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 16 February 2026 at 6:15pm

Present:

Councillor Tim Dumper (Acting Chair)
Councillor Dianne Conduit
Councillor Graham Deasy
Councillor Mike Rosser
Councillor Andrew Woodward

Apologies:

Councillor Joe Whibley (Chair)
Councillor Andrew Colman
Councillor Cherry Nicholas
Councillor David Poor

Public Speaking Time

None

P26/026. Minutes of the previous meetings and decisions under delegated authority

It was proposed by Councillor A Woodward, seconded by Councillor G Deasy, and agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 February 2026.

P25/027. To receive any declarations of interests from members:

Minute P26/0029. Planning Applications: 25/0227/FDO – Devon Cliffs Holiday Centre Sandy Bay, EX8 5BT
Councillor T Dumper, declared a registerable interest in his capacity as a board member of East Devon National Landscape.

Minute P26/031. Other items - Licensing
Councillors T Dumper declared a Other Registerable interest as a member of East Devon District Council's Licencing and Enforcement Committee.

P26/028. Urgent business.

None

P26/029. Tree and advertising consent applications.

BRIXINGTON

Planning Application No: 26/0127/FUL

Location: 3 Oakwood Rise, EX8 4PU
Applicant: Mr Andy Rives-Roberts
Proposal: Weeping Willow - pollard to previous pruning points.

Target date: 20.03.26

Comments Statutory Consultees:
Tree Officer's report previously circulated for information.
Recommendation: **APPROVAL** subject to works limited to: final pruning cuts shall be made distal to previous pruning points, with the developing pollard heads retained intact.

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

LITTLEHAM

Planning Application No: 26/0010/TRE

Location: 69A Salterton Road, EX8 2EN
Applicant: Mr Michael Anderson
Proposal: T1: Poplar – pollard; current height 19m, cut 6m of regrowth back to previous cut sites at 13m. Cyclical management every 2-5 years.

Target date: 02.03.26

Comments Statutory Consultees:
Tree Officer's report previously circulated for information.
Recommendation: **SPLIT DECISION** (a part of the application has been refused and a part approved).
APPROVAL: T1, Poplar: Pollard back regrowth back to previous cut sites at approximately 13m.
REFUSAL: T1, Poplar: Cyclical management every 2-5 years.
The proposed cyclical consent does not provide the Council with adequate opportunity to review the condition of the tree or to regulate the timing and extent of future re-pollarding operations. Granting such unrestricted consent would remove necessary oversight and could result in avoidable harm to the tree's health and amenity value. For these reasons, this element of the application is not acceptable and is therefore refused.

Cllr D Poor had forwarded his comments which were shared as follows:
No objection

Decision: Proposed: MR Seconded: GD

Split decision accordance with the Tree Officer's report.

Planning Application No: 26/0129/TRE

Location: 69A Salterton Road, EX8 2EN
Applicant: Mr Michael Anderson
Proposal: Poplar - sever and remove roots up to 50mm diameter within a 1m section of the root protection area (RPA) at a depth of 0.5m. Root mitigation will be by pruning done using hand tools followed by installation of protective soil covers. Rebuilding of the retaining boundary wall.

Target date: 20.03.26

Comments Statutory Consultees:
Tree Officer's report previously circulated for information.
Recommendation: SPLIT DECISION (a part of the application has been refused and a part approved).
APPROVAL: Root pruning to facilitate the demolition and construction of a new front boundary wall. Root pruning and severance shall be restricted to roots located within 300 mm of the rear face of the wall. The depth of excavation shall be limited to the minimum necessary to enable works at the base of the wall. Root pruning shall be limited to the cutting of roots up to 25 mm in diameter.
REFUSAL: Sever and remove roots up to 50mm diameter within a 1m section of the root protection area (RPA) at a depth of 0.5m. Root mitigation will be by pruning done using hand tools followed by installation of protective soil covers. Rebuilding of the retaining boundary wall.
Reason: The tree makes an important contribution to the amenity and character of the local area. The proposed removal of roots up to 50 mm in diameter would be harmful to both the physiological health and structural stability of the tree. Lesser root-pruning works have been approved to enable the replacement of the property's roadside boundary wall, and these provide an appropriate level of intervention without resulting in unacceptable harm.

Cllr D Poor had forwarded his comments which were shared as follows:
No objection

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

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH

Planning Application No: 26/0064/TRE

Location: Street Record, Bradham Court
Applicant: Remus Property Management
Proposal: G5: Elm, Sycamore - fell and stack dead tree at the base of bank as a habitat pile. Coppice squirrel damages to Sycamore.
T6: Ash - crown reduce in overall height to around17-19m (25-30% live crown). Retain all adventitious shoots and secondary branching proximal to reduction cuts. Target cuts approx. 200mm in diameter.

G8: Oak x 4 & Field Maple - clear around the base, sever and remove 1m section of Ivy from the four Oak trees.

Target date: 30.03.26

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

Decision: Proposed: AW Seconded: DC
Approval in accordance with the Tree Officer's report.

P26/030. Planning applications.

BRIXINGTON

Planning Application No: 26/0119/FUL

Location: 49 Ivydale, EX8 4TA
Applicant: Mr Daniel White
Proposal: Proposed partial garage conversion and installation of Solar PV Panels and Cladding.

Date limit for comments: 20.02.26

Comments Statutory Consultees: None

View of representations: None

ENP Policy: EB2

Decision: Proposed: TD Seconded: DC
No objection

HALSDON

Planning Application No: 26/0130/FUL

Location: 29 Springfield Road
Applicant: Mr Keith Luff
Proposal: Single storey rear extension.

Date limit for comments: 20.02.26

Comments Statutory Consultees:
SWW – 10.02.26 – advises that applicant must provide a surface water drainage strategy demonstrating compliance with the run-off destination hierarchy, with clear evidence if preferred drainage methods (such as infiltration) cannot be used.

View of representations: None

ENP Policy: EB2

Decision: Proposed: TD Seconded: AW
No objection

Planning Application No: 26/0040/FUL

Location: 52 Bapton Close, EX8 3LQ
Applicant: Mr Gary Wakley
Proposal: Single storey timber construction rear extension with a flat roof, including roof light windows. Removal of existing conservatory.

Date limit for comments: 03.03.26

Comments Statutory Consultees: None

View of representations: None

ENP Policy: EB2

Decision: Proposed:TD Seconded: GD
No objection

LITTLEHAM

Planning Application No: 25/0227/FDO

Location: Devon Cliffs Holiday Centre Sandy Bay, EX8 5BT
Applicant: Haven Leisure Limited
Proposal: Diversion of stretch of footpath further northwards within the holiday park.

Date limit for comments: 01.03.26

Comments Statutory Consultees: None

View of representations:
1 x Rep – no objection

ENP Policy:

Decision: Proposed: MR Seconded: GD
No objection

TOWN

Planning Application No: 26/0056/FUL

Location: 30/32 Parade, EX8 1RW
Applicant: Mr John Broomfield

Proposal: Creation of a new dwelling house through upwards extension including external staircase access.

Date limit for comments: 04.03.26

Comments Statutory Consultees: None

View of representations: None

ENP Policy: EB2

Decision: Proposed:DC Seconded: TD
Objection, members felt that the proposed design, featuring metal and timber cladding, is out of keeping with the neoclassical architectural character of this stretch of The Parade. Although the site is located just outside the Conservation Area, the streetscape is considered an iconic part of the town, and the design was regarded as inappropriate in this context.
The application provides no indication of how amenity space—specifically storage for bins and cycles—would be accommodated on the site.
Members also noted that a previous application for a similar development in the area (Ref. 15/1315/FUL) was refused on the grounds that it failed the sequential test for flood risk.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH

None

P26/031. Other items

i. **Premises Licence application received**
Ref No. 061384
Premises: Exmouth Beach Rugby event, Exmouth Beach to the East of Lifeboat Station, EX8 2AY
Ward: Littleham
Name of Applicant: Concierge UK Limited
23.05.26 – 24.05.26

Consideration was given to the above premises licence, details of the application can be viewed on EDCC's website.

Date limit for comments: 06.03.26

Members did not wish to comment.

ii. **Certificate of existing lawfulness use application**
Ward: Halsdon
Application No: 26/0116/CPE
Location: 155 Hulham Road, EX8 4QZ
Applicant: Sherian and Wayne Morgan

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to confirm the existing decking to the rear has been in situ for a period in excess of 4 years prior to 25 April 2024

Date limit for comments: 23.02.26

Members did not wish to comment.

P26/032. Items for information

None

P26/033. East Devon District Council – Planning Decisions

Application	*Exmouth Town Council View*	*EDDC Decision*
25/2554/FUL 44 Hulham Road	No objection	Approval
25/2131/FUL 1B Elm Road	Objection	Withdrawn
25/2128/FUL Devon Cliffs Holiday Centre	No objection	Approval
25/1880/FUL 1 Engineers Way	No objection	Approval

The meeting concluded at: 18:51

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