

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth
on Wednesday 12 December 2018**

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

Apologies: Marc Kilsbie and Dawn Manley

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.55pm.

286 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item/Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
CLlr Kelvin Dent	18/2720/FUL. Brecon House, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HW.	Personal	Remained in the chamber did not speak and vote	Acquainted with Objector.
CLlr Jeff Turner	18/2621/FUL. 21 Malden Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9LX.	Personal	Remained in the chamber to speak and vote	Acquainted with Applicant.
CLlr Simon Pollentine	18/2553/FUL. The Pea Green Boat, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, EX10 8BB.	Personal	Remained in the chamber to speak and vote	Acquainted with Applicant.

287 Minutes

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 28 November 2018 were signed as a true and accurate record.

288 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.

289 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.

290	18/2643/FUL West Ward	Miss P L Wheatley	Serena Cottage, 5 West Park Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9DH. Retention of replacement windows/doors.
	SUPPORT		
291	18/2713/FUL West Ward	Mr And Mrs C Sweet.	103 Woolbrook Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9DY. Construction of carport to side, replacement conservatory to rear and alterations to front facing opening including the provision of cladding.
	SUPPORT		
292	18/2601/FUL Sidford Ward	Mr & Mrs Soper	1 Higher Brook Meadow, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SS. Construction of first floor side extension above existing ground floor.
	SUPPORT		
293	18/2720/FUL South Ward	Ms Lambert	Brecon House, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HW. Provision for new driveway of Knowle Drive to improve vehicular access.
	SUPPORT		
	Note: Members commented that they would prefer to see a 2ft green border with a minimum 2ft high hedge between Brecon House and The Radjel, this would help to soften the street scene and support local wildlife/ provide habitats.		
294	18/2621/FUL Primley Ward	Bennett and Ryan	21 Malden Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9LX. Rear and porch extensions and off-road parking to form an additional dwelling.
	SUPPORT		
295	18/2635/FUL Primley Ward	Ms Jennifer Thomas	44 Fleming Avenue, Sidmouth, EX10 9NZ. Single storey side and rear extension.
	SUPPORT		
296	18/2647/FUL North Ward	Mr & Mrs Gallagher	Charis, 9 Meadway, Sidmouth, EX10 9JA. Construction of 2 storey side and rear extension; canopy and terrace to rear.
	UNABLE TO SUPPORT		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed design would be out of keeping with the character of the area. • The proposed design of the windows on the south east aspect would adversely impact on the neighbouring property due to overlooking. 		
297	18/2553/FUL East Ward	Mr C Pike	The Pea Green Boat, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, EX10 8BB. Demolition of existing bay frontage and

construction of new bay frontage and two storey rear extension.

SUPPORT: Subject to the conservation officer's views.

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Tree Applications for Decision

- a) 18/2474/TRE Mr Evans 101 Peaslands Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8XE. T1, ash - South Ward reduce second and third order branches by approximately 1.5m to a suitable pruning position with cuts no larger than 75mm. Reason to relieve weight on decayed base. T2, ash - fell. Poor suppressed form.

APPROVE subject to the conditions set out in the Arboricultural officer's report.

- b) 18/2544/TRE Sidford Mr P Aldam 87 Sidford High Street, Sidford, Sidmouth, Ward EX10 9SA. Monterey Pine (621, 622 & 623) - fell and replace.

REFUSE for the following reasons:

Reasoning - The works have not been fully justified, it is agreed that the loss of the 4th tree has left the southern part of the group bare, it is hoped this will grow in time as will the replacement for the fourth tree. The long-term view being taken at this stage is to maintain the group of trees for as long as possible to allow the new tree to grow, if the health of these trees becomes an issue this can be dealt with in the future. All trees loose some minor debris during their lifetime, the benefit the trees give to the local area and environment counteracts this. These trees are in good health and have good public amenity

- c) 18/2545/TRE Sidford Mr P Aldam 87 Sidford High Street, Sidford, Sidmouth, Ward EX10 9SA. Monterey Pine (621, 622 & 623) - Remove deadwood; crown lift to 5m; crown reduce by 1.5m and reduce extended branches to match neighbouring crowns.

THIS IS A **SPLIT** DECISION (a part of the application has been refused and a part approved).

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

an overall crown reduction of no more than 1m, target pruning cuts no greater than 60mm in diameter, the over-extended limb in T621 to be reduced by 1.5m, removal of deadwood.

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. 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.)

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

crown lift to 5m, crown reduce by 1.5m and reduce extended branches to match neighbouring crowns

Reasoning: The three trees have always grown as a group, recently losing the main tree in the group, the crown lifting to 5m would open the trees up to the prevailing winds and reduce the natural remaining shape of the tree. The crown reduction of 1.5m is excessive, the extended limbs have no major defects and are part of the character of this type of tree, and the works were not fully justified. The works, particularly a 5m crown lift will reduce the natural shape and amenity of the trees.

- d)** 18/2409/TRE Mr Cowie 3 Bramble Close, Sidmouth, EX10 9XY. Holly (T1) Crown reduce by 1m from branch tips to deliver balanced rounded crown. Remove elm sapling at base of tree within hedge and brambles to improve amenity of hedge and tree.

APPROVE subject to the conditions set out in the Arboricultural officer's report.

299 Unsupported Decision

18/1779/MFUL Green Close, Drakes Avenue, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9JU. Demolition of former residential care home and construction of 39 sheltered apartments for the elderly including communal facilities, access, car parking and landscaping.

Town Council
UNABLE TO SUPPORT

District Council
GRANTED

300 Appeals

18/1185/FUL – Construction of additional storey to existing bungalow. Seafeld Lodge, Seafeld Road Sidmouth. The appeal has been dismissed.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE