

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 10.00am

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

Apologies: Chris Lockyear
Hilary Nelson

Also present : Cllr Ian Barlow

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.30 am

272 Declarations of Interest

None submitted

273 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.

274 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 28 January 2026 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

275 Urgent items

None received

276 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.

277	26/0143/FUL	Mr Marc	Canterbury House, Salcombe Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8PR.
	Salcombe Regis	Newson	Retrospective householder planning application for roof
	Ward		replacement.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

- 278** 26/0144/FUL Mr John Springfield Farm, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0QJ.
Sidbury Ward Northover Conversion of existing agricultural barn to provide a single dwelling house with associated parking.

RESOLVED: DID NOT SUPPORT

Members maintained the same opinion as for the previous application (24/2249/FUL)
The barn was considered dilapidated and unlikely to be capable of conversion without substantial extension, alteration, or reconstruction. The proposal was viewed as tantamount to a new dwelling in an unsustainable location within the National Landscape. Members agreed with the Planning Authority's reasons for refusal.

- 279** 26/0192/LBC Pauline Sidford Farm, School Street, Sidford, EX10 9PF.
Sidford Ward Elliott Retention of a lift void in the floor and installation of a new lift.

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

- 280** 25/2619/CPE Mr Nigel Flat 1, Keble House, Connaught Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8TT.
South Ward Hillier Certificate of Existing Lawfulness for the continued use of the front ground floor area as an office.

RESOLVED: NOTED. Members were aware that the reception area had been used as an office for at least 15 years.

- 281** 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

282 Trees in Conservation Areas

- a)** 26/0158/TCA Flat 1, Norton Garth Court, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8NY
East Ward T1, Black Pine : reduce branch that has approximately 56cm long crack, maximum reduction of 1.5m, maximum diameter of cuts (MDC) less than 50mm diameter, via thinning to suitable growth points to lessen end loads; removal of branch with approximately 45cm long crack; thinning of lateral branch foliar areas by 10%, MDC less than 50mm.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officer's Report

283 Tree Preservation Orders

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

- a) 25/2602/TRE 14 Baker Close, Sidmouth, EX10 9YJ.
 North Ward T1, Ash: Crown reduction by pruning back the most dominant branches by approximately 3 metres, to create a more compact and balanced crown, as indicated within the email and annotated image dated 26/01/2026. (DR)

AGREED: As recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

- b) 26/0232/TRE Mr Paul 29 Witheby, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8SR.
 South Ward Satterly T1: Monterey Cypress - crown clean to remove any dead branches overhanging the road and remove any dieback from the main crown.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officer's Report

284 Notification of a new Tree Preservation order

None received

285 Appeals

- a) Appeal Ref: 25/1422/FUL 2 Sidlands, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UE.
 6001019 The development proposed is increase in roof pitch, addition of dormers to the south elevation, roof lights on the north elevation and addition of cladding.

The appeal is dismissed.

- b) Appeal A Ref: 25/2085/TRE 6 Lower Wheathill, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9UA.
 APP/TPO/U1105/11019 The work proposed is T2 Monterey pine: fell and undertake replacement planting scheme.

The appeal is allowed and consent is granted for the felling of T2 Monterey pine.

- c) Appeal B Ref: 25/1834/FUL 6 Lower Wheathill, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9UA.
 6003191 **The appeal is allowed** and planning permission is granted for 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, including the felling of Monterey Pine tree and planting of eight trees and a native hedgerow.

286 Unsupported decisions

None received.

287 Enforcement Letters

None received.

288 New East Devon Local Plan

There was no update for the New East Devon Local Plan.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE