19 0EF P/A No. 0400/25/FUL	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0400/25/FUL	Erection of shed for office use and staff space (Retrospective)	**Support**

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Mr C Perkins 12 Alder Road Tavistock PL19 9LW P/A No. 2584/26/TPO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2584/26/TPO	S46: T1: Cherry tree - Remove tree due to showing signs of deterioration and decay is setting in on many branches and some dead wood is present. Tree is located directly next to the pavement and poses a potential safety hazard to pedestrians and road users if branches were to fall, especially in winter	**Neutral, refer to tree specialist**
The United Reform Church 1 Maple Close Tavistock PL19 9LL P/A No. 2630/26/TPO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2630/26/TPO	TPO S46: Cherry tree - Crown lift on the tree, removing lower branches growing laterally over the pavement up to a height of 4.5m . Some of which are within 2.4m above the pavement. This will restore balance to the lower part of the tree. Removal of dead wood throughout the tree, most of which is lower. The final cuts are shown on the photos with a yellow line. The final cut diameters will be less the 150mm. Reasons for the work are to restore balance to the lower part of the tree as there is a much fuller growth on the southern to western sides & to	**Neutral, refer to tree specialist**

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		alleviate obscuring the streetlamp	
Mrs K Drage Brookfield 120 Whitchurch Road Tavistock PL19 9BQ P/A No. 2596/26/TPO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2596/26/TPO	T3: Western Red Cedar - Remove tree Reason for works: Removal of tree required to prevent future drain damage, blockage and flooding.	**Object, case has not been made conclusively for removal**
Mrs P Hext 1 West Street Tavistock PL19 8AD P/A No. 2581/26/LBC	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2581/26/LBC	Raising of floor in bathroom & construction of window seats in bedrooms (retrospective)	**Support**
23 Tremayne Rise Tavistock PL19 8RD P/A No. 2488/26/TPO	Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2488/26/TPO	T1: Stand of hazel - Crown lift lowest limb by 2 metres to overhang Devon hedge by 1.5m from ground level. Tree on boundary with 17 Tremayne Rise. T2: Partial lateral crown reduction of all three branches on south-facing side by 5m to reduce overhang of Devon hedge to 1.5m. Oak facing circular patio. T3: Sycamore - Crown lift by removal of lowest three branches at 5m and 7m from ground level on the south-facing	**1.Insufficient evidence to justify the works.** **2. Unable to comply with conditions as applicant is not the owner of the trees or the land in the application**

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		side T6: Stand of Holly – Remove as rotten at base. T7 - T10: Stand of Holly trees – Lateral crown reduction of holly branches by 3m to overhang Devon hedge by 1.5m, crown height reduction by 1.5m. T11: Oak – Lateral crown reduction of branches growing south by 2m to overhang garden by 1.5m, lateral crown reduction of lowest branch growing west into Holly by 3m. Remove dead and two lowest branches facing west and south by 5 and 3m back to trunk. T12: Oak (behind T13) - Remove lowest branch (overcrowding) length approximately 5m at trunk, 1m from ground on east-facing side. T13: Oak - Crown lift by removing back to trunk 4 small lowest branches facing south 4m from ground level. Lateral crown reduction of Southwest and West facing branches approaching house by 4.5m to overhang Devon hedge by 1.5m T14: Oak - Remove small oak which is growing at an angle. If not permitted, lateral?? crown reduction of lowest three south facing	

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		branches by 5m T16: Oak – Lateral crown reduction of all south-facing branches approaching and overhanging house, hitting roof and guttering, by 5m to within 1.5m of Devon hedge. Crown lift by removing south-facing branch at 3m from ground by approximately 4m to trunk. Crown lift by removing south-east facing branch at 5m from ground by approximately 3m to trunk (previously pruned). Crown lift by removing southwest-facing branch at 8m from ground by 8m to trunk. T18: Ash - Remove lowest south-facing branch 5m from ground level overhanging garage by 6m back to trunk. Ash on boundary with 25 Tremayne Rise.	