

Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group
held on Wednesday 20 July 2022
(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Jeff Turner (Vice Chair)
Deirdre Hounsom
Ian Barlow
John Loudoun
Rachel Perram
Jenny Ware

Apologies: Steven Kendall-Torry, Chris Lockyear,

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.30am

82 Declarations of Interest

Name	Application	Type of Interest	Action Taken	Nature of Interest
Cllr Dent	Item 101 McCarthy Stone Virtual Exhibition for Former Council Offices site, Knowle	Discloseable Pecuniary Interest	Left the meeting	Chair of Knowle Residents' Association and lives near the development site

83 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.

84 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 6 July 2022.

85 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.

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

22/1467/FUL Ms J Gigg 41 Fleming Avenue, Sidmouth, EX10 9NH. First floor side extension. Sidford Ward

SPLIT DECISION

- Members **SUPPORTED** the application but were **UNABLE TO SUPPORT** the Juliet balcony as they were concerned about possible overlooking.

- 87** 22/1327/FUL c/o Bupa 1-2 Mill Street, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8DF. Installation of 5no. air conditioning units (retrospective)
East Ward
- SUPPORT** – subject to the views of the Environmental Health Officer and Members recommended a time restriction on the use of the units.
- 88** 22/1320/LBC Mr Flat 2, Norton Garth Court, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8NY.
East Ward Dominic Ryder Install boiler flue on northeast elevation and remove hearth and fire surround in sitting/dining room.
- SUPPORT** - subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.
- 89** 22/1310/LBC Mrs J Flat 8, Norton Garth Court, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8NY.
East Ward Cooke Repair and replace bay window on rear northeast elevation with the addition of external cill and replace roof over bay.
- SUPPORT** - subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.
- 90** 22/1408/FUL Mr B 189 Manstone Avenue, Sidmouth, EX10 9TL. Alterations & 2 storey rear extension.
North Ward Harrold
- UNABLE TO SUPPORT**
- Members felt that the proposal would be overdevelopment of the site.
- 91** 22/1463/FUL Mr and 30 Primley Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9LD. single storey rear/
Primley Ward Mrs G side extension.
Clarke
- SUPPORT**
- 92** 22/1429/FUL Mr & Mrs Mortimer House, Cliff Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JN. Two storey side
Salcombe Elliott extension with first floor side and front balcony, garage
Regis Ward conversion to habitable use with alteration to fenestration, hip to gable roof works, demolition of existing outbuilding, proposed detached garage, new driveway and associated landscape works.
- SUPPORT** – Members requested that the garage has a condition placed to ensure it is not allowed for residential use.
- 93** **Trees in Conservation Areas**
To note the following proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
- a)** 22/1413/TCA Mr Robert 27 The Laurels, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UX. Holm Oak: Reduce to
South Ward Irons gain 1.5 metres clearance of garage. Bay: Trim adjacent Bays. Elder:
Fell to give room to adjacent Yew and Holm Oak. Cut horizontal mainstem at 0.5 metres from base.
- Works Noted**
- b)** 22/1372/TCA Marycourt, Convent Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RE. T1, Monterrey
South Ward Cypress : located in rear garden on right hand side boundary next to yellow conifer and eucalyptus. Dismantle to the existing surrounding hedge height, around 2m, due to the tree being unbalanced as the

north side of the tree has been pruned back severely in the past and is blocking light to the garden, long term wise this is the wrong tree in the wrong place. T2, Eucalyptus: located in rear garden on right hand side boundary next to yellow conifer. Pollard at around 5 to 6m in height at suitable union pruning points, due to the fast pace at which this species grows, my client would like to have these works carried out now before the tree grows anymore and blocks more light to the conservatory.

DEFERRED awaiting report.

- c) 22/1318/TCA Mr John Grittleton, Sid Lane, Sidmouth EX10 9AW. T1-Scots pine growing in Salcolombe Doe Beech hedge. The tree has moved in the direction it leans by roughly Regis Ward 1ft. Reduce 2 North facing (as viewed from Sid Park Road) over extended limbs by 2m to bring back in line with the rest of the crown and reduce weight on the side of the lean. Also reduce South facing (as viewed from Sid Park Road) limb facing down into the garden by 2m to leave the tree balanced.

Works Noted

94 Tree with Preservation Orders

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

- a) 22/1304/TRE Mr Tom 36 Livonia Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9JB. T1, English Oak (Quercus Primley Ward Vanstone robur): Crown reduction of 2-3 metres on top, down to suitable growth points, and on the back side of the tree there are 3 large lateral limbs to be reduced by 2 metres back to suitable growth points to reduce the weight of the tree over the small brook behind the property. There duction in height is also to keep the tree from reaching and buildings if it was to fail, and also to take some weight out of the tree and there are signs of decay at the base from what looks like old wounds and also they was a large branch that has failed sometime in the past causing a large wound on the back of the tree.

GRANTED subject to conditions as recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

- b) 22/1269/TRE Land West of Station Station Road Sidmouth. G1 Holm Oak. South Ward Remove one stem touching BT cable, basal diameter 300mm and prune any other branches away from the BT cable, maximum diameter of cut (MDC) 25mm. Crown lift to comply with the Highways Act 1980, MDC 50mm

GRANTED subject to conditions as recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

95 New Tree Preservation Order

None received

96 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order

None received.

97 Appeals

None received

98 Unsupported decisions

None received

99 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

100 Local Plan

Councillor Loudoun reported that the Strategic Planning Committee would be meeting on 9th August and 6th September to give further consideration to possible development sites.

101 McCarthy Stone Virtual Exhibition for Former Council Offices site, Knowle

Members listened to Ben Farnes who gave an update on the ongoing public virtual exhibition.
(This item was chaired by the vice chair)

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP