EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Exmouth Town Council Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 7 October 2024 at 6:15pm

Present:

Councillor Joe Whibley (Chair)
Councillor Graham Deasy
Councillor Mike Rosser
Councillor Andrew Toye

Apologies:

Councillor Cherry Nicholas
Councillor Tim Dumper
Councillor Dianne Conduit
Councillor David Poor
Councillor Andrew Woodward

Public Speaking Time

None

P24/146. Minutes of the previous meetings and decisions under delegated authority

Councillor J Whibley proposed, seconded by Councillor M Rosser and it was agreed that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 23 September 2024 were a true record.

P24/147. To receive any declarations of interests from members:

P24/149. 24/1674/TRE 5 Cyprus Road, EX8 2DZ
Councillor G Deasy advised that he'd spoken to officers at East Devon District Council in respect of this application.

P24/149. 24/1674/TRE 5 Cyprus Road, EX8 2DZ
Councillor J Whibley advised he was a forestry school teacher and therefore had an interest in the preservation of trees.

P24/148. Urgent business

None

P24/149. Tree and advertising consent applications.

BRIXINGTON

Tree Application No: 24/1656/TRE

Location: 39 Ivydale, EX8 4TA
Applicant: Mrs Dickson
Proposal: T1, Oak: remove overhanging branches; reduce the crown spread in a westerly direction by up to 2m to leave a spread of approximately 4m, reduce the height by up to 2m to leave a tree with a finished height of 7m; restricting cuts to a maximum of 65mm - this will leave the tree with a balanced and flowing shape.

Target date: 03.10.24

Ratify delegated Chair and Ward decision for a Split Decision in accordance with the Tree Officer's report.

Decision: Proposed: JW Seconded: MR
Split Decision in accordance with the Tree Officer's report was ratified.

Planning Application No: 24/1734/TRE

Location: 15 Cheriswood Avenue, EX8 4HG
Applicant: Mr Barry Davies
Proposal: T1, Cedar: i) Crown lift, be removing lowest five lateral branches back to the mainstem. Making pruning cuts up to 75mm in diameter. ii) Crown lift / reduce remaining branched over the driveway of No 15 Cheriswood Ave, to provide a clearance of up to 2.5m above ground level. iii) Crown reduce back from adjacent the garage and converted garage, to provide a clearance of up to 1.5m from the fabric of these buildings. iv) Crown reduce western aspect over highway, to provide up to 4.5m of clearance over the highway surface.

Target date: 10.10.24

Comments Statutory Consultees:
Tree officer's report was previously circulated for information.
Recommendation: APPROVAL

Decision: Proposed: JW Seconded: AT
Approval in accordance with the Tree Officer's report.

Planning Application No: 24/1834/TRE

Location: 33 Evergreen Close, EX8 4RR
Applicant: Mr Christopher Eglinton
Proposal: Turkey Oaks (7) and (8) - removal of lower (below 7m) epicormic growth

with permission to to repeat the works on a cyclical basis every three years.

Target date: 29.10.24

Comments Statutory Consultees:
Tree officer's report was previously circulated for information.
Recommendation: APPROVAL

Decision: Proposed: MR Seconded: GD
Approval in accordance with the Tree Officer's report.

LITTLEHAM

Planning Application No: 24/1674/TRE

Location: 5 Cyprus Road, EX8 2DZ
Applicant: Mrs Helen Klarner
Proposal: T1, Oak: fell and treat stump with eco-plugs
T3, Strawberry Tree: reduce the total crown spread by an average of 4.0m. Extended limbs should be pruned back to most acceptable reduction points to achieve a 50% reduction.

Target date: 10.10.24

Comments Statutory Consultees:
Tree officer's report previously circulated for information.
Recommendation: APPROVAL subject to replacement tree with extraordinary provision to allow final determination of the application to be made by the Arboricultural Officers at East Devon District Council, pending the outcome of the meeting on the 8 October.

Cllr D Poor had forwarded his comments which were shared as follows:
I have major concerns about this because the decision is essentially being made on financial grounds against the wishes of local residents. The tree is a major part of the local environment and is protected. But we have to take on board the tree officers report and the briefing from our town clerk so we have no choice but to agree with the tree officer. To my mind this case drives a coach and horses through the whole TPO process and so I have to agree that this needs to be looked at in Parliament and should be raised by our two east devon MPs. I also intend to raise the matter with my Party's national organisations

Decision: Proposed: GD Seconded: JW
Approval in accordance with the Tree Officer's report with extraordinary provision to allow final determination of the application to be made by the Arboricultural Officer's at East Devon District Council pending outcome of their meeting with the applicant. The Committee's decision was made with great reluctance and a heavy heart. The Chair stated that "We put our trust in our Arboricultural Officers that they will do everything within their power to come up with a solution acceptable to all parties which avoids the necessity for removal"

P24/150. Planning applications.

BRIXINGTON

Planning Application No: 24/1868/VAR

Location: Knappe Cross Nursing Home, Brixington Lane, EX8 5DL
Applicant: Mr Pradham
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on planning permission 22/1873/FUL (single storey rear extension for 8 bedrooms) to change roof from sedum to zinc/metal solid pavilion style.

Date limit for comments: 10.10.24

Comments Statutory Consultees:
EDDC Trees – Had no arb concerns.

View of representations: None

ENP Policy: EB2

Decision: Proposed: JW Seconded: GD
Objection, members felt that the application failed fully justify the change from sedum to zinc/metal. The Excerpt from Pre-app in the Design & Access Statement suggests a mono pitch green roof as this would help the massing "disappear" within the garden. Why does the roof need to be changed?

Planning Application No: 24/1862/VAR

Location: Knappe Cross Nursing Home, Brixington Lane, EX8 5DL
Applicant: Mr Pradham
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on planning permission 22/1874/LBC (single storey rear extension for 8 bedrooms) to change roof from sedum to zinc/metal solid pavilion style.

Date limit for comments: 10.10.24

Comments Statutory Consultees: None

View of representations: None

ENP Policy: EB2

Decision: Proposed: Seconded:
Objection, members felt that the application failed fully justify the change from sedum to zinc/metal. The Excerpt from Pre-app in the Design & Access Statement suggests a mono pitch green roof as this would help the massing "disappear" within the garden. Why does the roof need to be changed?

HALSDON

None

LITTLEHAM

Planning Application No: 24/1842/FUL

Location: Apartment 13 Elwyn House, 2 Elwyn Road, EX8 2EL
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Emberson
Proposal: Proposed new balcony facing north/west

Date limit for comments: 10.10.24

Comments Statutory Consultees: None

View of representations:

ENP Policy: EB2

Cllr D Poor – No objection

Decision: Proposed: GD Seconded: JW
No objection, however, members were unable to view the letter of objection due the website being offline.

Planning Application No: 24/1879/FUL

Location: 14 Nelson Drive, EX8 2PU
Applicant: Mrs Zoe Smith
Proposal: New rear dormer window; new front rooflights; new raised ridge, eaves and roofline; external alterations.

Date limit for comments: 10.10.24

Comments Statutory Consultees: None

View of representations: None

ENP Policy:

Cllr D Poor - No objection, the house next door has had the same done.

Decision: Proposed: GD Seconded: MR
No objection

TOWN

None

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH

None

P24/151. Other items

None

P24/152. Items for information

None

P24/153. East Devon District Council – Planning Decisions

Application	*Exmouth Town Council View*	*EDDC Decision*
24/0406/FUL 7 Freelands Close	Objection	Withdrawn
24/1459/FUL 38 Foxholes Hill	No objection	Conditional Approval
24/1028/FUL Warehouse, Danby Lane	Objection	Refusal
24/1621/FUL 14A Cranford Avenue	No objection	Conditional Approval

The meeting concluded at 19:19

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman)