



**Minutes of the Planning Committee held in the Arts Centre Theatre; BAC Theatre on Thursday 19 March 2026 at 10:00**

**Present:**

Councillors, Mander (Chair), Edmunds, Hubble, Leavy, Lerry, and Solomon

Sally Jones, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, and Amy Storey, Democratic Services Officer

There was one member of the public present and no press.

**PL2026/15 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lilley

**PL2026/16 Declarations of interests**

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s31(2) subject to s32(3) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

No declarations of interests were received.

**PL2026/17 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 26 February 2026**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 26 February 2026 be signed as a correct record with the amendments to agenda items PL2026/13.3, PL2026/13.4, and PL2026/13.6 to now read:

**RESOLVED:** Objection as the applicant fails to provide a sufficient amount of play space and equipment as is the legal requirement for a development of 530 dwellings, and as set out in the conditions of the previously granted outline consent, the applicant has not conducted and published a badger survey of the site.

**PL2026/18 Planning Applications**

**PL2026/18.1 Planning application number: 08/26/00008/LE**



**Planning application number:** [08/26/00008/LE](#) **Proposal:** Conversion of first and second floor offices into 9 No. residential apartments. **Location:** 16 High Street, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3DX

**RESOLVED:** To support the planning application as an unused and vacant first and second floor space is being bought back into use which is welcomed and that the ground floor retail space of a prime High Street property is being retained.

**PL2026/18.2 Planning application number: 08/26/00012/JMS**

**Planning application number:** [08/26/00012/JMS](#) **Proposal:** Installation of 3No. internally illuminated fascia signs, 1No. non-illuminated fascia sign, 1No. internally illuminated totem sign, 2No. wall-mounted banner frames, and 1No. aluminium composite (ACM) panel with vinyl display. **Location:** Cooperative Group Limited, Westonzoyland Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 5BJ

**RESOLVED:** To support the planning application, as it will help with footfall and showcase what is available to the public.

**PL2026/18.3 Planning application number: 08/26/00011/JMS**

**Planning application number:** [08/26/00011/JMS](#) **Proposal:** Change of use within Class E to use as a 24 hour gym, installation of plant to the West elevation, replacement of entrance door on the South elevation and associated external works. **Location:** Unit B3, Bridgwater Retail Park, The Leggar, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AB

**RESOLVED:** Objection, as the applicant has failed to demonstrate that there is no longer retail demand for this shop unit. The existing car park has been subject to previous episodes of anti-social behaviour, which has led to the car park being closed at night. However, this proposed use is for a 24/7 gym, which would require the car park to be open again, which is undesirable, bearing in mind previous experience.

**PL2026/18.4 Planning application number: 08/26/00019/TTE**

**Planning application number:** [08/26/00019/TTE](#) **Proposal:** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection of a single storey extension, extending 6.00m from the rear South elevation. **Location:** 49 Halesleigh Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 7DY

**RESOLVED:** That prior planning application is required to allow residents to have their say.

**PL2026/18.5 Planning application number: 09/21/00017**

To comment on the DOC for COND 3 on planning application 09/21/00017



**RESOLVED:** Objection due to insufficient play equipment in comparison to the number of dwellings, and no survey being carried out for the badger sets, as well as concerns that there is not enough money to ensure there is affordable housing, public transport, or sufficient play equipment on the site.

**PL2026/19    Licensing Application - 36 Eastover, Bridgwater**

**RESOLVED:** To support the application as a liquor licence for consumption on the premises is consistent with the proposed cafe use and the committee welcomes the investment in the area.

**PL2026/20    To note the following Planning Application**

**Planning application number:** [08/26/00024/ROR](#) **Proposal:** Trim side and top growth from 2No. Clipped Yews (T1 & T2) removing approx. 30cm of growth to all sides using hedge cutter/loppers. Remove extended lateral growth by up to 1m to reshape crown. Approx. finished dimensions T1 - 3m Diameter T2 - 3.5m Diameter. **Location:** St Marys Church, St Mary Street, Bridgwater, TA6 3EQ

**RESOLVED:** To note.

The Chairman closed the meeting at **10:57**

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**Signed**.....

**Dated**.....