

Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group

held on Wednesday 1 February 2023.

(The Working Group met in public virtually)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Deirdre Hounsom
Ian Barlow
Rachel Perram
Jenny Ware
John Loudoun
Steven Kendall-Torry

Apologies: Jeff Turner, Chris Lockyear

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.35 am

325 Declarations of Interest None

326 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.

327 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 18 January 2023.

328 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.

329 22/2820/FUL Mr & Mrs Fortescue Farm, Fortescue Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9QG. Single storey
Salcombe Andy front extension, the insertion of thermal to existing external walls,
Regis Ward Prettejohn re-thatching of existing roof, alterations to fenestration and
associated internal works.

SUPPORT

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associated internal works.

SUPPORT subject to the views of the Conservation Officer

- 331** 23/0108/FUL Mr & Mrs K Laneside, Drakes Avenue, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9QY. Proposed
Sidford Ward & M Howe infill extension to side, new dormers to roof and associated layout
changes.

SUPPORT

- 332** 23/0070/FUL Mrs 9 Lymebourne Avenue, Sidmouth, EX10 9EU. Single storey rear
North Ward Susanna extension
Lintell

SUPPORT

333 Trees in Conservation Areas

None received at time of publication of agenda.

334 Trees with Preservation Orders

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

- a)** 22/2640/TRE Mrs Marisa Flat 12, Knowle Grange, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HN. Yew
South Ward Whatley x3: remove more than the annual growth (total height to be
approximately 6 metres, crown radius to be maintained at the
current size).

DEFERRED waiting Arboricultural Officer report.

- b)** 22/2764/TRE Mr Stephen Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HL. T6, Silver
South Ward Andrews Maple: Prune northerly extent of branches back to line of fence.
(McCarthy T9, Hornbeam: Prune northerly extent of branches back to line of
Stone) fence. T10, Juda Tree: Remove lower branch resting on fenceline
and prune northerly extending branch back to fenceline.

SPLIT DECISION

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

T9, Hornbeam: Prune northerly extent of branches back to line of fence. T10, Judas Tree: Remove lower branch resting on fence line and prune northerly extending branch back to fence line

1. 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.)

2. 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.)

3. The pruning of the northern stem/branches of T10 shall be carried out to suitable side branches rather than to the fence line, this means there will still be some branches overhanging the fence.

DELEGATED REPORT DC/ DELREPTRE

Reason: to ensure the works are not excessive and accord with good arboricultural practice

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

T6, Silver Maple: Prune northerly extent of branches back to line of fence

1. The silver maple tree is a visually prominent specimen due to its size and location and it makes a valuable contribution to public amenity. The proposed pruning to the silver maple would be harmful to the appearance of the tree and detract from the amenity it provides. Alternative more appropriate pruning could be undertaken to reduce to overhang of the neighbouring garden while preserving the tree in a more natural form. Therefore the proposed pruning is considered not to be justified or desirable and permission is refused.

335 New Tree Preservation Order

None received

336 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order

None received

337 Appeals

None received

338 Unsupported decisions

None received

339 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

340 Local Plan update. There was nothing new to report.

341 Advertisement Applications. Reported that the Town Clerk had arranged a meeting for the Chair, Vice-Chair and himself with EDDC's Head of Planning Service to discuss the process of determining advertisement applications. The Chair will report the outcome to the next meeting of the Planning Working Group

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP