

WIVELISCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON Monday 20th
July 2026 in the Community Centre at 6.30pm

Attendees

Councillors: P Berman (Chair), P Green and N Blaker

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: None

Apologies

Councillors: T Parker

Other: None

Councillors absent without apology: None

26/01P Elect a Chair: It was resolved Cllr Berman would chair the planning committee meetings.

26/02P To note apologies of absence: It was resolved to note apologies as listed above.

26/03P Declarations of Interest: It was resolved to note there were none.

26/04P To note there are no planning applications to discuss: It was resolved to note there were no planning applications to discuss.

26/05P Local Plan: The committee discussed the local plan consultation, and it was resolved to report the following to Full Council with the recommendation of submitting items 2,3,4 and 5 to Somerset Council's consultation.

1 Somerset are constrained by Central Government on the policies they can introduce and particularly on housing requirements.

2 The consultation asks which settlements have boundaries which can be reasonably defined and we think Wiveliscombe should be included in that category.

3 We are anxious that affordable housing should be given priority.

4 The lack of fairly frequent public transport to major Centres means that many occupants of new housing will use cars to get to work.

5 Wiveliscombe is still defined as a Rural Centre which has been its status for many years. This has an effect on the need for adequate car parking.

6 The population is expected to increase over the 20 years from 2021 by 16.77 %, just over 400.

7 Local employment is expected to decrease slightly.

26/06P Any other planning issues: It was resolved to note there were none.

26/07P Close Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.55pm