

MINUTES

OF SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL'S

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY, 2008,

AT 6.30 P.M.

WOOLCOMBE HOUSE, SIDMOUTH

Members present:-	Councillor	C.F.A. Gibbings (Chairman)
	“	I.J. McKenzie-Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
	“	Mrs S. Carr
	“	J.W.Hollick
	“	Mrs M. Jolly
	“	Mrs L. Kelly
	“	P. Sullivan
	“	J. Turner
Also in attendance :	“	A.W.J. Reed.

08:7/P1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.J. Brokenshire, T.J. Cox, J.G.T. Dyson, G.K. Liverton, Mrs F.I. Newth, S.P. Pollentine and C.H. Wale

Councillor S. Hughes was absent from the meeting.

08:7/P2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:-

08:7/P5	08/1746/LBC	Cllr Mrs M. Jolly	<i>Personal – Knows applicant</i>
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08:7/P3 MINUTES

The Chairman signed as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesday, 11th and 25th June, 2008.

08:7/P4 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 was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Town/Parish Council. The District Councillors reserved their final views on the application until they were in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

08:7/P5 APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolved

That in respect of the Planning Applications set out below and attached, 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.

Town and Parish Councils are Statutory Consultees to the Local Planning Authority and as such do not make decisions. The Town Council's Planning Committee is required to make known its observations and recommendations to the Planning Authority based on local knowledge and current planning policies in order that these views can be taken into account when the decision is made by the District Council as Planning Authority.

Amended plans

08/1110/LBC MR C PLOWDEN SEACOURT,
SEAFIELD ROAD,
SIDMOUTH.
Demolish random rubble flint stone wall
to create access and hardstanding.
Reconstruction of stone pier in matching
stone.

No objection

08/0173/FUL MR B ROBSON 32 PRIMLEY ROAD,
SIDMOUTH.
Erection of kitchen extension and
conversion of garage to additional living
accommodation.

This amendment does not change Sidmouth Town Council's previous comments:-

REFUSE

- *Overdevelopment.*
- *Precedent created to form an unacceptable 'linking' between properties.*
- *Loss of amenity to neighbouring properties.*

No other amended plans were received.

08/1632/FUL S RICHARDSON FIRE & SMOKE FARM,
SALCOMBE REGIS.
Construction of new entrance hall,
conversion of outbuilding to home office
and leisure use, landscaping of area
in front of farmhouse to form enclosed
courtyard with pools and paved areas.

No objection

08/1649/FUL MR & MRS DORME 1 GLEBELANDS,
SIDMOUTH.
Erection of conservatory.

No objection

08/1653/FUL MR & MRS BARNES BRIDGE BARN,
HARCOMBE.
Erection of shed for machinery/tools
with overhead storage in roof space.

Sidmouth Town Council considered this to be overdevelopment within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty due to the size of the shed.

08/1683/LBC GLENSIDE PARTNERSHIP ROYAL GLEN HOTEL,
GLEN ROAD,
SIDMOUTH.
Installation of disabled persons lift.

No objection.

- Subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.
- Materials for the door to match existing internal doors.

08/1690/RES ASHCOM DEVELOPMENTS LTD. COTFORD HOUSE,
COTFORD ROAD,
SIDBURY.
Erection of nine dwellings including
conversion of existing barn.
(ref 05/3246/OUT)

No objection.

- Energy conservation must be considered.
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08/1707/FUL MR & MRS P GRIEW CLIFFE COTTAGE,
CLIFF ROAD,
SIDMOUTH.
Extension and alterations to include
replacement detached garage.

No objection

08/1734/FUL MRS K DAVIES 71 PRIMLEY ROAD,
SIDMOUTH.
First floor extension.

No objection

08/1746/LBC MR S JARRETT AURORA,
HILLSDON MANAGEMENT. BARTON CLOSE,
SIDMOUTH.
Relocation of gas meters and boxes to
rear courtyard.

No objection

- Subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

(Cllr Mrs Jolly declared an interest)

08:7/P6 PLANNING AUTHORITY – CONFLICTING DECISION

Planning Application Nos. 08/1084/FUL & 08/1085/LBC

12 Cotford Road, Sidbury, Sidmouth.

Alterations and extension at first floor

TOWN COUNCIL

DISTRICT COUNCIL

APPROVE

REFUSE

08:7/P7 ENFORCEMENT LETTERS

08:7/P7.1 St Johns School, Broadway, Sidmouth.

Engineering works within playing field.

A letter was reported from East Devon District Council in connection with the tipping of soil from the development site and the raising of the ground levels at St Johns School, Broadway, Sidmouth. These works are deemed to be an engineering operation for which an application for planning permission is required.

With a view to regularising the matter the owner had been asked to apply for the necessary permission within 6 weeks.

08:7/P7.2 Front boundary wall to 7 Bramble Close, Sidmouth.

A letter was reported from East Devon District Council regarding the state of the wall at 7 Bramble Close, Sidmouth and whether or not it had been constructed in accordance with planning permission.

There is a dispute between the builder of the wall and the current owner. The owner takes the view that the wall has not been constructed in accordance with the planning permission and he would like the District Council to take enforcement action and the views of the Town Council were sought.

It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Planning Authority confirming that Sidmouth Town Council would not support enforcement action as the wall is not listed; has been in place for some time and is the correct height. This was considered to be a civil matter between the owner and the builder and not a planning matter.

08:7/P8 **MATTERS OF REPORT**

08:7/P8.1 Planning Application No. 08/0704/FUL
137 Temple Street, Sidmouth.
Erection of detached dwelling.

It was reported that an informal meeting had been arranged to take place on Friday 11th July 2008 at approximately 1.35 p.m. at the above location followed by a public meeting to be held at 3.00 p.m. at the Knowle Council Offices.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Gibbings, would be attending as the Town Council's representative.

08:7/P8.2 Emailing of planning applications from East Devon District Council

An email had been received from East Devon District Council's Planning Department as follows:-

*Emailing ahead of sending out a planning application, seems to be working well, it has however thrown up one little problem and that is, some people, presumably Parish or Town Councillors, have been emailing comments back to us on the actual attachment, which then looks to us to be a Parish/Town Council reply. Please make it clear to all councillors or anyone wishing to comment to us on an application not to use the attached sheet but to use planningeast@eastdevon.gov.uk on a standard email.
Thank you for all your help getting this under way.*

It was recommended that a note be sent to all Councillors reminding them that any response made must come from the Town Council as a whole and not as individual Councillors.

08:7/P8.3 Planning Applications online

Letters had been received from the Sid Vale Association expressing concern that when planning applications are received online in future and no longer in paper form by post, members of the Sid Vale Association and members of the public will not be able to view the plans in the office.

It was recommended that the provision of a room with a computer could be made available for this purpose and that this matter should be brought before the next Full Council for consideration.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE