**Sidmouth Town Council’s Planning Working Group**

**held on Wednesday 18 January 2023**

**(The Working Group met virtually)**

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)

 Deirdre Hounsom

Ian Barlow

 Rachel Perram

 Jenny Ware

 John Loudoun

 Chris Lockyear,

Apologies: Jeff Turner

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.35 am

**310 Declarations of Interest**

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| Cllr Chris Lockyear | 22/2630/TCA. Appletreewick, Sidmouth, EX10 8RH.  | Personal Interest | Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote. | Acquainted with the applicant |

**311 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**.**

**312** **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 4 January 2023.

**313 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.

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| **314** | 22/2753/FULSidford Ward | Steven Dolan |  3 Packhorse Close, Sidford, Devon, EX10 9RR. Replacement of old panel fence for a new feather board fence 1.8 metre high. |
|  | **UNABLE TO SUPPORT*** 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
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| **315** | 23/0005/FUL Sidford Ward | Mr Clive Rook | 4 Brook Close, Two Bridges Road, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9PN. Demolition of existing side porch and garage; construction of a single storey side extension incorporating an integral garage. |
|  | **SUPPORT** |

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| **316** | 22/2800/FUL South Ward | Mr & Mrs Thomas Killalea | 107 Winslade Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9EZ. Construction of first floor side extension and ground floor bay window |
|  | **SUPPORT** |
| **317** | **Trees in Conservation Areas**To note the following proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:  |
| **a)** | 22/2630/TCA South Ward | Jo Kinder | Appletreewick, Sidmouth, EX10 8RH. Beech x6 (T1): reduce the canopy on roadside boundary by approximately 15%, pruning cuts not exceeding 50mm in diameter. T2 To remove 1 Laylandii to ground level on Western boundary. Reason for works, Proximity to two dwellings, to allow Prunus Lusitanica to reestablish in border. T3 To reduce Prunus Lusitanica by approximately 25%. Reason for works, to achieve a robust structure to help prevent further limb failure and promote regrowth at a lower level.  |
|  | **NOTED** |  |  |
| **318** | **Trees with Preservation Orders**Notification of any applications to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders. |
| **a)** | 22/2640/TRE South Ward | Mrs Marisa Whatley | Flat 12, Knowle Grange, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HN. Yew 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.  |
| **319** | **New Tree Preservation Order**None received |
| **320** | **Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order** None received |
| **321** | **Appeals**None received |
| **322** | **Unsupported decisions** None received |
| **323** | **Enforcement Letters**No Enforcement letters were received.  |
| **324**  | **Local Plan update.**A shortupdate was given by Cllr Loudoun on the draft of the East Devon Local Plan. In addition to the response to the Consultation Draft of the Local Plan already submitted by the Town Council, Members of the Working Group considered that Sidm\_24 which is allocated as employment land within the current Local Plan should no longer be allocated. The land has not been developed and no longer appears to be needed for employment. The only proviso, however, is that the land immediately adjoins the sewerage works and may be required in due course for an enlargement of these facilities. |

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**CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP**