

**Minutes of the meeting of
Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee
Held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
Wednesday 8 August 2018**

Councillors present: - Kelvin Dent (Chairman)
Ian Barlow (Vice Chairman)
John Rayson
Simon Pollentine
Jeff Turner
Ian McKenzie-Edwards

Apologies: - Michael Earthey, Marc Kilsbie

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.25pm.

132 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Kelvin Dent	18/1731/LBC and 18/1714/LBC, 9 & 10 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth, EX10 8NT. Installation of wall mounted Blue Plaque.	Personal Interest	Remained in the Chamber during discussion but did not vote.	A member of the community team for blue plaques.
Cllr Ian McKenzie - Edward	18/1642/FUL, Yellow Cottage, 2 Sid Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9AN. Construction of single storey rear extension.	Personal Interest	Remained in the Chamber during discussion but did not vote.	Acquainted with Applicant.
Cllr Simon Pollentine	18/1643/FUL Synderborough Farm, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0QJ. Conversion of two disused agricultural barns to provide two residential dwellings.	Personal Interest	Remained in the Chamber during discussion but did not vote.	Acquainted with Applicant.

133 Minutes

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 25 and 31 August 2018 were signed as a true and accurate record.

134 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.

135 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

136	18/1733/FUL West Ward	Ms Clare Beer	84 Winslade Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9EZ. Conversion of bungalow to two dwellings including addition of front and rear dormer windows and new pedestrian access.
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UNABLE TO SUPPORT

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

- The proposed design would be over development for the size of the area.
- The proposed design of the dormer windows at the rear would adversely impact on the neighbouring property due to overlooking.

137	18/1638/FUL South Ward	Mr & Mrs Asquith	3 Cedar Shade, All Saints Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8EU. Construction of single storey rear extension and capping to parapet wall.
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SUPPORT

138	18/1731/LBC South Ward	Ms Rachel Watkins	9 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth, EX10 8NT. Installation of wall mounted Blue Plaque.
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139	18/1714/LBC South Ward	Mr Colin Moorhouse	10 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth EX10 8NT. Installation of wall mounted Blue Plaque.
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140	18/0922/FUL Salcombe Regis Ward	Mr And Mrs Harper	Amelance, Sidcliffe, Sidmouth, EX10 9QA. Retention of detached garage (amended design to planning permission 17/0559/FUL).
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UNABLE TO SUPPORT

The amendments to the proposal were not considered to be sufficient to alter the Committee's previous view that the application could not be supported as it contravenes the local plan (D1 - Design and Local Distinctiveness: items 1, 2, 3) for the following reasons:

- The proposed design would be out of keeping with the character of the area.
- The proposed design would be detrimental to the street scene of the area and contrary to the policy of local design and distinctiveness.
- The proposed design should not be higher than the standard 2.5m or in front of the house line.
- The proposed design would be overbearing to neighbouring properties and should be at the same height as the lower end of the building.

Further Resolution: Members felt that the whole design was unsatisfactory and did not bear any resemblance to the original plans. Members considered that if the design was permitted it could be seen as acceptance of poor design. Members therefore requested that enforcement action should be taken.

141	18/1642/FUL Salcombe Regis Ward	Mr Ian Lange	Yellow Cottage, 2 Sid Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9AN. Construction of single storey rear extension.
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SUPPORT

142	18/1419/FUL Sidford Ward	Mr & Mrs G Oliver	Byes End, Byes Lane, Sidford, Sidmouth. EX10 9QX. Construction of two storey extension (revised scheme to 18/0823/FUL).
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SUPPORT

NOTE: Member felt the previous plans were more suited to the area.

143	18/1643/FUL Sidbury Ward	Mr & Mrs Pike	Synderborough Farm, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0QJ. Conversion of two disused agricultural barns to provide two residential dwellings.
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SUPPORT

144	18/1693/FUL East Ward	Mr & Mrs Blundell	16 Newtown, Sidmouth, EX10 8QF. Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of new single storey rear extension and veranda.
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145 18/1694/LBC Mr & Mrs 16 Newtown Sidmouth, EX10 8QF. Demolition of
East Ward Blundell existing single storey rear extension. Construction
of new single storey rear extension, two
replacement windows, and associated landscape
works.

SUPPORT

146 Tree Applications for Decision

A) 18/1434/TRE Mrs Aldridge 12 Sidlands, Sidmouth, EX10 8UE.
South Ward T1: Beech crown raised to 4 metres to relieve
shading of garden and remove multiple cross over
of branches.
T2: Holmoak to fell at customers request.

SPLIT DECISION.

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

T1. Crown lift to 3m over the footway only, using target pruning cuts, and a crown clean of no more than 10% of the folia area with cuts no more than 75mm

T2. Is not covered by the Preservation Order and is not worthy of protection.

B) 18/1468/TRE Mr Anthony 8 Cranford, Sidmouth, EX10 8UT.
South Ward Tugwell T1 - To dismantle in a controlled manner cutting
as close to ground level as possible 1 x Holly tree
growing in the rear garden. It is requested the
Holly tree be removed as it is outgrowing the rear
paved seating area and restricting light into the
rear patio doors and the neighbouring property. It
is approximately 15 ft. in height.

APPROVED

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

A) 18/1558/TCA Mrs Duncan Weston House, Boughmore Road, Sidmouth, EX10
South Ward T1 - holly - fell.
T2 - bay - reduce height by 2m and side growth by
1.5m. Leaving an approximate height of 8m and
radial spread of 6m.
T3 - Acer plat. 'Drummondii' - prune out reversion
growth.
T4 - cypress by pittosporum - remove.

T5 - lime - reduce crown by approximately 2m.
Leaving an approximate height of 12m and a radial spread of 6m.

Works Noted

B)	18/1557/TCA South Ward	Mrs Frost	Edmond, Boughmore Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8SJ. T1 - purple Norway maple - reduce height by approximately 2m and side growth by 1.5m to leave an approximate height of 10m and a radial spread of 5m.
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Withdrawn

148 Application to become a Tree Warden

Mr. Ed Dolphin has expressed an interest in becoming a Tree Warden. He is currently the Treasurer of Sidmouth Arboretum.

Every parish in East Devon has a tree warden (or a vacant position for one) and some have several. At present, Sidmouth Town Council has two Tree Wardens; Diana East and Councillor Simon Pollentine. There is no maximum for the number of Tree Wardens for a town, though in order to avoid the post having less value and the system unwieldy, it is suggested that there be no more than three with at least one tree warden being an elected member of the Council.

A parish tree warden is there to keep an eye on protected trees, to raise awareness of the value of trees in the local community and to encourage people to look after trees carefully. Tree wardens do not have any formal or legal role. They are purely an advisor, advising the Town Council. They also act as a mechanism for tree related information and a potential facilitator for community tree activities such as:

- Get involved in planting trees in the parish or encouraging others to do so
- Survey trees or hedgerows in their parish
- Take local people on tree walks
- Involve school children in tree planting or growing trees from seed
- Encourage farmers to protect hedgerow trees or saplings
- Encourage sustainable management of orchards

A tree warden can do as much or as little as they like, depending on the workload in the parish and their own interests and available time. Tree wardens are encouraged to maintain close links with the District Council Tree Officers who can provide information about tree management, law and protection and data about which trees are protected within an individual parish.

The Planning Committee is recommended to consider if Mr. Ed Dolphin be made a Tree Warden for Sidmouth Town Council.

Sidmouth Town Council Planning committee resolve that Mr Dolphin will be appointed as a Tree Warden for Sidmouth Town.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE