

Burlescombe Parish Council

Planning Committee

Background:

To review all planning applications and, where appropriate, recommend that the application be considered by Full Council and/or discussed at a special meeting to allow for full participation by residents.

Terms of Reference

1. To comply with the Parish Council's Standing Orders on the governance and membership of the Planning Committee.
2. To study relevant plans, individual Councillors to take a view as to whether to visit relevant sites to form their opinion and consider any comments from members of the parish before coming to a decision as provided for on the Devon County Council/Mid Devon District Council Planning Portals or provided at a meeting of the Burlescombe Planning Committee or Full Council.
3. To endeavour ensure that any objections or recommendations are based solely on material planning considerations.
4. To consider environmental aspects when considering planning applications.
5. To monitor the general environment of the parish and report to the Clerk/planning authority any potential planning breaches.
6. To respond on behalf of the Parish Council when a time sensitive response is required and/or on behalf of the council to planning consultations which do not require discussion outside the Planning Committee.
7. The Planning Committee can make a recommendation to send a representative of Burlescombe Parish Council to any relevant Devon County Council/Mid Devon District Council planning committee meeting.
8. The Planning Committee can make a recommendation to provide for written representations and/or attendance at any Appeal proceedings.
9. To attend planning training sessions as offered by Mid Devon District Council or the Devon Association of Local Councils and to read all relevant documentation to ensure that the Committee is aware of current legislation and regulations
10. When appropriate, seek expert opinion and guidance from other parties.
11. To consider the need for a neighbourhood plan.