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To: All Members of the Town Council
Town Clerk

30 August 2022

For information:
District Councillor for Sidmouth not on the Town Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council Monday 5 September 2022 at 6.30pm

You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting to be held at the **Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Sidmouth.**

It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher E Holland
Town Clerk

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| | <u>PART 'A'</u> | |
| 1 | Apologies
To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 2 | Minutes
To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 8 August 2022. | 4 – 5 |
| 3 | Declarations of Interest
To receive any Members' declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.
Note: You must also declare the nature of any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered. | |
| 4 | Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair
To consider any items that in the opinion of the Chair should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances. (Note: such circumstances need to be recorded in the minutes). | |

5 **Exclusion of the Public**

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which the Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way.

6 **Public Open Question Time**

In accordance with Sidmouth Town Council Standing Orders Item 3 (d) – (i) Members of the Public are invited to put a question (one per person), to the Council through the Chair (taking no more than 3 minutes each and for a total of 15 minutes). Please note that in accordance with standing order 3(h), a question shall not give rise to a debate or require an immediate response.

Councillors also have the opportunity to ask questions of the County and District Members during this item whilst giving priority to Members of the public.

(Members and members of the public are reminded to notify the Town Clerk and Councillor concerned of questions to be raised. This arrangement is in place to enable a considered response at the meeting. The Chair of the Council has the right and discretion to control questions to avoid disruption, repetition and to make best use of the meeting time.)

7 **Police Advocate Report**

To receive the Police Advocate report from Councillor Dent.

(Members are asked to notify the Town Clerk of questions to be raised in advance of the meeting where possible.)

8 **Working Group Reports**

8.1 Planning Working Group

a) To receive the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 10 and 24 August 2022. 6 – 13

b) To receive the report of an Informal Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council’s Planning Working Group held on 17 August 2022. 14 – 16

8.2 Tourism & Economy Working Group

a) To receive an update, if appropriate, from the Chair of the Tourism & Economy Working Group.

b) Members are asked to note the date change of the final 2022 Tourism & Economy Working Group meeting from 12 December to 21 November 2022.

8.3 Environment Working Group

To receive an update, if appropriate, from the Chair of the Environment Working Group.

8.4 Council Resources Review Working Group

To receive an update, if appropriate, from the Chair of the Council Resources Working Group.

8.5 Youth Provision Working Group

To receive an update, if appropriate, from the Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group.

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9	Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities	
	<u>9.1 Finance Report</u>	
	a) To receive the Finance Report for July 2022.	17 – 20
	b) Members are asked to note the receipt of completion of review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) from the Town Council’s auditor; PKF Littlejohn. The statutory Conclusion of Audit Notice for 2021/22 has been duly advertised on the Town Council’s website.	
	<u>9.2 Other Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities</u>	
	To receive other notified reports from other Members.	
10	Council Meetings	
	As agreed by Members, to review in September, the Chair of Council will initiate a discussion on the location of future Council meetings.	

PLEASE NOTE:

Venue for Council meetings (until further notice): Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Sidmouth

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall
on Monday 8 August 2022 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley
Sidmouth South	Chris Lockyear (Chair) Hilary Nelson (Vice Chair) Rachel Perram
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Deirdre Hounsom Jeff Turner
Sidford	Marianne Rixson
Sidbury	John Loudoun
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow
Apologies:	Denise Bickley, Kelvin Dent, Charissa Evans, Steven Kendall-Torry, Emma Murdoch, Richard Thurlow, Jenny Ware

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.30pm.

PART 'A'

49 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 4 July 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record.

50 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Louise Cole	51 Matters of Urgency Report from the Chair	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion	Director Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub CIC

51 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair thanked Sidmouth in Bloom for their hard work prior to the judging visits for South West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions.
- The Chair thanked Sidmouth Folk Week organisers for a successful return of the festival and for an enjoyable Civic Night concert.
- Cllr Cole reported that Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub CIC had been gifted a full-size pottery kiln which had to be removed from its current storage by the end of the summer. The Chair asked Members to approve the temporary storage of the kiln in The Ham Utility Building, until such time as a more suitable location could be found or a formal request be made and considered at a future Trustee meeting. The kiln must not be used during the temporary storage period. This was agreed.
- The Chair raised concerns over the recently reported reduction in bus services across the Sid Valley and invited Cllr Loudoun to report on the impact on the villages of Sidford and Sidbury. The last bus to Sidbury leaves at 7.20pm each evening which impacts most severely on workers in the hospitality and care sectors, as well as the tourism industry where visitors on holiday now have a much-reduced public transport service.

Sidbury residents were left feeling very isolated by the loss of this vital public service, which was made worse by the road to Sidbury being too dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians to use, especially at night.

Whilst it was recognised that the bus service was run by a private company and the Town Council's ability to achieve change was limited, it was agreed that a small working group be formed with Cllrs Lockyear, Nelson, Loudoun and Hughes to consider and work on a list of suggested Town Council actions:

- i. write to and meet with the DCC Portfolio Holder
- ii. write to and meet with the Stagecoach South West Manager
- iii. write to and meet with Simon Jupp MP
- iv. write to the Traffic Commissioner
- v. respond to the offer to meet with the Ottery St Mary Mayor to discuss a joint approach
- vi. extend this joint approach to include other towns that had been affected by the bus service reduction, such as, Honiton, Seaton, Axminster, Lyme Regis and Cullompton.
- vii. identify short, medium and long term options for regular integrated local bus services to ensure connectivity of rural towns and villages.
- viii. communicate with residents on this issue via website, social media, local newspapers, etc.

52 Public Open Question Time

- Cllr Loudoun asked for an update on the Sidford to Sidbury cycle path. County Cllr Hughes reported that there were currently no DCC funding sources available for this project, but DCC were working with Simon Jupp MP to bid for funding from the Government Active Travel Fund. A planning application was being drawn up and land purchase negotiations were continuing.

53 Police Advocate Report

Councillor Dent had advised that there was nothing to report.

54 Working Group Reports

54.1 Planning Working Group Reports

Councillor Turner, Vice Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 6 and 20 July 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Working Group reports be noted.

54.2 Environment Working Group

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Environment Working Group, presented the minutes of the Environment Working Group meeting held on Monday 11 July 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Environment Working Group Report be noted.

55 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

55.1 Finance Report

a) In accordance with section 2.2 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations Members were asked to note that the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance has verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of June 2022.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with section 2.2 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations, Members noted that the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance had verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of June 2022.

b) Councillor Turner presented the Finance Report for June 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for June 2022 be noted.

Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group

held on Wednesday 10 August 2022

(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Jeff Turner (Chair)
Deirdre Housom
Ian Barlow
John Loudoun
Rachel Perram
Steven Kendall-Torry

Apologies: Chris Lockyear, Kelvin Dent, Jenny Ware

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.55pm

102 Declarations of Interest

Name	Application	Type of Interest	Action Taken	Nature of Interest
Cllr John Loudoun, Cllr Ian Barlow, Cllr Steven Kendall-Torry	22/1498/FUL Land Adjacent Higher Fortescue Sid Road Sidmouth.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Acquainted to the applicant.
Cllr John Loudoun	22/0970/FUL Sidbury Cricket Club, Mill Field Bridge Street, Sidbury, EX10 0RF.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Acquainted to the applicant.
Cllr Jeff Turner	22/1450/LBC and 22/1449/FUL Sidholme Hotel, Elysian Fields, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UJ.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Acquainted to an objector.

103 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.

104 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 20 July 2022.

105 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.

106 Urgent items or Amended Plans received after formulation of the agenda.

22/1669/FUL Mrs Osborne House, Chapel Street, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8ND. Single East Ward Christina Richards storey rear extension and upgrade of thermal elements to existing single storey rear extension.

