

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 30th January 2025 at 10am in the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs J Bridgeman (Chairman), J Cann, S Haywood, and H Walker
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2501/21 Election of Chairman

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to elect Cllr Bridgeman as the Chairman.

2501/22 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to elect Cllr Haywood as the Vice-Chairman.

2501/23 Apologies

S Adams.

2501/24 Declaration of interests

None.

2501/25 Public Participation Period

None.

2501/26 Minutes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2024 as a correct record.

2501/27 North Devon Council - Planning Applications

77576 Proposal: Full planning permission for the construction and installation of onshore electrical infrastructure required to export electricity from the White Cross Offshore Wind Farm to the national distribution network; including installation of 132kV underground electricity transmission cable(s) from landfall at Saunton Sands Car park to a new substation at East Yelland. Construction of temporary facilities required during construction to include haul road, vehicular access, compounds, associated works areas and a permanent substation access road. Construction of a new substation under the Rochdale Envelope Approach with additional information regarding architectural form and silhouette, design code, scale and layout, landscaping, lighting, and appearance and materials.

Location: White Cross Offshore, Windfarm (Onshore Project)

Applicant/Agent: White Cross Offshore Windfarm Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to refer the above application to Full Council.



79269 Proposal: Demolition of garage, erection of single storey side extension & creation of a car port (amended plans)
Location: 20 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, EX31 3EU
Applicant/Agent: Mr Doran

No Comment.

79342 Proposal: Erection of detached annexe in the rear garden, erection of boundary fences and installation of roller gate to front of property.
Location: Police House, Bickington Road, Bickington, EX31 2JG
Applicant/Agent: Mr SurrIDGE

No Comment.

79368 Proposal: Siting of 7 no. advert signs –

- 2 no. non-illuminated box fascia signs
- 1 no. new box fascia sign with external illumination
- 1 no. new projecting sign with external illumination
- 1 no. 5mm dibond panel wrapped around atm surround (non-illuminated)
- 1 no. bollard mounted disabled car park signage (non-illuminated)
- 1 no. 2.3m high double-sided gantry (non-illuminated)

(amended description and plans)
Location: Bickington Store, Bickington Road, Barnstaple, EX31 2LL
Applicant/Agent: Tesco Stores Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, the Parish Council does not have an objection to the non-illuminated signs, the illuminated signs are out of keeping in a Conservation Area and the Committee would support the views of the Conservation Officer.

79431 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling to include alterations to roof, conversion of garage to form relative's annexe and erection of detached bike, bin and log store together with associate works
Location: 26 Elmfield Road, Bickington, Barnstaple, EX31 2LX
Applicant/Agent: Mr Blundell

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the proposal is over intensification of the site, the design and materials are out of keeping and would result in a loss of amenity for the neighbouring properties.

79458 Proposal: Erection of a porch roof & installation of upvc doors to enclose patio at rear of dwelling
Location: Pudding Court Farm, Bickington Road, Bickington, EX31 2JH
Applicant/Agent: Mr O'Connell

No Comment.



79461 Proposal: Part conversion of & extension to garage with erection of a single storey extension to provide dependant relative accommodation and replacement garage

Location: 31 St Andrews Road, Fremington, EX31 3BT

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Shears

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

79498 Proposal: Conversion of garage to sports therapy studio

Location: 6 Wester-Moor Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple, EX31 3XA

Applicant/Agent: Mr Colwill

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the neighbouring properties.

79533 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 78221 (demolition of garage and conservatory, erection of extensions, raising roof and insertion of dormers to create additional accommodation) to allow for an additional dormer on the front south-east elevation

Location: 49 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, EX31 3EU

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Wise

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

79557 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of the felling of 1x Portuguese Laurel (tag 091), selective limb reduction of 1x Holm Oak (T2) & felling of 1x Sycamore (tag 0773) (amended description).

Location: Fremington Manor Grounds, Fremington, Barnstaple, EX31 2NX

Applicant/Agent: Ms Ward

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposal being in the interest of good tree management and trees being re-planted at a ratio of two for one.

79592 Proposal: Demolition and replacement of existing conservatory together with associated works

Location: 42 Littlemoor Close, Yelland, Barnstaple, EX31 3HW

Applicant/Agent: Mrs Crundwell

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

79560 Proposal: Single storey side extension, re-roofing of conservatory and the installation of a porch

Location: 27 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple, EX31 2NJ



Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

79618 Proposal: Alterations and extensions to dwelling together with the widening of the access and associated works

Location: 66 Lyddicleave, Bickington, Barnstaple, EX312JZ

Applicant/Agent: Mr Kiss

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

79619 Proposal: Single storey rear extension and conversion of garage and rear area to integral annexe accommodation

Location: 19 Ellerslie Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple, EX31 3HT

Applicant/Agent: Ms Ley

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

79655 Proposal: Erection and operation of a micro energy storage project

Location: Land on The West Side of Greenacres, Roundswell, EX31 3YB

Applicant/Agent: AMP Clean Energy

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

79656 Proposal: Erection and operation of a micro energy storage facility

Location: Land off Fishleigh Road, Roundswell Business Park, EX31 3TD

Applicant/Agent: AMP Clean Energy

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

79738 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of the removal of 1x Ash tree

Location: Fremington footpath 17 (crosses Muddlebridge stream), Roundswell

Applicant/Agent: Devon County Council

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposal being in the interest of good tree management and the trees being placed on a two for one basis.

79745 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect if lateral growth pruning from southeast side of 4x Native Oak trees (Fremington:1:c)

Location: 37 Aspen Grove, Fremington, Barnstaple, EX31 3FB

Applicant/Agent: Live West



It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposal being in the interest of good tree management.

- 79746 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of felling to ground level 2x Elm Trees Fremington 1:E
Location: Land opposite 5 Aspen Grove, Fremington, BARNSTAPLE, EX31 3FB
Applicant/Agent: Live West

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposal being in the interest of good tree management and the trees being placed on a two for one basis.

2501/28 **Delays in Infrastructure** (item requested by Cllr Haywood)

Cllr Haywood explained that it had been reported on the radio that the re-build of the hospital has been delayed by at least ten years, appointments are being cancelled due to a lack of beds and other operations are taking place at hospitals outside of the area and quite a way for the patients and visiting family members. Whilst Cllr Haywood understands we need more housing she did not feel that any further housing should be delivered until the lack of infrastructure is address.

Members noted that the North Devon District Hospital is the most rural hospital in the area, and it is the only hospital on the list for rebuild that owns the land where the new hospital will be sited. It was further noted that the Government has increased the housing requirement for the area and in light of this change North Devon Council can no longer demonstrate a five-year housing land supply.

After discussion it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Chairman of the Committee to write to the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care and the Secretary of State for Housing.

2501/29 **Street Naming and Numbering**

Members considered the proposed name(s) for the new development: Glenwood View and Glenwood Business Park Roundswell members felt the proposed name of Glenwood View was too close to names of other developments in the area and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend Harvest Way.

The meeting closed at 10.43am

Signed.....



Dated.....

27 February 2025