

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
9th April 2026 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam.**

Present: Cllrs Bach, Hames (Chair), Hodson, Horrocks, Newman-McKie and Lo-Vel.  
In attendance: Tina Stewardson (Community Engagement Admin Officer)

**2604/741 To receive and approve apologies for absence, in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 s85 (1)**

There were no apologies. There were two vacant seats.

**2604/742 Chair's announcements**

The Chair announced that the appeal for Bloody Corner has been dismissed.

**2604/743 To receive any dispensations and disclosable pecuniary or other interests**

Members were reminded that all interests must be declared prior to the item being discussed.

Cllr Bach declared an interest on item 8 iv although it is not pecuniary interest.

**2604/744 To agree the agenda as published**

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.

Proposed Cllr Hodson, Seconded Cllr Newman-McKie (all in favour)

**2604/745 To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on 19th March 2026**

It was **resolved** that to approve the minutes of that Planning & Development committee meeting as a true and correct record, they were signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Bach, Seconded: Cllr Horrocks (Majority in favour with 2 abstention - not present at the meeting).

**2604/746 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**2604/747 To receive the Northam Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's report and receive an update on the next steps**

The Northam Neighbourhood Plan had been approved at the meeting of the Full Council and has now been sent to Torrridge District Council for consideration; it is hoped at Full Council in April and if approved to be followed by submission to referendum in June.

**2604/748 Torrridge District Council Planning Applications:**

Torrridge District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from the Town Council on the following Parish planning applications:

i) **1/0151/2026/FUL**

Proposal: Replacement single storey rear extension and alterations to outbuilding

Location: 4 Alpha Place, Appledore,

Response date: 11th April 2026.

It was **resolved** to recommend the proposal be granted permission.

Proposed: Cllr Bach; Seconded: Cllr Hames (all in favour)

ii) **1/0234/2026/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear, and replacement windows and doors

Location: St Elvis, 6 New Quay Street, Appledore

Response date: 18th April 2026.

It was **resolved** to recommend the proposal be granted permission subject to the Conservation Officer's comment, particularly on the style and type of the new windows and doors given that the site is in a Conservation Area.

Proposed: Cllr Newman-McKie; Seconded: Cllr Hames (all in favour)

Chair's initials

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iii) **1/0242/2026/FUH**

Proposal: Replacement conservatory to rear of property

Location: 11 Clevelands Park, Northam,

Response date: 20th April 2026.

It was **resolved** to recommend the proposal be granted permission.

Proposed: Cllr Newman-Mckie; Seconded: Cllr Lo-Vel (all in favour)

iv) **1/0248/2026/FUL**

Proposal: Change of use to hot food takeaway (sui generis)

Location: 22 Nelson Road, Westward Ho!,

Response date: 24th April 2026.

It was **resolved** to recommend the proposal be granted permission subject to the comments of the Environment Officer

Proposed: Cllr Bach Seconded: Cllr Hames (4 in favour, 2 against with one abstention)

**2604/749**

**Torrige District Council Planning Decisions**

It was noted that Torridge District Council, the determining Authority, had **granted** permission for the following applications with conditions as filed:

i) **1/0026/2026/FUL**

**Proposal:** Construction of a ground floor level balcony in the rear Garden

**Location:** 17 Estuary View, Northam,

(Northam Town Council recommended that the proposal be granted permission.)

ii) **1/0698/2025/FUL**

**Proposal:** Proposed equestrian stables, part-retrospective access and associated works

**Location:** Land At Grid Reference 244880 129879, Northam

(Northam Town Council recommended that the proposal be granted permission.)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:05pm.

Signed.....Dated.....

Chair's initials

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