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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held virtually on the 15th March 2021 via Zoom.

Present: Cllr W Burke (Chairman), L Cruwys, D Garcia-Parejo, C Harrower, S Bush, A Perris and P Hill , A Hendy and J Blagg.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe.

The meeting commenced at 6pm.

207	Apologies Cllr C Harrower
208	Declaration of Interests None made.
209	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 st March 2021 were agreed as a true record.
210	Matters Arising Concerns were expressed at the recent adverse publicity over the destruction of trees on a building site at Post Hill. Members felt that they were not given adequate information regarding the vast number of trees that were required to be felled in order that the development of the site could be fulfilled. Cllr Cruwys stated that he had attended a site meeting and it had been stated that sadly the trees could not be saved. Members felt that on occasions plans change without this council being further consulted. It was noted that that a tree group had been formed within the district council to look at this kind of issue in the future. Cllr Cruwys stated that it was unfortunate that at present the position of tree officer is vacant as that person could possibly have had more influence on the situation. The town clerk reminded members that this planning committee is consulted on planning issues, however it is the planning authority who make the final decision on any planning applications. The meeting asked the town clerk to write to MDDC expressing our concerns about this incident and stating that there is a need to protect trees in the area as far as possible. Cllr Hill mentioned the large number of trees that had been felled near to Bickleigh. The town clerk informed him that some 700 trees had been felled due to being diseased. Sadly Devon was having a great deal of problems with diseased trees at present.
211	Democratic Period No members of public in attendance.
212	Planning Applications Planning applications were dealt with as per the attached list.

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Next Meeting Date: Monday 19th April 2021 at 6pm

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