

## MINUTES

### OF SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL'S

### PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

### HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2009.

AT 6.30 P.M.

### WOOLCOMBE HOUSE, SIDMOUTH

Members present:-	Councillor	I.J. McKenzie-Edwards (Chairman)
	“	P. Sullivan (Vice-Chairman)
	“	S.J. Brokenshire
	“	Mrs S. Carr
	“	J.G.T. Dyson
	“	J.W. Hollick
	“	Mrs M. Jolly
	“	S.P. Pollentine
	“	J. Turner

*In the absence of Councillor Gibbings, Councillor McKenzie-Edwards acted as Chairman and Councillor Sullivan acted as Vice-Chairman.*

#### **09:2/P9**      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T.J. Cox, C.F.A. Gibbings, Mrs L. Kelly, G.K. Liverton, Mrs F.I. Newth and C.H. Wale.

Councillor Hughes was absent from the meeting.

#### **09:2/P10**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:-

09:2/P12	09/0218/LBC	Councillor Mrs Jolly	<i>Personal Friend</i>
09:2/P12	09/0242/FUL	Councillor Mrs Jolly	<i>Personal Friend</i>
09:2/P12	09/0218/LBC	Councillor Hollick	<i>Near neighbour</i>
09:2/P12	09/0242/FUL	Councillor Hollick	<i>Near neighbour</i>

#### **09:2/P11**      **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.

#### **09:2/P12**      **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 apart from applications for advertising consents and trees. The Town Council's Planning Committee is required to make known its willingness to support, or not, planning applications 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.

**Deferred from previous meeting**

09/0153/ADV

WAITROSE LTD.

WAITROSE LTD.,  
STOWFORD RISE,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Display of external freestanding  
and wall mounted illuminated and  
non-illuminated signage.

Approve

Subject to a condition that sign O2 on the south side is not illuminated as this will create an unacceptable visual intrusion into an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

As Waitrose is on high ground and overlooks the town it will give unnecessary light pollution.

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**Applications for consideration**

09/0194/FUL

G DABNEY

73 SIDFORD HIGH STREET,  
SIDFORD.  
Side extension to existing dwelling  
to provide new garage, ensuite and  
utility.

Support

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09/0214/FUL

PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL

CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS OF  
ASSISI,  
BENNETTS HILL,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Alterations to provide disabled  
access to the west door of the  
Church.

Support

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09/0218/LBC

MR & MRS HAYMAN

THE LOFTS,  
CHAPEL STREET,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Replacement windows.

Support.

NOTE : This Council considers that in this day and age double glazing is necessary to conserve energy and provided wooden frames are used we shall continue to support glazing of this nature where appropriate.

*(Councillors Hollick and Mrs Jolly declared an interest)*

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09/0220/FUL

MR N HANCOCK

11A SIDLANDS,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Erection of detached garage.

Support

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09:2/P13.4     Planning Application No. 08/3107/CM  
Proposed infilling of two depressions with inert materials, provision of new  
access and restoration to agriculture.  
Land adjacent to Core Hill Road, Sidmouth.  
TOWN COUNCIL                      DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL  
Support                                      Refuse

**09:2/P14**            **ENFORCEMENT LETTERS**

09:2/P14.1        Planning Application No. 08/3017/FUL  
Land south of Pin Hill Farm, Sidbury.  
Studio / office.

The Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council in connection with the refusal of planning permission at the above location.

Inspection of records showed that details as requested by the District Council had not been received and the owner had been asked to supply the information requested by 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009, before legal action was taken.

09:2/P14.2        Browns Wine Bar, Sidmouth. – Flue.

The Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council concerning the flue at the rear of the above premises, a Grade II listed building.

The District Council's Principal Planning Officer had decided that as the flue is contained within a very small courtyard which is not visible to the public it would not be appropriate to consider any enforcement action. However, attention was drawn to damaged brickwork surrounding the flue and it was recommended that necessary works be undertaken to repair the wall and make it water tight using matching brick. By making the necessary repairs the ingress of water could be prevented and the fabric of the listed building would be protected.

09:2/P14.3        Planning Application No. 08/0677/FUL  
31 Upper Highfield, Sidmouth. - Velux windows.

The Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council in connection with the conversion of the loft and installation of three velux windows at the above location. Conditional planning permission was granted on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2008, for the conversion and one of the conditions imposed stated that the roof lights in the rear slope should be obscure glazed and permanently maintained. It had been noted that the two outer velux windows had been obscured by the provision of a plastic film attached to the glazed window. The centre window had not been obscured and remains of clear glass. This window is a void and would not be practical for anybody to be able to view out of that window.

The District Council's Development Manager was of the opinion that no action need be taken in respect of the film covering the two outer windows or to insist that any form of film be fitted to the inner window.

09:2/P14.4        2 Albert Terrace, Sidmouth – iron gates.

The Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council concerning the erection of wrought iron gates at the entrance to the above property. An application for planning permission was required for the retention of the gates.

With a view to regularising the matter the owner had been requested to apply retrospectively for the necessary permission.

**09:2/P15**            **MATTERS OF REPORT**

09:2/P15.1        County Matter Planning Application - Application No. 07/2898/FUL  
Temporary use of land for processing, screening and crushing of soil and  
sub-soils during construction of the adjacent Waitrose extension development  
at land adjacent to Chambers Close, Sidmouth.

Additional information had been received from Devon County Council in respect of the above stating that "on the completion of the processing, screening and crushing of the materials arising from the retail store extension development, the imported material will be benched and landscaped to create a level site enabling future potential development as per plans currently identified as a potential development site for a community hall.

If the future development of the site has not been established by completion of the project then the following will be adopted:

The topsoil that has been stripped at the start of the project and stored to the side will be screened, de-stoned and reinstated and the area will be sown with a grade 3 playing field grass mix to create an open amenity area. The site will then be managed through two cuts before being handed back to East Devon District Council.”

09:2/P15.2 Temporary Road Closure Orders

Temporary Road Closure Orders were reported in respect of :-

- Brewery Lane, Sidmouth, from its junction with Denbeigh Terrace to junction with Temple Street from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, to enable Devon County Council Highways to carry out resurfacing works.
- Sid Road, Sidmouth from junction with Brownlands Road to junction with Hillside Road from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, to enable Devon County Council Highways to carry out resurfacing works.

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**