

**Minutes of the meeting of  
Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee  
Held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,  
Wednesday 8 January 2020**

Councillors present: - Kelvin Dent (Chair)  
Jeff Turner (Vice-Chair)  
Ian Barlow  
Jenny Ware  
John Rayson  
Deidre Hounsom  
John Loudoun

Apologies: - Louise Thompson.

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.40pm.

**280 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Clr John Loudoun	19/2563/FUL Myrtle Farm, Fore Street, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10	Personal Interest	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and did not vote.	Acquainted with Applicants.

**281 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.

**282 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.

**Applications for consideration**

**283** 19/2121/ADV Mr Stephen 49 High Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8LN. Display of 1no non  
East Ward Shell illuminated fascia sign and 1no non illuminated projecting  
sign on front elevation.

APPROVED

**284** 19/1666/LBC Mr S Shell 49 High Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8LN. Ground floor: entrance ramp and re-configure internal layout including internal timber bed on both ground floor bay windows and suspended ceiling. 2no. air conditioning units and 1no. AHU unit located in rear patio to Flat 1. 1no. non-illuminated projecting sign and 1no. non-illuminated fascia sign on front (east) elevation.

SUPPORT subject to the views of the Conservation Officer

**285** 19/2120/FUL Mr Stephen Shell 49 High Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8LN. Reinstatement of 2no air conditioning units and 1no air handling unit to rear.

SUPPORT

NOTE Members advised that the air conditioning should be turned off from 8pm till 7am.

**286** 19/2764/ADV Mr Ben French H S B C, Fore Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8AA. Replacement of 2no. existing ATM header signage.

APPROVED

**287** 19/1775/FUL Mr Mitch Tonks Sidmouth Drill Hall, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, EX10 8BE. Conversion of hall to restaurant (A3 use), creation of new balcony, replacement of rear extension with new rear extension, external terrace to form seating area and addition of new flue. AMENDMENTS.

SUPPORT

**288** 19/2713/FUL Mr & Mrs Clarke 60 Livonia Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9JB. Proposed single storey rear extension.

SUPPORT

**289** 19/2329/COU Mr J Newman Slade Cottage, Weston, Sidmouth, EX10 0PL. Change of use of domestic dwelling to office building

Salcombe Regis Ward  
SUPPORT

**290** 19/2726/FUL Mr & Mrs Chatwin Woodhay Cottage, Salcombe Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JS. Partial demolition of existing annexe and construction of single storey rear and side extension; lean-to carport with covered walkway, front dormer window with balcony and canopy to replace porch; provision of cladding and double

door replacing existing first floor window and balcony, construction of children's play area and garden shed.

SUPPORT

- 291** 19/2731/COU Miss Michelle Unit 6, Kingsdown Business Park, Salcombe Regis, Sidmouth, EX10 0PD. Change of use from B1(c) (Light Industrial) to dog grooming/small dog day care (Siu Generis).  
Salcombe Regis Taylor Ward

SUPPORT

- 292** 19/2793/FUL Ms Lilburn Halfway House, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0QN. Two storey side extension, detached garage, and new front porch.  
Sidbury Ward

SUPPORT

- 292** 19/2563/FUL Mr & Mrs Phillip Myrtle Farm, Fore Street, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0RS. Conversion of existing barns and outbuildings to create 2 no. self-contained dwelling houses including erection of glass room to the east elevation of Barn A.  
Sidbury Ward Wallace

SUPPORT

- 293** 19/2686/LBC Mr Phillip Myrtle Farm, Fore Street, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0RS. Conversion of outbuilding and barn to 2 no. dwellings  
Sidbury Ward Wallace (Le Page Architects Limited)

SUPPORT

**Consultation On Planning Application – Certificate of Lawfulness**

- 294** 19/2777/CPE. Unit at Thorn Coachworks Salcombe Regis Sidmouth EX10 0JH. Certificate of lawfulness for the use of Unit 5A as a self-contained dwelling house.

No Comments.

**Tree Applications for Decision**

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

- 295** 19/2479/TRE Mrs Holden Tudor House, Connaught Close, Sidmouth, EX10 8TU. T1 Holm Oak: Pollard tree to 6m Reason: The tree has been previously pollarded to contain size in a small space beside footpath and neighbouring property. The client has pruned the tree on the last few occasions, but the works needs to be carried out  
South Ward

annually to maintain a reasonable size and the client would now prefer to pollard again as previously undertaken.

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:

A crown reduction removing only the annual/bi-annual growth, cuts no greater than 15mm in diameter, to maintain the topiary ball

1. 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.
2. As the approved works are required to be carried out bi-annually/annually this will be an open consent without the usual time limit

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

Pollard tree to 6m

1. Reasoning -The tree has been maintained for a number of years as the topiary ball with an annual light trim, the pollard to 6m would reduce the canopy to a new height so not back to a previous pruning point. This will reduce the amenity value of the tree for a number of years.

<b>296</b>	19/2574/TRE Salcombe Ward	Mrs Rosemary Watson	3 Abbey View, Sidmouth, EX10 9NG. T1 and T2 - To dismantle in a controlled manner 2 x Robinia trees and replace with 2 x Ornamental Cherry trees. Should permission not be granted to dismantle these trees then the customer would like them to be pruned by reducing the end weight and lever arm of the branches making natural target pruning cuts up to 50 mm. in diameter.
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REFUSE for the following reasons:

1. Reasoning - The trees are in reasonable condition, with no visible defects and a good longevity, they have good public amenity value and are part of a line of original landscaping trees. The felling of the trees has not been justified and the light pruning would reduce the crowns of these early mature trees to an almost pollard which would not be in keeping with the other trees in the line.

**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.

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| <b>297</b> | 19/2733/TCA<br>South Ward | Mr A Foster | Pen Coombe, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, EX10 8SG.<br>T1 Cryptomeria: Fell - Unbalanced crown that is likely to fail in the future and damage neighbouring property garden. |
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| <b>298</b> | 19/2648/TCA<br>South Ward | Mr Steve Morris | Cedar Shade, All Saints Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8EU.<br>T1 Holm Oak - See attached arb report Southern stem: Remove three 150-200mm branches from end of easternmost branch over road at 12m above ground. Southern stem: Central of three branches, remove lower of two branches at fork over road, making 150mm diameter pruning cut. Southern stem: Western of three branches over road, remove longest two of the three branches over road, making two 100mm diameter pruning cuts. |
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WORKS NOTED

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| <b>299</b> | <b>Tree Exemption Reports</b><br>No Tree Exemption Reports were received. |
| <b>300</b> | <b>Enforcement Letters</b><br>No Enforcement letters were received.       |

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**CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**