



Dorchester Town Council

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Wednesday, 30 September 2026

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Dorchester Town Council Planning and Environment Committee** which will be held in the **Council Chamber, the Municipal Buildings, High East Street, Dorchester, DT1 1HF** on **Monday, 5 October 2026, commencing at 7.00pm.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denny'.

Charmaine Denny
Town Clerk

Public Attendance and Speaking at the Meeting

The Chair has discretion to allow members of the public to speak at the meeting. **If you wish to speak please contact the Clerk by 9.00am on the morning of the meeting.** We ask speakers to confine their comments to the matter in hand and to be as brief as possible.

Member Code of Conduct: Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to disclose interests where appropriate. A Member who declares any interest must leave the room. A Member who declares a registerable interest as a Council nominee to a partner organisation may first address the meeting as a member of the public.

Membership of the Committee

Councillors L. Fry (the Mayor ex-officio & Vice Chair), R. Biggs, S. Biles, A. Canning, P. Farmer, J. Germodo, J. Hewitt, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, D. Leaper, V. Lloyd-Jones, R. Major, R. Potter, K. Reid, M. Rennie, R. Ricardo (Chair) and D. Taylor.

AGENDA

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

It is recommended that councillors who are also members of Dorset Council's relevant planning committee make a statement regarding their participation in the consideration of planning applications at this agenda item.

2. Minutes

For the Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 September 2026 and ratified at Full Council on 28 September 2026. The minutes of the meeting can be found at <https://www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk/docs/planning/minutes/260907-Minutes.pdf>.

3. Public Participation

4. Dropped Kerb Request

To consider a dropped kerb request (attached) and to decide if the Town Council wishes to support the request for forwarding to Dorset Council for further consideration.

5. Planning Applications for Comment

To receive and comment on the planning applications received from Dorset Council (attached).

6. Minute Update Report

To note and consider the minute updates reported.

i) Minute 26, Pedestrian Safety at Bitter End, of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2025

To receive a verbal update on discussions to improve pedestrian safety at Bitter End.

7. Planning Issues to Note

To note any planning related issues including decisions made by Dorset Council on planning applications (contrary to Dorchester Town Council's comments), withdrawn applications and others.

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Dropped Kerb Request



Request to Dorchester Town Council to Support Pedestrian Access

Improvement (please read the information notes over and include all relevant information and evidence - continue on extra sheets if necessary).

Name:	██████████
Address:	████ Monmouth Road █████
Telephone:	██████████
Email:	████████████████████
Access Issue:	████ is a permanent wheelchair user. He has had a ramp fitted to the front of his house and he has a disabled parking spot outside. ████ is very independent and travels often in his motorised wheelchair, including to Southampton every 2 weeks. He also goes into town regularly. His preferred route, which affords him the best safety and wider pavements, is to turn left from his house heading towards Maumbury Road. A few doors along from his house he has to cross Rothesay Road. Sometimes he is able to do this by heading down the street to where there are some kerbs he can cross on, however these are often obstructed by cars meaning he has to double back on himself and take the other route. ████ has also observed other wheelchair users reaching Rothesay Road and then turning around. There are linked dropped kerbs enabling travel along Monmouth Road on the other side of the road, but no crossing points across Monmouth Road to access them.

	I discussed installing dropped kerbs across Monmouth Road with the Highways Officer, but the conclusion was that due to the number of underground utilities and an existing driveway, coupled with poor visibility and the speed at which cars drive along Monmouth Road, this would not be a good option.
Works requested (including plan/map and site details)	A pair of dropped kerbs on Rothesay Road, close to where it joins Monmouth Road.
Please provide evidence of support by others:	The Dorchester Highways Officer attended the meeting and supports the request, agreeing that dropped kerbs on Rothesay Road would help to improve access. I was advised that the 2025-26 budget for dropped kerbs has already been spent. If approved, this request would be placed on a list for actioning in 2027.

Proposed site for new dropped kerbs



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Planning Applications for Comment

East Ward (Councillors P. Farmer, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger and R. Major)

- E1.** **P/HOU/2026/05014 64 Casterbridge Road Dorchester DT1 2AG**
Erect single-storey rear/side extension with roof lantern. (Demolish Conservatory).
- E2.** **P/LBC/2026/04389 16C High Street Fordington Dorchester DT1 1JZ**
Replace the existing fibre cement tiled roof with Spanish Slate tiles.
- E3.** **P/HOU/2026/05078 16 Casterbridge Road Dorchester DT1 2AQ**
Demolish existing rear lean to conservatory and erect a two storey extension. Install first floor windows.

North Ward (Councillors S. Biles, A. Canning, V. Lloyd-Jones and D. Taylor)

- N1.** **P/ADV/2026/04709 18 South Street Dorchester DT1 1BS**
Installation of 1no. illuminated fascia signage, 1no. non-illuminated projecting sign 1no. high level sign to match existing vintage tenant sign.

West Ward (Councillors L. Fry, J. Germodo, J. Hewitt and R. Ricardo)

- W1.** **P/LBC/2026/05295 Junction Hotel 42 Great Western Road Dorchester DT1 1UF**
Carry out works to re-roof, external works and external decoration.

South Ward (Councillors R. Potter and M. Rennie)

- S1.** **P/FUL/2026/05215 Dorchester Tennis And Squash Club Sawmills Lane Dorchester DT1 2RZ**
Construction of Padel Tennis Court with associated flood lighting & creation of additional parking.

Poundbury Ward (Councillors R. Biggs, F. Hogwood and D. Leaper)

- P1.** **P/FUL/2026/05242 Waitrose Unit 3 Queen Mother Square Poundbury DT1 3BW**
Plant replacement in rear service yard.

For Information

- FI1.** **P/NMA/2026/04750 Garage Site Opposite 30-44 Chestnut Way Dorchester**
Non material amendment - Plot 3 and 4 revised from 85% to 100% NDSS and associated landscaping adjusted accordingly to planning permission WD/D/20/001840 (Demolition of existing garages and erection of 2no. 3 bed houses and 2no. 1 bed flats and associated landscaping and parking provision)

The above Non Material Amendment application has been received by Dorset Council. You are being notified for information purposes only.

(Circulated to all Councillors 14/09/26)



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Where there is an interested group of objectors or supporters, a spokesperson should be appointed to speak on behalf of the group.

The Chairman has the right and discretion to control questions and irrelevant points being raised to avoid disruption, repetition and to make best use of the meeting time.

The Chair can invite members of the public to speak for up to 3 minutes.

Any questions that the committee then wish to ask the member of the public must go **via the Chair.**