

**Minutes of the meeting of  
Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee  
Held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Councillors present:- John Dyson (Chairman)  
David Barratt (Vice-Chairman)  
David Addis  
Ian Barlow  
Jack Brokenshire  
Kelvin Dent  
John Hollick  
Ann Liverton  
Dawn Manley  
Ian McKenzie-Edwards  
Jeff Turner

Apologies Stuart Hughes  
Mary Jolly  
Graham Liverton  
Simon Pollentine

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.45 pm.

**296 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:-

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr John Hollick	14/2963/FUL 1 Fairlawn Court, Sidmouth, EX10 8UR	Personal Interest	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting.	Acquainted with applicant.
Cllr Ian McKenzie-Edwards	14/2991/FUL 2 Coulsdon Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9JJ	Disclosable pecuniary interest	Did not take part in discussion and voting.	Applicant is a Member of Sidmouth Town Council.
Cllr John Hollick	14/2991/FUL 2 Coulsdon Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9JJ	Personal Interest	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting.	Acquainted with applicant.

**297 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.

**298 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.

Town and Parish Councils are Statutory Consultees to the Local Planning Authority and as such do not make decisions apart from applications for advertising consents and trees. The Town Council's Planning Committee is required to make known its willingness to support, or not, planning applications based on local knowledge and current planning policies in order that these views can be taken into account when the decision is made by the District Council as Planning Authority.

**299 Matters of Report**

The Planning Clerk reported that a notice of intention to install 1x electronic communication apparatus pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 (as amended) and the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Regulations) 2003 (as amended) had been received at 1 Ridgeway Close, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0SN.

The Planning Clerk reported that clarification had been received from the Arboricultural Officer at East Devon District Council in respect of whether a landowner had a duty to plant a new tree to replace a tree blown over. The Arboricultural Officer has confirmed that replanting was only required if a tree was removed, uprooted or destroyed in contravention of a Tree Protection Order. If a tree was blown over then no person has uprooted it, removed it or destroyed it and as such there was no duty under the Town Country Planning Act 1990 to plant a new tree.

Members were of the view that this represented a gap in the relevant law and requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Hugo Squire MP making appropriate representations.

The Planning Clerk reported that a response has been received from Councillor Mrs Helen Parr explaining her decision in respect of application 14/1884/FUL Driftwood, 10 Connaught Close, Sidmouth, EX10 8TU under the Delegated Scheme for planning permissions.

**Applications for consideration**

- 300** 14/2896/FUL MR & MRS P LOVELESS TREE TOPS,  
*South Ward* BOUGHMORE ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8SH.  
Construction of open sided car port.
- Support
- 301** 14/2963/FUL MR & MRS MARTIN 1 FAIRLAWN COURT,  
*South Ward* SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8UR.  
Construction of two storey side extension.
- Support
- 302** 14/2604/FUL MR COLEMAN THE ANNEXE,  
*Sidford Ward* 12 BROOK LANE,  
SIDFORD,  
SIDMOUTH, EX10 9PW.  
Change of use of annexe to allow flexible use as holiday accommodation and residential annexe (retrospective application).  
*Amended plans received. Amendments related to alterations to the annex building to remove the ramp and door on the side elevation (replacing the door with a window) and create a new door on the rear (north) elevation with a step to garden level.*
- The amendments to the proposal were not considered to be sufficient enough to alter the Committee's previous view:  
Members were unable to support this application for the following reasons:
- Members were of the view that the application was contrary to planning policy as the annexe building should only be occupied for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling known as 12 Brook Lane.
  - Members considered that the proposed change of use would adversely affect the amenity of the neighbouring properties.
- 303** 14/2902/FUL MR PETER BLOOMFIELD SHERBROOKE,  
*Primley Ward* 87 SIDFORD ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 9NJ.  
Two storey and single storey extensions and associated works to form extended drive, retaining walls and patio area.

Support

**304** 14/3019/FUL MRS HELEN HARMS PLAYING FIELD,  
*Sidford Ward* BYES LANE,  
SIDFORD,  
EX10 9QX.  
Change of use to create a wildlife and natural play garden, including construction of a viewing cabin and play equipment.

Support

**305** 14/2862/ADV NATIONAL TRUST SALCOMBE HILL CAR PARK,  
*Salcombe Regis* SALCOMBE HILL WOODS,  
*Ward* SALCOMBE HILL ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Installation of 3 signs (visibility sign x 2, welcome and orientation sign x 1).

Approved

**306** 14/2975/FUL MR ANTHONY HILLIER COUNTERS COURT,  
*East Ward* (1-4) MILL STREET,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Re-render boundary wall.

Support

**307** 14/2976/LBC MR ANTHONY HILLIER COUNTERS COURT,  
*East Ward* (1-4) MILL STREET,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Re-render boundary wall.

Support subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

**308** 14/2991/FUL MR & MRS I MCKENZIE- 2 COULSDON ROAD  
*Primley Ward* EDWARDS SIDMOUTH  
EX10 9JJ.  
Construction of single storey extension.

Support

**309 Prior notification of proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area (Section 211 Notice)**

The Town Council has been given the required notification of the following tree works and may comment accordingly.

- a) 14/2823/TCA HILLSDON CEDAR SHADE,  
*South Ward* MANAGEMENT ALL SAINTS ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8EU.  
T1 and T2 – Holm Oaks – Crown Reduction – Reduce spread/height by up to two metres maximum cut diameter 100mm. Existing crown spread by approximately 5 metres. Existing height approximately 10 metres.

This application was withdrawn from the Agenda

- b) 14/2856/TCA MR BURNELL LIME TREE HOUSE,  
*South Ward* MUTTERSMOOR LANE,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8RH.  
T1, Red Oak – shorten second and third order branches by 1 – 2m to a suitable side branch on eastern aspect over the roof, leaving approximately 6m spread on eastern side.

Works noted

**310 Tree Exemption Reports**

No Tree Exemption letters were received.

**311 Unsupported Decisions**

No unsupported decisions were received.

**312 Appeals**

No Appeals were received.

**313 Enforcement Letters**

No Enforcement letters were received.

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**