SUPPORT

107 22/1598/LBC Ms Jill 6 Bowd Court, Bowd, Sidmouth, EX10 0ND. Replace 3no. windows North Ward Harrop at ground floor; 4no. at first floor and 1no. door on front (south) elevation

SUPPORT - subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

108	22/1648/FUL North Ward	Dr and Mrs Linley	38 Temple Street, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9BA. Replacement two storey rear tenement and single storey side return extension.
			SUPPORT
109	22/1664/FUL North Ward	Simon Pow	106 Manstone Avenue, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9TG. Proposed part two storey part single storey rear extension.
			SUPPORT
110	22/1385/FUL Primley Ward	Mr Stuart Derrick	125 Sidford Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9PB. Single storey rear extension, conversion of roofspace to habitable use to include 2x front and 1x rear dormers and replacement of two hipped roof to gable end.
			SUPPORT
111	22/1498/FUL Salcombe Regis Ward	Mr David Whelan	Land Adjacent Higher Fortescue Sid Road Sidmouth. Erection of a new dwelling on land off Higher Fortescue.
			UNABLE TO SUPPORT
			While members were keen to encourage radical design with eco development in the right place, the proposed design here in a dominant and elevated position overlooking the more traditional style of the surrounding homes, was considered to be out of keeping with the area and too dominant in the landscape.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed fenestration on the West elevation, particularly the large picture window, constitutes an overlooking problem for existing properties. • Contravenes Policies 6 and 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan
			4 objection letters and 2 support letters received
112	22/1642/FUL Salcombe Regis Ward	Mr and Mrs Wragg	Mulberry Cottage, Sid Lane, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9AW. Conversion of integrated garage to habitable accommodation.
			SUPPORT
113	22/1407/FUL Sidbury Ward	Mr J Birch	Hare And Hounds Inn, Putts Corner, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0QQ. Proposed demolition of barn and the erection of an extension to provide 11no. guest bedrooms and associated landscaping and car parking.
			SUPPORT
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was concern over light pollution and members would like to see mitigation measures introduced to reduce light pollution from external building and car park lighting as well as measures to reduce light from the large bedroom windows after dark. • The new build rooms should be tied to the main building for temporary hotel/tourism occupancy only.
114	22/0970/FUL Sidbury Ward	Chris Fitzhenry	Sidbury Cricket Club, Mill Field Bridge Street, Sidbury, EX10 0RF. Demolition of existing cricket pavilion and replacement with new with greater modern facilities
			SUPPORT
115	22/1350/FUL Sidbury Ward	Mrs Bridget Adler	Land to the east of Riverside Cottage, Harcombe. Conversion of agricultural building to form unit of holiday letting accommodation including change of use of adjacent land to form associated curtilage area
			SUPPORT

116 22/1612/FUL Ian Gregory High Trees, Manor Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RR. Single storey side extension to include a side dormer and alterations to fenestration.

SUPPORT

117 22/1376/FUL Mrs M Regan 9 Victoria Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8TZ. Construction of a garden shed.

SUPPORT – Members requested that the shed has a condition placed to ensure it is not allowed for residential use.

118 22/1450/LBC Mr Ali Rad South Ward Sidholme Hotel, Elysian Fields, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UJ. Proposed conversion of existing garage to form 4 new townhouses and associated parking, including change of use from Hotel C1 to Residential C3.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT

Members were keen to encourage the development of small residential units on this and similar redundant brownfield sites but the proposed build-up of the roof, particularly to the East, to create the first floor bedrooms and balcony constitutes an overbearing and overlooking imposition on the residents, homes and small courtyard gardens at Cranford, immediately behind the old brick wall separating them from Sidholme.

- The proposal for an opaque glass screen across the balconies would not be enough to overcome the overlooking problem and would be over-bearing.
- Also contravenes Policy 6 of the SVNP. 2 objection letters

119 22/1449/FUL Mr Ali Rad South Ward Sidholme Hotel, Elysian Fields, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UJ. Proposed conversion of existing garage to form 4 new townhouses and associated parking, including change of use from Hotel C1 to Residential C3.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT

- Members felt that the development would be overbearing on the residents of Cranford.
- Members also felt that this would be contravening Policy 6 of the Neighborhood Plan.

The members are very supportive of the plan to provide smaller residential houses they just felt that these plans would not be good for the area.

2 objection letters

120 22/1631/FUL Gay Foxwell South Ward Land to the rear of Springhayes Cottage, Convent Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RB. Erection of detached dwellinghouse and creation of access.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT

- Members felt that this would be contravening Policy 6 and 7 of the Neighborhood Plan and the local plan.
- The proposed development constitutes overdevelopment of the site which is not part of the design of the Samson style area.
- Members also felt that there would be an overlooking issue.

6 objection letters

121 Trees in Conservation Areas

To note the following proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area: None received

122 Tree with Preservation Orders

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

- a) 22/1440/TRE Mr Chance Goodrich House Cheese Lane Sidmouth EX10 8RA. T1, Ash: reduce South Ward and re-shape crown spread by 2m and shortening back overhanging low branches to a suitable side branch by 2 3m.

GRANTED subject to conditions as recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

- b) 22/1493/TRE Heathers Knowle Drive Sidmouth Devon EX10 8HW. T1, Blue Cedar - South Ward Crown reduction to retain a tree with a finished height of 12 metres and an approximate crown radius of 4 metres in line with previous application 15/0934/TRE.

GRANTED subject to conditions as recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

123 New Tree Preservation Order

None received

124 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order

None received.

125 Appeals

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of the East Devon District

- a) Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development.20/2653/FUL 87 Sidford High Street, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SA. Demolition of the existing dwelling and redevelopment of the site to provide four dwellings and a new vehicular access.

Appeal Decision has been made regarding 21/2946/FUL Woodside, 6 Millford Road, Sidmouth EX10

- b) 8DR. The development proposed is removal of the front garden flint rubble post and garden gate and associated landscaping. The appeal is dismissed.

126 Unsupported decisions

To report any unsupported decisions

22/0922/FUL Brooklet Cottage, Hillside Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JA. Replacement windows to UPVC, replacement of Doors to UPVC, possible replacement of soffits and facias and a toilet extract fan aperture.

Sidmouth Town Council
UNABLE TO SUPPORT

EDDC
APPROVED

127 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

128 Local Plan

Councillor Loudoun reported that the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on 9th August had overran and they did not get to the Sidmouth discussion so this meeting will be rearranged for a date in September.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP

Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group

held on Wednesday 24 August 2022

(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
 Jeff Turner (Vice Chair)
 Deirdre Hounsom
 Ian Barlow
 Rachel Perram
 Chris Lockyear

Apologies: John Loudoun, Jenny Ware.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.50am

129 Declarations of Interest

Name	Application	Type of Interest	Action Taken	Nature of Interest
Cllr Ian Barlow,	22/1661/FUL Land South of Crowpits Covert, Putts Corner, Sidbury.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Acquainted with the applicant.
Cllr Ian Barlow	22/1786/FUL Sidford Branch Surgery, Church Street, Sidford EX10 9RL.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Trustee for the applicant.
Cllr Jeff Turner	22/1007/FUL 9 Newlands Close, Sidmouth EX10 9NW.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Near Neighbour of the applicant.
Cllr Chris Lockyear	22/1749/FUL Belvedere Lodge, Belvedere Court, Hillside Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8FD.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Acquainted to the applicant.

130 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.

131 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 10 August 2022.

132 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.

133 Urgent items or Amended Plans received after formulation of the agenda

22/1703/FUL Pastor Ian Holmdale Chapel, Holmdale, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8DQ.
 East Ward Huxham Two storey side-rear extension to existing chapel.

SUPPORT

134 22/1767/FUL Sally 4 Coburg Road, Sidmouth EX10 8NG.
 East Ward Cabrini External alterations including replacement windows, doors and garage doors, removal of canopy, new porch roof and repainting.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT

- Members considered that the development contravened Policies 6 and 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan
- Members felt that the development would be out of keeping with the other houses and not in keeping with the conservation area.
- Members were concerned with overlooking into the house across the road.

135 22/1007/FUL Mr Gareth 9 Newlands Close, Sidmouth EX10 9NW.
Primley Ward Carson Conversion of the existing attached single garage into a bedroom/en-suite.

SUPPORT

136 22/1385/FUL Mr Stuart 125 Sidford Road, Sidmouth EX10 9PB.
Primley Ward Derrick Single storey rear extension, conversion of roof space to habitable use to include 2x front and 1x rear dormers and replacement of two hipped roof to gable end. (Amended plans for consultation - amendments relate to revised rear dormer).

UNABLE TO SUPPORT.

- Members considered that the dormer now proposed would constitute over development and was of a poor design giving an unbalanced appearance.

137 22/1749/FUL Irene and Belvedere Lodge, Belvedere Court, Hillside Road, Sidmouth, EX10
Salcombe Geoff 8FD. Construction of storage/garden room and carport.
Regis Ward Hirons

SUPPORT - The new construction should be legally tied to the main building.

138 22/1772/FUL Jane&Ann Red Gable, Sid Road, Sidmouth EX10 9AL.
Salcombe Harwood Construction of front, side and rear extension, carport and storage.
Regis Ward and Aston

SUPPORT

139 22/1661/FUL Messrs Land South of Crowpits Covert, Putts Corner, Sidbury.
Sidbury Ward Emmott Change of use of agricultural building to mixed use agriculture, storage and office use; and associated works

UNABLE TO SUPPORT

- UNABLE TO SUPPORT. No justification had been given for the proposed change of use from agriculture.

140 22/1786/FUL Sidmouth Sidford Branch Surgery, Church Street, Sidford EX10 9RL.
Sidford Ward Hospice at Alterations to parking area and drop off area.
Home

SUPPORT

141 22/1682/VAR Mr Brian Well Cottage, Gorseway, Convent Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RJ.
South Ward Sherlow Variation of Condition no.2 (approved plans) on application 21/3160/FUL.

SUPPORT

142 22/1720/FUL Mrs Lisa 65 Peaslands Road, Sidmouth EX10 8XD.
South Ward Stoner Extension to existing garage to provide a new dwelling.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT

- Members considered that the application contravened Policies 6 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan
- Members thought that the development would cause overlooking and parking issues.

- 143** 22/1771/VAR Dawsey Bindon Residential Home, 36-40 Winslade Road, Sidmouth EX10 9EX.
South Ward Develop- Variations Ltd
Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of planning permission
21/1600/VAR (Variation of condition 2 of planning consent
20/2898/FUL (Conversion of former care home into 6 new detached
and terraced dwellings with off street parking) to facilitate changes
to ridge tiles, timber barge boards and render front façade of No. 36.

SUPPORT

- 144** 22/1613/LBC Mr & Mrs Flat 7, Green Gables, All Saints Road, Sidmouth EX10 8EU.
South Ward A & S Replace 1no. window on side west roof slope and 1no. window on
Garnett rear north roof slope.

SUPPORT - subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

145 Trees in Conservation Areas

To note the following proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area: None received

146 Tree with Preservation Orders

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

- a) 22/1528/TRE Mrs Long Reach, Boughmore Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8SH.
South Ward Naccache T1 beech dbh 600mm, located in West corner of property by red
brick wall, on western side over driveways raise crown to 5.5m
pruning cuts of no more than 75mm on North side prune back to
trunk 1 x first order branch approximately 130mm in diameter, to
allow vehicles to get to property's without hitting Tree branches. T2
Oak dbh 1400mm, located next to T1 on on SW side of property,
raise crown on SW side only over shared driveway to 5.5m pruning
cuts of no more than 75mm to allow vehicles access to property's
without hitting any branches. Deferred

DEFERRED - To await a report and further information

- b) 22/1558/TRE Mr and 9 Sidmount Gardens, Sidmouth, EX10 8XQ.
South Ward Mrs T1, Turkey Oak: remove first order branch at approximately 4m on N
Stevens side; shorten back second and third order branches over the garden
and neighbouring property by approximately 2m; shorten back over
roof by approximately 2m to a natural pruning position.

DEFERRED - To await a report and further information

- 22/1557/TRE Mrs Moy Halwell, West Park Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9DH.
South Ward T1 and T2, lime - re-pollard to previous pollard points. Reason - to
continue previous management of the trees. T3 Large Pittosporum -
remove long limb at approximately 2m over drive and shorten upper
growth over drive by 1.5m. To allow vehicular access. T4 small
Pittosporum - remove low stem over drive at 1.5m and shorten back
remainder over drive by 1m. To allow vehicular access.

DEFERRED - To await a report and further information

147 New Tree Preservation Order

None received

148 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order

None received.

149 Appeals

None received

150 Unsupported decisions

None received

151 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

152 Local Plan. An informal meeting of the Planning Working Group was held on 17th August when some additional and amended sites were considered as a result of the further call for sites by EDDC. A report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Town Council on 5th September.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP

Report of an Informal Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group held at Woolcombe House on 17th August 2022

Present:

Councillors Kelvin Dent (Chair), Ian Barlow, Deirdre Hounsom, John Loudoun, Rachel Perram, Jeff Turner.

Apologies:

Councillors Chris Lockyear, Stuart Hughes, Steven Kendall-Torry, Hilary Nelson, Richard Thurlow.

The informal meeting had been convened in order to examine a report by East Devon District Council on the possible allocation of housing in Sidmouth in the new Local Plan following a second call for sites by the District Council. EDDC's Strategic Planning Committee would be meeting to consider the allocation in the near future with a view to publishing a draft of the new Local Plan for consultation later in the year.

1. New sites

Several new sites had been submitted following the second call for sites and had received a preliminary assessment by EDDC based on infrastructure implications, land sensitivity, impact on the historic environment, ecological impact, accessibility and other known site constraints. The following sites had been received.

Sidm_02

Land north of Sidford High Street (max 124 houses)

Sidm_04

Land to the east of the Lookout, Coreway, Sidford (max 30 houses)

Sidm_24

Land to the east of Two Bridges Road, Sidford (the northern part of land which had been granted planning permission for an industrial estate)

None of these sites had been recommended for housing allocation in the report.

1. Amended sites

There were several other sites which appeared to be an amendment to sites previously submitted and which had also received a preliminary assessment.

Sidm_17

Peak Coach House, Cotmaton Road and The Belvedere, Peak Hill Road (max 11 houses)

Sidm_19

Land at Dark Lane (max 26 houses)

Sidm_20

Station Yard, Station Road (max 14 houses)

Sidm_22

Alexandria Industrial Estate (max 43 houses)

None of these sites had been recommended for housing allocation in the report with the exception of Sidm_17

2. Previously submitted sites

A number of other sites in Sidmouth had been submitted following the first call for sites and had been rejected.

3. Sidbury

Proposals for Sidbury will be the subject of a separate report by EDDC. It was understood that the site which had been submitted following the first call for sites had been amended. However, no details were currently available. This site has possible implications for the proposed cycle-footway.

4. Sites currently proposed

These are the sites which are currently being recommended by EDDC for housing allocation in the consultation draft of the new Local Plan

Sidm_01

Land south west of Woolbrook Road (max 127 houses)

Sidm_17

Peak Coach House, Cotmaton Road and The Belvedere, Peak Hill Road (max 11 houses)

Sidm_06

Land west of Two Bridges Road, Sidford (max 268 houses on the whole site, max 30 houses recommended).

The total preferred allocation currently being recommended by EDDC for Sidmouth (excluding Sidbury) is 168 houses. EDDC have also looked at the potential for “2nd Best” allocation in the 6 main towns and there is no additional recommended allocation in Sidmouth.

5. Discussion

Members held a wide discussion about the requirement to allocate such a large number of houses in the District. There was sympathy for EDDC in that regard as the number was driven by the Government and, unless EDDC can show the requisite number of new houses, the new Local Plan will be non-compliant and without a valid Local Plan there will be a presumption that any new planning applications for housing will be approved. However, Members understood that in recent years East Devon had been growing faster than almost any other area in the Country and there was a feeling that we had already done more than our share to meet the Government’s target for new homes.

The Town Council has been striving to promote tourism in Sidmouth which is of paramount importance to the local economy. Tourism itself is largely dependent on the landscape and there was concern that the quality of the landscape was being eroded

with so much development proposed, particularly in the AONB. If we continue to nibble away at the AONB we will kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

Members were extremely concerned about the lack of infrastructure which was being proposed to cater for the allocation of new housing. There was already felt to be a shortage of doctors, dentists, hospitals and schools and existing problems with road traffic. Regular discharges of sewage into the sea at Sidmouth indicates that the sewerage system is inadequate to cope even with the present population let alone any increase. It was likely that these concerns about infrastructure were shared with other towns and parishes in East Devon and there could be merit in working with them (along the lines of the Towns Together tourism initiative).

The new and amended sites were considered. It was noted that EDDC's report recommended against allocating all but one of these sites. Members could find no good reason for recommending any of them as well, or instead, of any of the sites currently proposed.

Sidmouth Town Council had previously objected to the allocation of the 3 sites in Sidmouth and that remained the position, although Members could see the logic of including Sidm_01 at Woolbrook.

6. Recommendations

The Working Group made the following recommendations to the next Meeting of the Town Council:

- 6.1 Because of the effect on the landscape and the strain on local services to continue to resist the allocation of housing on the sites proposed.
- 6.2 To explore convening a meeting of representatives of the main towns together with Devon County Council, East Devon District Council and local MPs to discuss the strain on local services and infrastructure which the proposed housing allocation will only exacerbate.

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	Actual	Actual	Current	Budget	Cummulative
	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Balance	To + / From -
<u>Council Services</u>					EMReserves
Public Conveniences	-1,076	-1,076	32,000	33,076	0
Youth Service Support	10,000	20,000	44,500	24,500	0
Flower Beds, Planters & Watering	4,180	4,913	16,000	11,087	0
Christmas Lighting & Events	0	65	14,500	14,435	0
Donation to Christmas Lighting (Income)	0	0	-1,500	-1,500	0
Tourism Promotion	29,028	32,735	50,000	17,265	-25,000
Tourism Promotion Income	-1,325	-1,928	-22,000	-20,072	0
Innovation & Resilience Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Innovation & Resilience Fund (Income)	-22,000	-168,209	0	168,209	168,209
Verge Cutting, Town Maintenance & Weeding	139	5,227	20,500	15,273	0
Verge Cutting DCC Grant (Income)	0	0	-4,800	-4,800	0
Street Furniture	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
Sidmouth Information Centre	0	12,600	32,600	20,000	0
Water Fountains & Defib Mtce	100	580	1,400	820	0
Dog Hygiene Bins	180	180	2,000	1,820	0
War Memorials	0	0	100	100	0
Parish Paths Partnership Payments	707	973	0	-973	-973
Parish Paths Partnership (Income)	0	-2,000	0	2,000	2,000
	£19,933	-£95,940	£190,300	£286,240	£144,236

Discretionary Expenditure

Grants	0	21,000	21,000	0	0
Admiral Nurse	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
Sidmouth Folk Festival	0	35,000	35,000	0	0
Sidmouth Town Band	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
Sidmouth in Bloom	0	10,000	10,000	0	0
South West Museum Development	0	800	800	0	0
Sidmouth Air Show	550	7,094	12,500	5,406	0
Donation to Sidmouth Air Show (Income)	0	0	0	0	0
Environment Working Group	0	760	4,000	3,240	0
Covid-19 Expenses	12	433	2,500	2,067	0
Community Infrastructure Levy Payments	31,755	57,035	0	-57,035	-57,035
Community Infrastructure Levy (Income)	0	0	0	0	0
Rayson Bequest - Fireworks/Light Displays	0	490	0	-490	-490
Rayson Bequest - Natural/Sidmouth History	0	0	0	0	0
Rayson Bequest - Party/Celebrations	0	3,833	0	-3,833	-3,833
Rayson Bequest - Fireworks/Light Displays (Inc)	0	0	0	0	0
Rayson Bequest - Natural/Sidmouth History (Inc)	0	0	0	0	0
Rayson Bequest - Party/Celebrations (Inc)	0	0	0	0	0
	£32,317	£146,445	£95,800	-£50,645	-£61,358

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<u>Woolcombe House</u>					
Services Gas/Water/Elec	388	1,923	5,000	3,077	0
Woolcombe House Business Rate	0	3,556	7,600	4,044	0
Woolcombe House (Loan Interest&Repayment)	0	7,445	14,890	7,445	0
Woolcombe House-General Maintenance	363	2,413	6,000	3,587	0
	£751	£15,337	£33,490	£18,153	£0
<u>Other Property</u>					
Alma Lane Field	0	0	200	200	0
Manstone Youth Centre	777	13,798	85,000	71,202	0
Manstone Sports and Play Areas	0	466	2,000	1,534	0
Long Park S106 Income	0	0	0	0	0
Long Park & Play Area	22,090	22,345	1,500	-20,845	-9,000
Seafront Amenity Building	1,240	5,576	33,000	27,424	0
The Arches East (Income)	0	-5,625	-22,500	-16,875	0
Conservatory Maintenance	0	130	2,000	1,870	0
Knowle Parkland & Amphitheatre	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
Fire Beacon Stewardship	0	0	7,000	7,000	0
Sidmouth Golf Club (Income)	-5	-5	-5	0	0
Elec Pole Rent (Income)	0	-40	-40	0	0
	£24,102	£36,645	£128,155	£91,510	-£9,000
<u>Trust Property</u>					
<u>The Ham</u>					
The Ham Ground Mtce	0	330	2,000	1,670	0
The Ham Other Mtce	196	4,479	14,000	9,521	0
The Ham Play Equipment	20,947	21,172	1,500	-19,672	-17,384
The Ham S106 (Income)	0	0	0	0	0
The Ham Reserve	0	0	2,000	2,000	0
The Ham Utility Building	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
The Ham 3Phase Power	41	155	1,800	1,645	0
The Ham Rent (Income)	-5,858	-6,858	-10,000	-3,142	0
<u>Manstone</u>					
Manstone Land Ground Mtce	0	180	800	620	0
Manstone Other Maintenance	0	275	1,600	1,325	0
Manstone Reserve	0	0	2,000	2,000	0
Manstone Rent (Income)	-667	-1,012	-1,380	-368	0
<u>Salcombe Regis</u>					
S.R. Allotment Field	3,500	3,500	0	-3,500	0
S.R. Recreation Field	0	105	0	-105	0
S.R. Recreation Field Rent (Income)	-525	-525	-525	0	0
	£17,634	£21,801	£18,795	-£3,006	-£17,384

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	Actual Current Month	Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Budget	Budget Balance	Cummulative To + / From - EMReserves
<u>Members</u>					
Members/Chair's Allowances	0	4,401	6,100	1,699	0
Chair's Expenses	100	155	2,000	1,845	0
Members Expenses/Training	0	0	800	800	0
Elections	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
Civic & Hospitality	0	0	1,000	1,000	0
Civic Regalia	1,957	1,957	0	-1,957	-1,957
	£2,057	£6,513	£19,900	£13,387	-£1,957
<u>Staff</u>					
Salaries	8,149	32,599	98,000	65,401	0
Pensions	1,615	6,460	20,000	13,540	0
Project Support	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
Staff Eye Tests	60	60	100	40	0
Training & Conferences	0	0	1,000	1,000	0
Officers Expenses	0	100	500	400	0
	£9,824	£39,219	£139,600	£100,381	£0
<u>Office Expenses</u>					
Postage	0	4	1,000	996	0
Stationery	0	503	1,200	697	0
Telephone	799	1,733	3,800	2,067	0
Subscriptions	10	2,228	2,400	172	0
Photocopier	0	33	800	767	0
Internet, website and webcams	0	1,500	4,000	2,500	0
Computer Software Contracts	395	871	1,500	629	0
Computer Maintenance Contingency	0	482	1,000	518	0
Advertisements	0	0	500	500	0
Audit	0	150	2,000	1,850	0
Insurance	0	0	5,500	5,500	0
Sundry	0	230	1,000	770	0
Bank Charges	12	44	300	256	0
Bank Interest Received (Income)	-7	-14	-300	-286	0
	£1,209	£7,764	£24,700	£16,936	£0

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Expense Group Totals	Actual	Actual	Current	Budget	Cummulative
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Council Services	19,933	-95,940	190,300	286,240	144,236
Discretionary Expenditure	32,317	146,445	95,800	-50,645	-61,358
Woolcombe House	751	15,337	33,490	18,153	0
Other Freehold Property	24,102	36,645	128,155	91,510	-9,000
Trust Property	17,634	21,801	18,795	-3,006	-17,384
Members	2,057	6,513	19,900	13,387	-1,957
Staff	9,824	39,219	139,600	100,381	0
Office Expenses	1,209	7,764	24,700	16,936	0
Precept Received	0	-325,370	-650,740	-325,370	
Net Income over Expenditure	£107,827	-£147,586	£0	£147,586	£54,537

Current/Deposit Bank Accounts

£1,113,352

of which

Woolley Bequest

£5,978

Rayson Bequest Fireworks/Light Displays

£55,689

Rayson Bequest Natural/Sidmouth History

£56,180

Rayson Bequest Party/Celebrations

£52,347

Innovation & Resilience Fund

£168,209

Earmarked Reserves

£532,811