

**Minutes of the meeting of
Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee
Held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
Wednesday 21st September 2016**

Councillors present: - Michael Earthey (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Kelvin Dent
Gareth Jones
Marc Kilsbie
Dawn Manley
Ian McKenzie-Edwards
Simon Pollentine
John Rayson

Apologies:- Ian Barlow
Jeff Turner

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.30 pm.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Kelvin Dent was appointed as Vice-Chairman for the meeting.

191 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

192 District Council Members

It was formally noted that the participation of those Councillors who are also members of the East Devon District Council in both the debate and subsequent vote is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Town/Parish Council. The District Councillors reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

193 Applications for consideration

Resolved That in respect of the Planning Applications set out below and attached, representations to the manner in which they should be determined, be made known to the East Devon District Council in accordance with schedule 16 of the Local Government Act 1972.

194 Amended Plans Received

16/2024/FUL MR M SEYMOUR
North Ward

40 ASHLEY CRESCENT,
SIDMOUTH,
EX10 9UG.

Construction of rear and side extension. *Amended plans received relating to obscuration and fixing of window in west elevation to height of 1.7 metres above internal floor level.*

Support

Applications for consideration

195 16/2010/LBC MR MICHAEL BELCHER 1 SALCOMBE ROAD,
East Ward SIDMOUTH, EX10 8PS.
Revisions to listed building consent reference 15/1098/LBC to include installation of timber double glazed windows, extractor vents and insertion of new and replacement partitions.

Support subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

196 16/2035/LBC REVEREND AND MRS LOWER FLAT,
East Ward ROSE THE LITTLE PLACE,
CHAPEL STREET,
SIDMOUTH, EX10 8ND.
Internal alterations and replacement of doors and windows at the rear.

Support subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

197 16/2091/LBC MR & MRS DRAKE 4 AMYATTS TERRACE,
East Ward SIDMOUTH, EX10 8PE.
Infill extension to rear of property and internal amendments.

Support subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

198 16/2096/COU MRS L PALMER 2 VICARAGE ROAD,
East Ward SIDMOUTH,
EX10 8TS.
Change of use from architect's office to dwelling.

Support

199 16/2138/FUL MRS G DAVIS 8 BRAMBLE CLOSE,
Primley Ward SIDMOUTH, EX10 9XY.
Creation of pedestrian gateway in rear boundary fence.

Support subject to the gate opening inwards and subject to the agreement of the Highways Department.

200 16/1971/FUL MRS CAROLINE WORKSHOP AT REAR OF 69 TEMPLE STREET,
West Ward HARRISON SIDMOUTH.
Conversion of workshop to dwelling.

Members were unable to support the application for the following reasons:

- The proposal would adversely affect the neighbouring properties by reason of overlooking.
- The proposal was considered overdevelopment as the site was considered too small to accommodate an additional dwelling.
- Members were concerned about the lack of parking proposed.

Tree Applications for Decision

The Town Council is authorised to make a decision on the following tree applications.

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| 201 | 16/1749/TRE <i>Salcombe Regis</i> <i>Ward</i> | MR SLACK | 5 BROWNLANDS ROAD, SIDMOUTH, EX10 9AR. T1 Birch: Reduce canopy via thinning to remove approx. 20% leaf area removing 1-2m branch sections to reduce height and spread by approx. 1m making pruning cuts up to 50mm in diameter. Tree currently at 16m with a 6.5m radial spread – reduction to retain tree at 14-15m with a 5-6m radial spread. |
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The Council hereby **REFUSES** permission to carry out the work requested for the following reasons:

Birch are intolerant of pruning as referenced in BS 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations, paragraph 7.2.2. Given the proposed works are not safety related and the tree does not overly dominate its surroundings the application should be refused as the works will be detrimental to the health and amenity value of the tree.

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| 202 | 16/1864/TRE <i>South Ward</i> | THE LAUREL MANAGEMENT COMPANY | STREET RECORD, THE LAURELS, SIDMOUTH, EX10 8UX. T12 & T27 Thuja: Fell. T28 Turkey Oak: Remove first four secondary branches over Acer. |
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SPLIT DECISION (a part of the application has been refused and a part approved).

The Council hereby **GRANTS** permission to carry out work described below subject to the following conditions:

T12, Thuja: Fell

T28 Turkey Oak: Remove group of four circa 50mm low branches growing closest to the maple tree.

1. The works hereby consented to shall be carried out within a period of 2 years from the date of this decision notice.
(Reason – To ensure that the works are carried out within a reasonable period of time).

2. The works hereby consented to shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998: 2010 (Tree work – Recommendations).
(Reason – In the interests of amenity and to ensure the works are carried out in a satisfactory manner).

The Council hereby **REFUSES** permission to carry out work described below for the following reasons:

T27 Thuja: Fell.

T28 Turkey Oak: Remove first four secondary branches over Acer.

1. T27 Thuja: The tree contributes to the amenity of the area, appears to retain good vigour and no information has been submitted quantifying the extent of decayed and sound wood.
2. T28, Turkey Oak: Removal of the first four low secondary branches will impact on mass damping or parent stem, given the included unions associated with the main structural branches of the tree, this would be undesirable. Consent has been granted to remove four circa 50mm branches which are closest to the maple.

203 Tree Exemption Reports

Long Orchard, Elysian Fields, Sidmouth

The Planning Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council regarding the proposed works to fell 1 dead Holly located to the east of the visitor parking area.

The works in question are considered to be an exception from the normal requirement to seek the consent of the Council under Regulation 14 of the Town and County Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. (This regulation of the Act provides for works to be carried out on dead and dangerous trees [or parts of trees] in the interests of safety.

204 Matters of Report

The Planning Clerk reported that a Tree Preservation Order had been made in respect of land at and adjacent to Trenoweth, Coreway, Sidford.

The Planning Clerk reported that Applications 16/1374/FUL Southcote, Coreway, Sidford, EX10 9SD and 16/1728/LBC and 16/1727/FUL Knowle House, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PP had been withdrawn by the applicants.

205 Unsupported Decisions

Planning Application 16/1676/FUL

29 Newlands Close, Sidmouth, EX10 9NW

Construction of dormer window on rear roof slope.

Town Council
Unable to support

District Council
Granted

206 Appeals

Planning Application No. 15/2874/LBC Old Post Office, Vicarage Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8TP.
Erection of an advertising sign on the side (south) elevation.

The Planning Clerk reported that the Appeal had been allowed.

207 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE