

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 10.00am

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Jo Dodds
Hilary Nelson
Rachel Perram
John Nicholson

Apologies: Chris Lockyear
John Loudoun
Cllr Ian Barlow

Also present : Town Clerk

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.00 am

232 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item / Reference	Type	Action Taken	Details of Interest
Cllr Rachel Perram	25/2565/FUL Primley Ward	Personal	Remained in the Council Chamber but did not vote.	Acquainted with the property owner.

233 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.

234 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 17 December 2025 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

235 Urgent items

The Chair and the SVA (Sid Vale Association) advised Members of the poor and deteriorating condition of Sidholme (Richmond Hotel) a Grade II* Listed building in Sidmouth.

RESOLVED: That Officers contact EDDC's Conservation Officers and ask them to request the owner of Sidholme to take preventative measures to preserve the building and prevent further deterioration.

236 Applications for consideration

RESOLVED: 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 with schedule 16 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 237** 25/2269/LBC Mr Adam Tudor Cottage, Chapel Street, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8ND.
East Ward Marston- Removal of red plaster in 3no. bedrooms and replace with lime
Price render; replace ceiling in bedroom 1 and replace tenson board
along walls of stairway and landing.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

- 238** 25/2555/FUL Kathryn Ball 2 Stevens Lane, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9UL.
North Ward Proposed rear decking.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

- 239** 25/2565/FUL Mr M 70A Malden Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9NA.
Primley Ward Denning Retrospective application to regularise the site boundary as built.
Proposed erection of Garage, Summer House and Bin/store Shed.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

- 240** 25/2599/FUL Mr Malcolm 6 Lower Wheathill, Sidmouth, EX10 9UA.
Primley Ward Pratt Proposed two storey extension to north east elevation and two
storey extension to north west as permitted ref. 25/0479/FUL
with the addition of a single storey link and garage extension.

RESOLVED: NO OBSERVATIONS

- 241** 25/2559/VAR Chris Shrubb Strathallan, Sid Lane, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9AW.
Salcombe Regis Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) on planning permission
Ward 25/1603/VAR (Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) on
planning permission 24/1754/FUL (two storey extensions to the
north and south elevations and, the addition of a porch);
proposed changes in fenestration, to the porch canopy and gable
on north elevation); proposed changes to projecting gable.

RESOLVED:

DO NOT SUPPORT: Members reiterated their previously stated preference for the original design, which included a pediment gable and a full-length porch. The revised designs were considered not to be in keeping with the character of the area and surrounding properties and were therefore deemed contrary to Policy 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan (Local Distinctiveness). Members also noted that the window design had been changed and appeared to have already been installed and therefore expected a retrospective planning application to be submitted.

242 25/2519/LBC Mr Peter Sid House, Sid Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9AH.
Salcombe Regis Nelson Installation of wall mounted blue plaque on entrance boundary
Ward wall/pillar.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

243 25/2576/FUL Mr Peter Sunnylands, Salcombe Regis, Devon, EX10 0PA.
Salcombe Regis Marshman Demolition of existing single story side extension and
replacement of proposed 2 story side extension.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

244 25/2520/LBC Mr & Mrs Fizz And Feast, Old Post Office, Vicarage Road, Sidmouth, Devon,
South Ward Allister & EX10 8TD.
Natasha Retention of new signage 'Fizz and Feast' on side (south)
Matthews elevation.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

245 25/2579/FUL Ms Tania Springfield, Cheese Lane, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8RA.
South Ward Puddicombe Extension to rear elevation to replace existing timber frame
extension. Previously approved under 20/2429/FUL, lapsed.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

246 Trees in Conservation Areas

a) 25/2553/TCA Spinneybank, Sid Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9AH.
Salcombe Regis PROPOSAL: G1, Elm and Holly: dismantle, cutting as close to
Ward ground level as possible, 1 x Holly, 4 x dead Elm trees and 2 x Elm
trees which are growing as a group and showing significant signs
of dieback. 1 x Bay shrub and 1 x Elm: cut back in line with the
garden retaining wall.

RESOLVED: DEFERRED: Awaiting the Tree Officer's report

b) 25/2580/TCA Sanditon, Station Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8LL.
South Ward PROPOSAL: T1, Sycamore : height and spread reduction of
approximately 0.5 - 1m to a suitable pruning position, to leave a
natural form; cuts no larger than 50mm.

RESOLVED: DEFERRED: Awaiting the Tree Officer's report

- c) 25/2640/TCA Garden Flat, 8 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth, EX10 8NT.
PROPOSAL: T1, White Birch : prune and reduce the crown height and spread by 20%, removing branch lengths of up to 1.5 metres and making natural target pruning cuts of up to 30 mm. in diameter. T2, Pittisporum : dismantle in a controlled manner.

RESOLVED: DEFERRED: Awaiting the Tree Officer's report

247 Tree Preservation Orders

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

- a) 25/2522/TRE Carolcrest, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8SQ.
South Ward Ginkgo biloba - shorten new growth over roof and remainder of the crown via thinning by 1-2m to leave a natural form. (DR)

RESOLVED: APPROVED: as recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

248 Notification of a new Tree Preservation order

None received

249 Appeals

- a) APP/TPO/U1105/ Peak House, Peak Lodge, Cotmaton Road, Sidmouth, Devon EX10
10608 8SY.
The work proposed is T1 Turkey Oak: Fell to ground level.

The appeal is dismissed.

250 Unsupported decisions

None received.

251 Enforcement Letters

None received.

252 Enforcement Issues

The Chair of the Planning Committee was concerned about the lack of progress and information regarding enforcement issues within Sidmouth.

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Planning Committee contacts EDDC to ask that the issue of planning enforcement be looked at by the Scrutiny Committee and to copy the MP in to the correspondence.

253 New East Devon Local Plan

The Chair reported that second consultation on the new East Devon Local Plan was currently under way. The Committee has considered the amended Housing allocation at their meeting on 26th November 2025. Several policies in the new plan were intended to protect special areas identified in Neighbourhood Plans.

RESOLVED: That the latest version of the New Local Plan be noted.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE