

**Minutes of the meeting of
Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee
Held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
Wednesday 6th January 2016**

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

Apologies:- David Addis
Marc Kilsbie
Stuart Hughes
Dawn Manley

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.35 pm.

326 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

327 Minutes

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesday 9th December 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

328 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.

329 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.

330 Matters of Report

The Planning Clerk reported that a Tree Preservation Order had been made in respect of land at Woolbrook Reservoir, Woolbrook Service Reservoirs and The Water House, Balfours, Sidmouth.

Applications for consideration

- 331** 15/2754/LBC MR J FRITH FLAT 3, 7 FORTFIELD TERRACE,
South Ward SIDMOUTH,
EX10 8NT.
Replacement of timber balcony supports with new
hardwood supports and replacement of balcony
floor with hardwood planking.
- Support
- 332** 15/2616/LBC DR JOHN HEMS 1 LABURNUM COTTAGES,
Sidford Ward CHURCH STREET,
SIDFORD,
EX10 9RA.
Replacement of two windows in the front elevation
of the cottage (retrospective).
- Support subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.
- 333** 15/2766/FUL MR AND MRS D 41 MALDEN ROAD,
Primley Ward TURNBULL SIDMOUTH,
EX10 9NF.
Construction of single storey front and rear
extensions and alterations.
- Support
- 334** 15/1704/ADV COFFEE# 1 LTD FORMER TRUMPS OF SIDMOUTH,
East Ward 36 FORE STREET,
SIDMOUTH,
EX10 8AQ.
Display of 1 no non-illuminated fascia sign, 1 no
non-illuminated hanging projecting sign and vinyl
window graphics. *Amended plans received.*
- Approved
- 335** 15/2746/FUL MR TOMLINSON 1 BEDFORD PLACE,
East Ward STATION ROAD,
SIDMOUTH,
EX10 8PG.
Retrospective application for new verandah at
ground floor level.
- Support

- 336** 15/2767/LBC MR TOMLINSON 1 BEDFORD PLACE,
East Ward STATION ROAD,
SIDMOUTH,
EX10 8PG.
Construction of verandah and widening of doors at ground floor level on rear elevation, enlargement of rear window and installation of flue.

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.

- 337** 15/2718/TRE MR LEWIS 1 BICKWELL COURT,
South Ward BICKWELL VALLEY,
SIDMOUTH,
EX10 8SD.
T1, Oak – Prune back third order branches by 0.5m growing towards house to leave a spread of approximately 4m.

APPROVED: Subject to the conditions made in the Arboricultural Officer's Report.

- 338** 15/2583/TRE MS JO GRAY MAPLE TREE COTTAGE,
Primley Ward MANSTONE LANE,
SIDMOUTH,
EX10 9TU.
T1, Oak: Crown raise to give 7m clearance above ground level, removing up to 3 branches 50mm in diameter and multiple predominantly epicormic shoots to 10 to 20mm in diameter.

APPROVED: Subject to the conditions made in the Arboricultural Officer's Report.

- 339** 15/2755/TRE MS JO GRAY SANDPIPER,
Primley Ward MANSTONE LANE,
SIDMOUTH,
EX10 9TU.
G1, comprising of up to 5 Hawthorns: Cut back to 3-metre-high stumps with hedgerow.
T1, Eucalyptus: Fell

APPROVED: Subject to the conditions made in the Arboricultural Officer's Report.

340 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)** 15/2562/TCA MR LEWIS 1 BICKWELL COURT,
South Ward BICKWELL VALLEY,
SIDMOUTH, EX10 8SD.
T2, Persian Ironwood – Repollard to old pollard points.

Works noted

- b)** 15/2809/TCA MR P CHOWNES-DOVE WESTON HOUSE,
South Ward BOUGHMORE ROAD,
SIDMOUTH, EX10 8SJ.
T1, Acer: 2 metre crown reduction to retain a tree with a height of approximately 11.5 metres and a crown spread of 6.5 metres.
T2, Holly: 1.5 metre crown reduction to retain a tree with a height of approximately 8.5 metres and a crown spread of 5 metres.

Works noted

- c)** 15/2819/TCA MR A WARD 2 CHEESE LANE,
South Ward SIDMOUTH, EX10 8QY.
T1, Sycamore: Pollard at 2.4 metres.
T2, Sycamore: Remove 2 stems over road.
T3, Beech: Pollard at 2.4 metres.
T4 & T5, Sycamore: Pollard 2.4 metres.
T6, Ash: Remove.

Works noted

- d)** 15/2764/TCA MRS C FERGUSON OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,
Salcombe Regis SALCOMBE REGIS,
SIDMOUTH, EX10 0JQ.
T1, Field Maple: Crown lift to 3 metres and prune back from highway.
T2, Silver Birch: Crown lift and prune off garage roof.
T3, Sycamore: Pollard stem growing over neighbours' garden and shed at 2 metres. Pollard left hand stem at 3 metres.

Pollard main stem at 3 metres.

T4, Field Maple: Crown thin by 20%. Crown lift to 4 metres above ground level.

T5, Hornbeam: Fell.

T8 & T9, Conifers: Fell

Works noted

342 Proposal for approximately 900m of cycle/walkway, typically 3m in width with associated fencing, landscaping, bridge and boardwalk on land adjacent to the A375 between Sidbury and Sidford at Land adjacent to A375 from Hillside, Sidbury, to Laundry Lane, Sidford.

Devon County Council have applied for planning permission for the above proposal.

The Town Council supports this application and would encourage the Applicant to do all it can to protect and safeguard the trees and hedgerows adjacent to the proposed route with consideration given to additional planting.

343 Tree Exemption Reports

Brinkburn Court, Manor Road, Sidmouth.

The Planning Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council regarding the proposed works as follows:

T8, Pine: Remove subsiding branch.

T15, Horse chestnut: Fell.

The works in question were considered to be an exception from the normal requirements to seek the consent of the Council under Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. (This regulation of the Act provides for works to be carried out on dead and dangerous trees [or parts of trees] in the interests of safety).

There is a duty under the Act to plant a replacement trees when trees are removed under this exception. In this instance, replanting will be required to mitigate for the loss of T15. In the first planting season following removal (November to March) a replacement *Tilia x europaea* (Common Lime), with a minimum girth of 8-10cms shall be planted as close as practicable to the removed tree. This replacement tree will be covered by the existing Tree Preservation Order.

Maple Tree Cottage, Manstone Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9TU

The Planning Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council regarding the proposed works to fell a dead field maple pollard which was considered to be an exception to the usual requirements of the tree protection legislation.

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There is a duty under the Act to plant a replacement trees when trees are removed under this exception. In this instance, replanting will be required in the first planting season following

removal (November to March). The tree species, size and planning location is to be agreed with East Devon District Council prior to planting. This replacement tree will be covered by the existing Tree Preservation Order.

344 Unsupported Decisions

Planning Application 15/1834/FUL and 15/1975/LBC

Woolbrook Farmhouse, 106 Woolbrook Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9EA.

Conversion of stable/barn to form annexe including external alterations.

Town Council

District Council

Supported

Refused

Planning Application 15/1051/FUL

Lower Chelson Farms, Salcombe Regis, Sidmouth, EX10 0PD.

Construction of permanent agricultural workers dwelling and new vehicular access.

Town Council

District Council

Supported

Refused

345 Appeals

No Appeals were reported.

346 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE