

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
15th October 2026 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam.

Present: Cllrs Hames (Chair), Horrocks, Lo-Vel, Newman-McKie and Sawyer.

In attendance: Guy Langton (Town Clerk & RFO).

2610/361 To receive and approve apologies for absence, in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 s85 (1)

Cllr Bach tendered his apologies. There were two vacant seats.

2610/362 Chair's announcements

The Chair noted that a Local Government Organisation update from central government was still awaited, following the pause announced in July 2026.

2610/363 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.

2610/364 To agree the agenda as published

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

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

2610/365 To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on 24th September 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 Lo-Vel, Seconded: Cllr Horrocks (all in favour).

2610/366 Public Participation

There were none present.

2610/367 To receive an update on the Northam Neighbourhood Plan

The Chair reported that council was awaiting advice on required changes from Torridge District Council.

The Town Clerk reported that central government had published a 'road map' of how to proceed after a Neighbourhood Plan had been made. This would be shared with a future meeting of this committee.

2610/368 To note the tree preservation order

The committee noted Tree Preservation Order 012/2026 for trees at Staddon House, Staddon Road, Appledore.

2610/369 To note the correspondence from Torridge District Council in reference to the enforcement summary

The Town Clerk reported that the Planning Authority had advised the council that it would no longer be sharing local enforcement lists with parish and town councils, following a GDPR issue. The Chair reported that the Planning Manager would be presenting a report on enforcement to a Full Council meeting of Torridge District Council.

Chair's initials

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2610/370

Torridge District Council Planning Applications:

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

i) **1/0724/2026/FUH**

Proposal: Creation of parking area

Location: 7 Knights Field Rise, Northam,

It was **resolved** to recommend the proposal be granted permission, subject to the matters being raised by South West Water being resolved to that organisation's satisfaction.

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

ii) **1/0719/2026/REM**

Proposal: Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for 8 no. dwellings pursuant to planning approval 1/0252/2022/OUTM (affecting a public right of way)

Location: Land At Grid Reference 242787 128504, Westward Ho!

It was **resolved** to make the following comment:

The council was concerned about the visual impact of the proposed dwellings on the landscape and skyline and referred to the comments of the NDCNL regarding this matter, including the omission of drawings detailing the appearance of the dwellings. The council therefore asks that the omission is addressed and the proposal reconsulted upon or the consultation period extended to allow comments to be submitted.

Proposed: Cllr Newman-McKie, Seconded: Cllr Lo-Vel (all in favour)

iii) **1/0753/2026/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed vehicular access and parking.

Location: 27 Atlantic Way, Westward Ho!,

It was **resolved** to recommend the proposal be granted permission, subject to the matters being raised by South West Water being resolved to that organisation's satisfaction.

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

iv) **1/0768/2026/REM**

Proposal: Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale pursuant to planning approval 1/0042/2024/OUT

Location: Breakers View, Park Avenue, Westward Ho!,

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

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

2610/371

Torridge 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) **1/0579/2026/FUH**

Proposal: Demolition of chimney breast and erection of single storey extension

Location: Umtali, Golf Links Road, Westward Ho!,

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

Chair's initials



ii) **1/0525/2026/FUL**

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a double-storey side extension

Location: 1 Foxhole Lane, Northam,

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

iii) **1/0623/2026/FUL**

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and alterations

Location: Westleigh, Diddywell Road, Northam,

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm

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

Chair's initials