



BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on,

Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: South Ward: Councillor P Lawrence
Councillor S Inch

East Ward: Councillor Mrs L Hellyer
Councillor J McKenzie

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Coombes (Acting Town Clerk)
Ms C Heller (Administrative Officer)

74. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Ms R Clarke (South Ward - personal), T Inch (West Ward – personal) and J Hellyer (East Ward – personal).

75. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor P Lawrence declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6.c. (Resident of Oaklands).

76. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION OF 15 MINUTES DURATION**

There were no members of the Public present.

77. **MINUTES**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hellyer and seconded by Councillor S Inch, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2026 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Vote – For: 4, Against: 0)

78. **TOWN AND PARISH SETTLEMENT SURVEY FOR BIDEFORD**

Members had received, and together completed a survey provided by the North Devon and Torridge District Councils to help inform the update to the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan setting out the vision, strategies and policies to guide the future development of

Northern Devon.

The joint Councils intimated that it is hoped that, “the study will provide an updated understanding of the role and function of urban and rural settlements across northern Devon by assessing a range of factors, including the level of provision and accessibility of services, facilities and employment opportunities.”

As well as assessing the relative sustainability of different settlements, the work will help the joint Councils identify where improved provision of services, facilities and infrastructure may be required to help meet the current needs of local communities and secure the long-term sustainability and viability of our rural areas.

79. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a. **Application No.** **1/0998/2025/REMM**

Reserved matters application for Internal Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for 10 dwellings pursuant to application 1/1015/2014/OUTM.

Land at Grid Reference 243152 126528, New Road, Bideford.

Applicant: Bloor Homes (South West) Limited, 3 Stanton Court, South Marston Park, Swindon SN3 4YH.

Date Received. 7 December 2026

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hellyer, seconded by Councillor S Inch and

RESOLVED: That the application is approved.

(Vote – For: 4, Against: 0)

b. **Application No.** **1/0043/2026/FUL**

Extension to the front elevation of the existing unit, approx. 6m x 12.5m. Widening and relocation of existing entrance gates..

Unit 3C, Clovelly Road Industrial Estate, Bideford, Devon.

Applicant: Mr Eddie Pollit, Eddie Pollit Grab Hire (Address As Above.)

Date Received. 22 January 2026

It was proposed by Councillor S Inch, seconded by Councillor Lawrence and

RESOLVED: That the application is approved.

(Vote – For: 4, Against: 0)

c. **Application No.** **1/0052/2026/FUL**

Erection of a single-storey rear extension, first floor side extension and conversion of garage.

52 Oaklands, Bideford, Devon, EX39 3HW

Applicant: Mr Alec and Sue McLaren (Address As Above.)
Date Received. 22 January 2026

It was proposed by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Lawrence and

RESOLVED: That the application is approved.

(Vote – For: 4, Against: 0)

80. **PLANNING AUTHORITY UPDATE**

There was no update on planning application decisions received from TDC.

The business of the meeting having been completed, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.05 pm.

Signature of Town Mayor: Date:

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