

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group
held on Wednesday 17 July 2024**

(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
John Loudoun
John Nicholson

Apologies: Cllr Bernie Davis
Cllr Chris Lockyear
Cllr Rachel Perram

The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 11.40am

070 Declarations of Interest

None received

071 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.

072 Minutes

Members agreed that delegated authority be given to the Chair of the Planning Working Group to sign as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting of 3 July 2024.

073 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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| 074 | 24/0888/LBC East Ward | Norton Garth (Sidmouth) Ltd | Norton Garth Court, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8NY. Installation of a lead damp proof course below the capping stones on the parapet, removal of cementitious render, replace with lime render. Replace the brick lintels to the three centrally located windows on the southwest elevation and undertake patch brick repairs. |
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NO OBJECTIONS

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| 075 | 24/1269/ADV East Ward | Ms Marie Clarke | 50 Fore Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8AG. 2 no. non-illuminated fascia signs, 1 No. non-illuminated lettering and logo to side elevation and 1 no. non-illuminated double-sided projecting sign. |
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DEFERRED: Members awaiting the views of the Conservation Officer.

076 24/0942/FUL Miss and 78 Newlands Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9NN.
Primley Ward Miss Hill and
Ackland Removal of orangery and chimneys to be replaced with side extension and garage conversion on South Eastern elevation and extension to rear garden terrace.

NO OBJECTIONS

077 24/1167/FUL Charlotte Flat 2 Sidbury House, Buckley Road, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0SL.
Sidbury Ward Warren Remove existing potting shed and replace with new on the same site using similar materials.

NO OBJECTIONS

078 24/1255/VAR Mr Phillip Myrtle Farm, Fore Street, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 ORS.
Sidbury Ward Wallace Variation of condition number 2 (approved plans) on planning permission 23/2130/FUL (Installation of two air source heat pumps) Barn A, ASHP to be relocated from the north end to the south end of the building.

NO OBJECTIONS

079 24/1299/FUL Mrs Alison Innisfree, Higher Brook Meadow, Sidford, Devon, EX10 9SS.
Sidford Ward Crathern Alterations to fenestration, addition of front porch and upgrading external materials. Enlarging rear patio, installation of heat pump and solar panels.

NO OBJECTIONS: Members requested that the Environmental Health Officer considers the potential noise of the heat pump and the proximity of the neighbours.

080 24/1242/FUL Mr Aaron Village End, Church Street, Sidford, EX10 9QP.
Sidford Ward Patch Enlargement of existing driveway and associated changes.

NO OBJECTIONS

081 24/1180/FUL Mr Michael 24 Woolbrook Park, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9DU.
West Ward Sykes Construction of rear single storey extension with patio and glass balustrades on front and rear.

NO OBJECTIONS

082 Trees in Conservation Areas

- a) 24/1380/TCA Mr Woods Myrtle Lodge, Millford Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8DP.
Salcombe Regis T1, Yew: reduction of crown approximately to line on Photo 1;
Ward decompact root system, incorporate compost material around roots; create a border approx. 2m around stem of tree and incorporate compost material.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report

- b) 24/0928/TCA Sid House, Sid Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9AH.
Salcombe Regis T1 - Sycamore (historic coppice) - re coppice 3 x stems which
Ward make up the southern most historic coppice stool of the group which is impacting on the property. (DR).

DEFERRED: Members invited the owner of the trees to respond to the Tree Officer's report and would arrange a site visit.

083 Trees with preservation order

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

- a) 24/1005/TRE 78 Primley Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9LB.
Primley Ward T16, Monterey Cypress : removal of 1.5m to 2m to reduce load on limb situated on NE corner of the tree (see photo 1a) above house and garage; removal of lateral small branches on the same limb, overhanging the roof of the house (see photo 1b); removal of two adjacent branches, one of which has already partially broken, hanging over pedestrian walkway on Sidford Road (see photographs 3 and 4). (DR)

AGREED: subject to conditions recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

- b) 24/1258/TRE Gary Tootle Sidmouth Victoria Hospital, Sidmouth, EX10 8EW.
South Ward T002. Copper Beech. Crown lift for a ground clearance of 3m to enable vehicles to park in allocated bays. T003. Cherry. Fell to a 1.3m stump as tree is in decline.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report

- c) 24/1381/TRE Nikki Meek Alexandria Industrial Estate, Station Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10
West Ward 9HL.
T2, Ash: clear branches fouling communications cable - 1 no. of limb removed back to source, maximum diameter of cut (MDC) 75mm, prune adjacent limb back to growth point 2m distal from stem, MDC 50mm & tip prune others to clear cables, MDC 25mm.
T3, Ash: fell. T5, Ash: crown lift to 2.5m above ground level, MDC 25mm.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report

- d) 24/1319/TRE WBW Land South Of Bulverton Barn, Station Road, Sidmouth.
West Ward Solicitors T16, Oak : Reduce lowest northern lateral branch by 2m.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report

- 084 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order**
None received

- 085 Appeals.**
The Local Planning Authority have confirmed that a hearing will be held on 5th November relating to the appeal by McCarthy Stone against the refusal of planning permission for the redevelopment of the Knowle. Members would like the Chair of the Town Council to write to EDDC to ascertain the nature of the hearing, to urge the District Council to mount a vigorous defence of the refusal of planning permission and to hold the hearing in Sidmouth in view of the local interest.

- 086 Unsupported decisions**
None received.

- 087 Enforcement Letters**
None received.

- 088 Urgent Items**
None received.

- 089 New Draft Local Plan Update**
Work on preparing the new Local Plan which the Local Planning Authority hope to adopt in November 2026 is continuing. Officers will now be spending more time on preparing policies rather than allocation of sites.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP