

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group
held on Wednesday 16 March 2022
(The Working Group met online)**

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Jeff Turner (Vice Chair)
Ian Barlow
John Loudoun
Simon Kendall-Torry
Chris Lockyear
Rachel Perram
Deirdre Housom

Apologies; Cllr Jenny Ware

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.25am

386 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kelvin Dent	22/0390/FUL Heathers, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HW.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Nearby resident
Cllr Chris Lockyear	22/0443/FUL Bickwell House, Stadway Meadow, Sidmouth, EX10 8TB.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion but did not speak or vote.	The applicant.
All Cllrs	22/0443/FUL Bickwell House, Stadway Meadow, Sidmouth, EX10 8TB	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did vote.	Applicant is a member of the Council

387 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.

388 Minutes

Agreed and delegated to the Chair of the Planning Committee to sign as a true and accurate record, the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting of 2 March 2022.

389 Applications for consideration

RECOMMENDED: That in respect of the Planning Applications set out below, representations to the manner in which they should be determined, be made known to the East Devon District Council in accordance minute 230 of Council, 19 April 2021 and with schedule 16 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Urgent items or Amended Plans received after formulation of the agenda. None reported

390 22/0399/FUL Ms Lucy Anderson Fat Face, 4 Fore Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8AJ. Repair and repainting of existing fascia, shopfront and soffit. Repainting of existing stallriser and projecting sign.

SUPPORT

391 22/0400/ADV Ms Lucy Anderson Fat Face, 4 Fore Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8AJ. Removal of fascia sign and replacement with non-illuminated fascia sign. Installation of a 'A board' and sign panel to cover existing stencil.

REFUSED

Member felt that the sign would cause clutter which would detract from the character of the building and the street scene and could cause a problem for users of the highway.

392 21/3039/FUL Mr Duncan Barnsley The Bays, Coburg Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8NF. Construction of single storey extensions, porch and plant room to front. Alterations to and raising of roof, installation of side facing window at first floor level, alterations to fenestration and alterations to the existing vehicular access.

SUPPORT

393 22/0447/FUL Rachel Russell 6 Ashley Crescent, Sidmouth, EX10 9UE. Single storey rear extension.

SUPPORT

394 22/0515/FUL Mr Blockley North Ward 59 Woolbrook Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9XB. Formation of 2 no parking spaces in front garden and replacement open sided porch, replacement doors/windows to rear elevation.

SUPPORT - Members suggested that the work should be carried out during school holidays in view of the proximity of the school.

395 22/0478/FUL Alastair Pratt Inglemead, Sidcliffe, Sidmouth, EX10 9QA. Garage conversion to single storey side and rear extension and an infill extension.

Regis Ward

SUPPORT

396 22/0479/FUL Mr Christopher Timms Blue Ridge, Elm Way, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SY. Installation of internal stairwell, addition of first floor and raising of existing roof by 1m.

SUPPORT

397 22/0443/FUL Mr Chris Lockyear South Ward Bickwell House, Stadway Meadow, Sidmouth, EX10 8TB. Installation of 12 PV ground mounted solar panels.

SUPPORT

398 22/0210/FUL Mr & Mrs 35 Winslade Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9EX. Single storey rear infill
South Ward Brandon extension including 2x roof light with alteration to fenestration and installation of an air source heat pump on west elevation

SUPPORT - Members were however, concerned about potential noise from the pump in case it causes a nuisance for the neighbours.

399 22/0448/FUL Rob and Runnymede Orchard Close, Manor Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RS.
South Ward Sue Removal of timer shed and green house, extension to garage and
Doughty new study.

SUPPORT – Members would like a legal tie imposed between the building and the house and a restriction on the building being used for a business.

400 22/0390/FUL Mr Terence Heathers, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HW. Removal of existing
South Ward Chappell hedge, restoration of low retaining wall beneath hedge and erection of timber fence along boundary with highway.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT - This application was chaired by the Vice chair as the Chair had declared a Personal Interest.

- The height and design of fence would not be in keeping with the character of the area creating a visually intrusive and unnatural barrier, tantamount to over development which would be contrary to Policy 7 and Policy 6 (Local Distinctiveness) of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan. Members also wished to express their regret at the removal of the original hedge.
- The fence should have the posts on the inside not on the roadside to be less visually intrusive.

401 Trees in Conservation Areas

To note the following proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:

a) 22/0371/TCA Mrs Burnell Lime Tree House, Muttersmoor Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RH. T1, Red Oak: shorten back second order branches over roof by 2m to a suitable side branch to leave a natural form; shorten back remaining side branches by a similar amount to leave a radial spread of approximately 8m; remove dead wood over 75mm.

WORKS NOTED

b) 22/0075/TCA 6 Sidmount, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8XU. T1 Pittosporum - Light crown reduction and trim to give 1 metre clearance from Monterey Cypress T1007; T2 Phillyrea latifolia - Take back to the line of the hedge and trim to leave a height of 6 metres; T3 Turkey Oak - Trim low-lying branch (facing west) back to union as in attached photo, to free it from the Yew alongside; T4 Magnolia - Reduce western side by 45cm, making pruning cuts up to 20mm diameter. Retain a height of 5.5 metres. Crown lift to 1 metre above ground level. Previously granted in 14/0643/TRE. (These notes correspond to a visit from Robin Offer on December 17th, 2021.)

WORKS NOTED

- c) 22/0241/TCA Mr Bruce Smith Byways, Hillside Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JD. T1 Ash: DBH 12 to 15 inches; pollard to suitable pruning points around 5.5m from ground level to allow more light to properties and allow more space between tree and garage next door

WORKS NOTED

402 Tree Preservation Orders

Notification of any applications to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders.

- a) 22/0288/TRE Mr Russell Balfour Manor, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8XW. T1 Holm Oak, South Ward George DBH 30 inches Re-Pollard back to historic pruning points to gain more light to garden and lawn T2 Cork Oak DBH 30 inches Re-Pollard back to historic pruning points to gain more light to garden and lawn T3 Yew DBH 20 inches Thin Crown by 10%, maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn T4 Yew DBH 36 inches Thin Crown by 10%, maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn T5 Yew DBH 34 inches Thin Crown by 10% Maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn.

APPROVED

- b) 22/0052/TRE Lewis The Rectory, Glen Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RW. T1, Cedar: Further to recent storm damage: Reduce 3 lowest lateral branches of Atlas Cedar on the West side by up to 2m to reduce the risk of future failure; prune fractured branch stubs back to main stem

APPROVED

403 New Tree Preservation Order – None received

404 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order - None received.

405 Appeals

APP/U1105/C/21/3286809 Thorn Park Family Golf Centre, Salcombe Regis, Devon, EX10 0JH. The appeal is allowed, and the enforcement notice is quashed.

Appeal Ref: APP/U1105/W/21/3280492 Site off Cheese Lane, Cheese Lane, Sidmouth EX10 8QY. The appeal is dismissed.

Appeal Ref: APP/U1105/W/21/3275285 2 Brooklyn, Stowford, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 0NA. The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted.

406 Unsupported decisions

21/3196/FUL Westering, 1 Connaught Close, Sidmouth, EX10 8TU. Install 3 No rooflights to side elevation, raise existing dormer on front elevation by approx 450mm

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SUPPORT

REFUSED

21/3229/FUL 17 Higher Woolbrook Park, Sidmouth, EX10 9ED. Single storey rear extension; erection of new rear dormer; first floor front extension and internal remodelling.

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UN-SUPPORT

APPROVED

21/2947/FUL The Haven, Frys Lane, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SP. Creation of a driveway to provide off-street parking.

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UN-SUPPORT

APPROVED

407 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

408 Local Plan – An informal update was given by Councillor Loudoun. A further call for sites is to be issued and the reclassification of certain settlements is being considered.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP