

**Minutes of the meeting of  
Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee  
Held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Councillors present: - Ian Barlow (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)  
Kelvin Dent  
Michael Earthey  
Ian McKenzie-Edwards  
John Rayson  
Jeff Turner

Apologies: - David Addis  
Jack Brokenshire  
John Dyson  
Marc Kilsbie  
Stuart Hughes  
Dawn Manley  
Simon Pollentine

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Jeff Turner was appointed as Vice-Chairman for the meeting.

**347 Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**348 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.

**349 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**

- 350** 15/2798/COU R A GIBSON (COLESDEN) 36A and 36B FORE STREET,  
*East Ward* LTD SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8AQ.  
Change of use from 2no residential flats to offices  
with storage and 2no residential flats.

Support

**351** 15/2799/LBC R A GIBSON (COLEDEN) 36A and 36B FORE STREET,  
*East Ward* LTD SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8AQ.  
Internal alterations to first and second floor flats to create offices and flats and alterations to ground floor lobby.

Support subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

**352** 15/2889/ADV THE CORNISH BAKERY 15 HIGH STREET,  
*East Ward* SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8LN.  
Display of 1no. non illuminated steel peg shop sign above bay window, 1 no non illuminated projecting sign and vinyl window graphics.

Approved

**353** 15/2548/FUL MR & MRS JOHN WALLED GARDEN,  
*Sidbury Ward* FOWLER CHURCH STREET,  
SIDBURY.  
Construction of dwelling and detached garage.

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

- The design of the proposed dwelling was not in keeping with the character of the area.
- The design of the proposed dwelling was contrary to the policy of local design and distinctiveness.

2 letters of objection were received

**354** 16/0006/LBC MR RICHARD HORNE EARLSBROOK,  
*Sidbury Ward* HARCOMBE,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 0PP.  
Installation of 2. No doors in the ground floor lounge, wooden floor under stairs, change the position of outhouse door and, at first floor level, the replacement with 3no new door frames and oak ledge and braced solid doors, of existing doors.

Support subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer

**355** 15/2880/FUL MRS SAMANTHA FOX SIDFORD BRANCH SURGERY,  
*Sidford Ward* CHURCH STREET,  
SIDFORD,

EX10 9RL

Change of use from doctors' surgery (use class D1) to office (use class B1).

This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

- 356** 16/0052/FUL MR M CALDWELL 19 WINDSOR MEAD,  
*Sidford Ward* SIDFORD,  
EX10 9SJ.  
Construction of extensions to front and rear elevations to provide additional bedroom and bathroom and single storey rear extension.

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

- The proposed extensions were not in keeping with the character of area
- The design was incompatible with that of neighbouring properties.

- 357** 15/2841/FUL MR J CLARKE THE HILL,  
*South Ward* MUTTERSMOOR ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8RH.  
Construction of single storey side extension.

Support

- 358** 15/2859/FUL MR WILCOX 9 CONVENT FIELDS,  
*South Ward* SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8QR.  
Construction of a conservatory and raised patio to the rear of the property and the construction of a shed and greenhouse.

Members were unable to comment on this application as it had already been decided by the Local Authority.

- 359** 15/2787/FUL MR & MRS LEONARD HILL HOUSE,  
*South Ward* LEWIS CONVENT ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8RE.  
Addition of first floor to garage to create a studio with new external staircase.

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

- The design was not in keeping with the character of the area.
- The design was contrary to the policy of local design and distinctiveness due to its masse.

<b>360</b>	15/2874/LBC <i>South Ward</i>	CYCLE SERVICE LTD	CYCLE SERVICES LTD, THE OLD POST OFFICE, VICARAGE ROAD, SIDMOUTH, EX10 8TD. Non illuminated painted aluminum sign on south elevation.
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Support subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

**Tree Application for Decision**

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

<b>361</b>	15/2789/TRE <i>Primley Ward</i>	MRS JAYNE SMITH	7 BRAMBLE CLOSE, SIDMOUTH, EX10 9XY. G1, Hazel: Re-coppice T605 & T606, Holly: Pollard down to crown break @2m T610, Hawthorn: Pollard down to 2m T607, Ash (13.2m Height): Reduce crown maintaining tree height of 10.5m and 4m north/south crown spread G2, Box: Reduce height down to 2m.
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This application was deferred pending receipt of the Arboricultural Officer's report.

<b>362</b>	15/2742/TRE <i>South Ward</i>	HILLSDON MANAGEMENT LTD	BRINKBURN COURT, MANOR ROAD, SIDMOUTH, EX10 8SB. T4, Ash: Reduce height and spread by up to 2metres (existing spread 7 metres, existing height 12 metres). Maximum diameter cuts 50mm. T5, Sycamore: Remove northerly stem overhanging the road. Diameter cut 300mm. T6, Scots Pine: Cut back the limb overhanging the lane back to the main union at approximately 10 metres above ground level, diameter cut 200mm. T7, Scots Pine: Dismantle in sections to near ground level. T12 & T13, Limes: Re-pollard.
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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:

T4, Ash: Reduce height and spread by up to 2metres (existing spread 7 metres, existing height 12metres). Maximum diameter cuts 50mm.

T5, Sycamore: Remove northerly stem overhanging the road. Diameter cut 300mm.

T12 & T13, Limes: Re-pollard.

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:

T6, Scots Pine: Cut back the limb overhanging the lane back to the main union at approximately 10 metres above ground level, diameter cut 200mm.

T7, Scots Pine: Dismantle in sections to near ground level.

1. The Scots pines (T6, T7 & T8) form a group which is visually significant, offering year round foliar interest in addition to decorative bark. The trees can be seen from Seafield Lane and Manor Road contributing to the amenity and character of the surrounding area.

There does not appear to be any signs of instability (ribbing, part failure, dieback or significant adaptive growth) in the limb identified for removal from T6, the removal of this limb would result in an unnecessary removal of foliage area and leave a large pruning wound on the main stem, initiating the formation of a decay column.

T7 forms a subdominant central part of the group, contributing to the groups lower canopy. Give this is a cohesive tree group loss of these lower branch may lead to instability in those branches above, especially those that rest in the crown of this tree from the Scots pine (T8). Its removal will impact on the adjacent street scene due to loss of lower canopy and stem and branch structure.

<b>363</b>	15/2830/TRE <i>South Ward</i>	MISS INGER LUNDIN	SIDMOUNT, STATION ROAD, SIDMOUTH. T1 & T2 Monterey Cypress: Part 1, crown lift to provide 2 metres clearance over garage roof. Part 2, prune tree crowns back to boundary line.
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SIDMOUTH,

EX10 8SG.

T1, Magnolia: Crown lift to 1.5 metres (pruning cuts up to 60mm diameter).

T2, Magnolia: Crown reduction removing up to 3 metre branch lengths, retaining a tree with a height of approximately 6 metres (pruning cuts up to 60mm diameter, removing no more than 20% of trees foliage).

T3, T3a & T5 Cyprus: Fell.

T4, Liquidamber: Crown reduction by removing branch lengths up to 1.5metres (pruning cuts up to 40mm diameter, removing no more than 20% of trees foliage).

T6, Cornus: Remove two lowest branches from west side (pruning cuts up to 50mm diameter).

T7, Norway Spruce: Fell.

T8, Magnolia: Crown reduction by removing branch lengths up to 3 metres (pruning cuts up to 50mm diameter, removing no more than 25% of trees foliage).

Works noted

- b)** 15/2743/TCA MR LEN GREENSLADE THE HERMITAGE,  
*South Ward* VICARAGE ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8UF.  
T1, Pittosporum: Reduce height to 3m pollard.  
Existing height 8 metres. Spread N-S 6 metres, E-W  
5 metres. Maximum diameter cuts of 100mm.  
T2, Acer "Crimson King": Crown raise to 4 metres.  
T3, Laburnum: Reduce crown size by 2 metres and  
prune branches away from the Birch.

Works noted

- c)** 15/2852/TCA MRS BUCKLER ALMA TERRACE,  
*South Ward* COBURG ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH.  
T1, Mimosa: Fell.

T2, Pittosporum: Crown reduction to retain a tree with a height of approximately 6m and a radial spread of 2m.

This application was deferred pending receipt of the Arboricultural Officer's report.

- d)** 15/2894/TCA MR MICHAEL PEIRCE HILLSIDE,  
*South Ward* BICKWELL VALLEY,  
SIDMOUTH,  
EX10 8SG  
T1 Cedar: fell; T2, T3, T4 Conifers: fell; T5 Cherry: fell; T6, T7, T8, T9 Conifers: fell; T10 Cedar: fell; T11 Pine: fell; T12 Conifer: fell; T13 Cotinus: prune; T14 Ash: fell; T15, T16 Bay: prune; T17 Cherry: fell; A1 Laurel & other species: prune; A2 Hazel, Pyracantha, Conifer and others: fell, A2 Camelia: transplant

This application was deferred pending receipt of the Arboricultural Officer's report.

- 365 Tree Exemption Reports**  
No Tree Exemption works were reported.
- 366 Unsupported Decisions**  
No unsupported decisions were received.
- 367 Appeals**  
No Appeals were reported.
- 368 Enforcement Letters**  
No Enforcement letters were received.

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**