

Draft Minutes of the Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting Held on Monday 2 June 2025 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Denise Dearden (Chair)
Cllr Jo Yarwood
Cllr Sarah Johnson
Cllr Lynda Patrick
Cllr Angela Trimblett

Also Present: Amy Tregellas (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

1. To accept the Vice-Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Yarwood read out her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and duly signed the declaration.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Olive.

Councillors were advised that Cllr Richard Lawrence had resigned from the Council.

3. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

4. Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting held on Monday 3 March 2025.

(proposed by Cllr Dearden; seconded by Cllr)

6. 25/0898/FUL – The Cottage, Church Road, Whimble, EX5 2TB.

Proposed partial demolition of existing garage, conversion of outbuilding, with both incorporated into a single storey infill extension with additional covered deck.

Discussion took place around:

- Detached property end of row of houses
- Comment nice to remain in keeping with the brick houses
- Owner said he would move windows and not render
- Nice to maintain current look
- To ask EDDC to take into account members of the public comments.

The Council **RESOLVED** that it has no objection to the application. It would like the applicant and planners to take into account the comments made by members of the public, particularly ensuring that the development remains in keeping with the local area.

(moved Cllr Trimblett; seconded Cllr Yarwood)

7. 25/1066/AGR – Larkbeare Court, Holly Ball Lane, Whimble, EX5 2QX

Prior approval for a dual pitch portal framed extension and a portal framed mono-pitch extension.

Discussion took place around:

- Given that this already has prior approval councillors felt there was no point discussing this application.

The Council **RESOLVED** that it had no objection to the application.
(moved Cllr Johnson; seconded Cllr Yarwood)

8. 25/0996/FUL – Gledhow, Hand and Pen Lane, Whimble, EX5 2PX
Construction of detached double garage (partially retrospective)

Discussion took place around:

- The fact that the application was retrospective
- Neighbours has not been given the opportunity to submit their views and comments before the works have started.

The Council **RESOLVED** to make the following comments to EDDC 'Whimble Parish Council notes that this applicant has had to resort to retrospectively applying for this planning permission. The Parish Council would prefer not to see retrospective applications, which do not give neighbours the opportunity to submit their views and comments before the works have begun. The Parish Council does not object to the application'.
(moved Cllr Dearden; seconded Cllr Yarwood).

9. Update on planning application status

The councillors noted the update on application status, and the following change has occurred since the last update (following updates from EDDC as the Local Planning Authority):

24/1294/LBC – Dince Hill House, 30 Grove Road, Whimble, Exeter, EX5 2TP. Install 16no. solar panels on rear (south) elevation of main roof.
Approved with conditions 09/04/2025

24/2280/FUL – The Bungalow, London Road, Whimble, EX5 2PY. Proposed temporary change of use of bungalow for use as a church (Use Class F.1.) for 3 years.
Approved with conditions 21/03/2025

25/0085/PDQ – Yellands Farm, Holly Ball Lane, Whimble EX5 2QX. Prior approval application for conversion of 1 agricultural buildings including associated works to form 1 dwelling (C3 use) under Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (GPD) (England) order 2015 (as amended).
Decided. PDQA Prior Approval Granted 06/03/2025

24/2512/FUL – Hindcott, Bramley Gardens, Whimble EX5 2SJ. New ancillary outbuilding.
Approved with conditions 05/03/2025

25/0344/FUL – Hundred Acre House, Holly Ball Lane, Whimble, Devon, EX5 2QX. Construction of rear single story extension and associated works
Approved with conditions 10/04/2025

25/0624/FUL - Fordton Cottage Whimble, Exeter EX5 2NZ. Rear single storey extension
Approved with conditions 14/05/2025

25/0636/VAR - Hindcott Bramley Gardens Whimble Exeter EX5 2SJ. Variation to condition numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9 on Planning Permission 15/1977/FUL (Construction of detached dwelling (amendments to planning permission 13/2727/FUL) to incorporate new first floor balcony and flue) for revised design including alteration to first floor balconies, flue and foul drainage scheme.
Approved with conditions 23/05/2025

10.EDDC Rural Broadband Survey

Councillors considered the EDDC Rural Broadband Survey

Discussion took place around:

- Question 1 – Whimple Parish Council
- Question 2 – common complaint that there isn't any, signal is intermittent, cuts out unexpectedly, or it is patchy, speeds not being fast enough (especially is lots of tech is in the house). Also very expensive. For people who have a particular need e.g. health or disability – may not have any emergency access.
- Question 3 - Grants available to business for installation of fibre optic cables. Not aware of any grant funding for individuals. Mast in the village for 5G – are there sites in the village that could be used rather than the Grove Road site considered some time ago? Actually deliver Connecting Devon and Somerset project. Make cable more widely available to make it more easier to stick with current provider but use cabling that is already in place.
- Question 4 – if better connectivity would be able to get in touch with businesses to use their services, e.g. doctors appointments, booking restaurants, etc. People would be able to work at home. Get services need with zero hassle, improve connectivity and help boost the local economy. Would likely improve property values.

11.EDDC Consultation on National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030

Councillors considered the EDDC consultation on National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030.

Discussion took place around:

- Asking Cllr Olive to reply.
- Nothing to comment on.

12.Chair's Business

- Look at the cycle track/pump track (Cllr Johnson to take some photos), me to follow up with supplier re the warranty.
- Issues re the Square – follow up with suppliers to see if they would remove the weeds in the Stream. Need to remove weeds and repair any damage to the bed of the stream. Volunteers welcome.
- Look at the grounds maintenance contract re town lane
- Meeting with Mr Goodman regarding land. The Cider Barn – do Land Registry search. Need to get facts as to where the boundary lies. Investigating boundary and ownership.
- Need to minute about the barbed wire. Could we just remove the barbed wire
- Add item of quote and barbed wire to the next – speak to Mr Goodman. Does he want it or happy for us to dispose of it, Will be moved at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chair:

Date: