

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 6.00pm in The Garden Room, Dersingham Village Centre, Dersingham.

Present: Cllr C Shepherd (Acting as Chairman), Cllr S Foxley, Cllr N Barker, Cllr V Brundle and Cllr J Houston

Absent: Cllr M Noble

In attendance: Karen Orgill (Business Manager and Minute Taker)

1. **To consider apologies for absence** – Cllr B Thomas
2. **Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations by councillors in any agenda item** – Cllr N Barker declared his non-pecuniary interest in planning applications **26/00288/F** and **26/00302/F** and abstained from voting for both planning applications.

3. **To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on Monday 9th February 2026.** The minutes were proposed by Cllr V Brundle and seconded by Cllr J Houston and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr C Shepherd.
Cllr C Shepherd informed the meeting that whilst 26/00147/F - Extension and internal alterations at Bears Corner, 51 Station Road, had been given planning permission, a condition had been imposed in respect of building in accordance with drawing no. 25124-03. There were two proposed drawings on the portal relating to 251424, one suffixed 03b and a revised one suffixed 03c, which had differences on the eastern elevation treatment and the window design. Cllr C Shepherd requested agreement to contact the Chief Planner to ask for clarity on whether their decision was based on the original 03b drawings or the revised 03c plans.
26/00132/PAGPD – 2 White Horse Drive, the Borough's Planners decision was that Prior Approval is not required and the applicant stated it was not being used by multiple occupants but this will be monitored by the Parish Council.

Action Points from the Planning Committee Meeting of 12th January 2026: Cllr N Barker explained to the meeting that the Borough Council's Neighbourhood Plan webpage will only be updated when a draft Neighbourhood Plan is submitted and the Borough Council's comments are added and so far the only update is October 2017 when the Area was designated and the process started.

4. **Open the meeting to allow Public Participation** - No public present
5. **Planning applications**

All these applications can be viewed and commented on via the Borough Council's online planning portal:
https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/homepage/169/comment_on_a_planning_application.

26/00288/F Single storey rear extension to bungalow at 11 West Hall Road, Dersingham - **It was resolved to make the comment of: No objection**

26/00302/F 1 Bed single storey annex to the rear garden at 26 Gelham Manor, Dersingham - **It was resolved to make the comment of: No objection but request that a condition be imposed that the annex is only for use by family members and if the main house is sold then both properties are sold as one.**

To note outcomes of planning decision by the Borough Council: None

6. **Update on Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr N Barker informed the meeting that the residents survey had ended on the 2nd March 2026 and 247 returns were received out of 2,288 households, giving an 11% response rate. Cllr C Shepherd suggesting asking our consultant if this is average for this type of survey.
Cllr N Barker informed the meeting that the next meeting was via Zoom on Tuesday 17th March at 1pm. He explained that the meeting would cover Local Green Spaces. The NP group had identified over 50 green spaces and the meeting would help to clarify what protection the green spaces already had and what justification was required to designate them for inclusion in the NP.
7. **National Planning Policy Framework Review** – Cllr C Shepherd explained to the meeting that the Government were consulting on a review of the NPPF, this document was 123 pages long and needed to be read in conjunction with a new draft NPPF. There had been a separate consultation about Borough/District Council Planning Committees. There was only 1 reference in the revised NPPF to neighbourhood plans and there was no change proposed to the wording. The emphasis in the NPPF will strengthen the positive stand on the provision of new housing, including building houses around railway stations, having a diverse mix of houses, encouraging public transport and conserving the environment. After discussion about the impact on Dersingham a decision was made not to comment.
8. **Correspondence** - none
9. **Open the meeting to allow Public Participation** - No public present
10. **Items for inclusion on the next agenda**
NP Update
11. **Date of next meeting - Monday 13th April 2026 at 6pm in the Loft**

With no further business the meeting closed at 18:54pm