

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2026 AT 6.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillor Bowden (Chair)
Councillors East, Jenkins, Lofthouse (substitute for Councillor Knight) and Short.

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – 2

38. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Knight and Mason

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **81449** Application for consent for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of Group 1 - felling of 6x Sycamores, 1x Ash and 1x multistemmed Loral. T2 - crown raise 2x Oaks. Group 3 - felling of 4x Ash and 3x Sycamores. Group 4 - crown raise to the west side multiple Sycamore and 1x Ash, The Old Rectory, Tawstock, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Approval subject to the works being undertaken outside the bird nesting season.

Councillor Jenkins declared an interest in the above application as he had made a personal representation and was not present during the discussion or voting thereon.

b) **81081** Siting of freestanding non-illuminated totem sign, Unit 8, Lauder Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Refusal for the following reasons:

Scale and size of sign too big.

Location adjacent to the Highway distracting for drivers.

c) **81453** Variation of condition 3 (use of the premises timing restriction) attached to planning permission 79521 (Change of use from education centre (Class F1) to 2no. retail units (Class Ea) including internal and external alterations and provision of solar panels (departure from the local plan)) to allow for more flexible trading hours, Brannam Business Park, Oakwood Close, Roundswell

RECOMMENDED Approval subject to the Sunday trading laws being adhered to.

d) **80564** Replace existing 7 metre totem pole with 12 metre high internally illuminated totem pole, siting of 3 metre illuminated pole sign, vinyl graphics and general redecoration of existing signs (amended description & plans), Kentucky Fried Chicken, Roundswell Services, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Refusal. No comments had been made by DCC Highways regarding the rules/legislation in relation to 3 metres signs being located adjacent to an 'A' road and concerns regarding the brightness and illumination of the sign distracting vehicle drivers.

e) **81313** Erection of fence, Mount Cottage, Roundswell, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Approval

Chair the meeting ended at 6.53 p.m.