

MINUTES OF

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL'S

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2009.

AT 6.30. P.M.

WOOLCOMBE HOUSE, WOOLCOMBE LANE,

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.

Members present:-	Councillor	I.J. McKenzie-Edwards (Chairman)
	“	J.W.Hollick (Vice-Chairman)
	“	Mrs S. Carr
	“	J.G.T. Dyson
	“	Mrs M. Jolly
	“	Mrs L. Kelly
	“	P. Sullivan
	“	C.H. Wale

09:11/P1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors S.J. Brokenshire, Dr D.S. Fung, G.K. Liverton, Mrs F.I. Newth, S.P. Pollentine and J. Turner.

Councillors S. Hughes and A.W.J. Reed were absent from the meeting.

09:11/P2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:-

09:11/P5	09/1437/FUL	Cllr McKenzie-Edwards	<i>Prejudicial - Applicant stores caravan at S.R. Caravan Park.</i>
09:11/P5	09/2014/TCA	Cllr Dyson	<i>Personal – Friend of Applicant.</i>

09:11/P3 MINUTES

The Chairman signed as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 7th and 21st October, 2009.

09:11/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.

09:11/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 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.

Amended plans

09/1437/FUL

MR M GROVER

LAND ON SOUTH SIDE OF SEATON ROAD, PUTTS CORNER, SIDBURY.

Change of use of land to equestrian use and erection of five loose boxes, tack room and foaling box.

Unable to support.

- This creates an unacceptable business in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty countryside.
- Highway objections are envisaged.
- No supporting evidence of need or business plan has been submitted.

(Cllr McKenzie-Edwards declared an interest)

Applications for consideration

09/0962/FUL

MR MICHAEL HORWOOD

THE HILL, (LAND ADJOINING), MUTTERSMOOR ROAD, SIDMOUTH.

Erection of detached two storey dwelling and garage.

Support

09/1965/ADV

D DEKLERK & J TAYLOR

MERRIFIELD DENTAL PRACTICE, 15A MILL STREET, SIDMOUTH.

Erection of three non illuminated signs.

Approve

09/2003/FUL

MR L COLES

HARCOMBE FARM, HARCOMBE.

Erection of extension to existing agricultural barn.

Support

09/2106/FUL

MR & MRS THOMAS

8 PATHWHORLANDS, SIDMOUTH.

Proposed single storey side extension.

Support

09/2120/FUL

MR A PEERS

SPRING GARDEN, STATION ROAD, SIDMOUTH.

Removal of two storey extension and erection of single storey replacement extension.

Support

09/2121/LBC

MR A PEERS

SPRING GARDEN, STATION ROAD, SIDMOUTH.

Removal of two storey extension and erection of single storey replacement extension and internal works.

Support

09/2129/FUL MR M MAULDEN THE WICKETS,
COTLANDS,
SIDMOUTH.
Erection of conservatory.
Support

09/1874/TRE HILLSDON
MANAGEMENT LTD. KNOWLE GRANGE,
KNOWLE DRIVE,
SIDMOUTH.
Three Yew trees : Trim annual growth.
One Horse Chestnut : Reduce crown by
15%.

Approve subject to the comments made in the Arboricultural Officer's Report.
(It was noted that a Director of Hillsdon Management is related to the Clerk)

09/2008/TCA MR P CLEVE MOUNT PLEASANT HOTEL,
HILLSIDE ROAD,
SIDMOUTH.
One Monterey Pine : 15% crown
reduction via thinning.

Approve subject to the comments made in the Arboricultural Officer's Report.

09/2014/TCA MR HUGHES PENNY ROYAL,
MUTTERS MOOR ROAD,
SIDMOUTH.
One Red Oak : Remove two low
branches.
One Ash : Thin crown by 15%.
Three Ash : Remove small, low branches
to 4 metres.
One Douglas Fir and one Spruce : Fell.
Area of Laurel and Elm : Remove Laurel
and dead Elm, leaving larger trees.

Approve subject to the comments made in the Arboricultural Officer's Report.

- It was agreed that the Douglas Fir tree should be felled.
(Cllr Dyson declared an interest)
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09:11/P6 UNSUPPORTED DECISIONS

No unsupported decisions were received.

09:11/P7 ENFORCEMENT LETTERS

09:11/P7.1 Core House, Burscombe Lane, Sidmouth.
Access created onto classified road.

The Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council regarding the creation of an access and associated driveway at Core House, Burscombe Lane, Sidmouth.

An access had been created from the southeastern corner of Core House onto Burscombe Lane and a visibility splay had been created along the road frontage and two small retaining walls had been created along this frontage. In addition, an access driveway had also been created leading from this access up to the rear of the house.

These works required a considerable section of banked garden area to be cut away and/or excavated to facilitate the laying of the driveway and the creation of the access. Under current planning legislation such works would be considered to be an engineering operation requiring the benefit of planning permission.

With a view to regularising the matter the owner had been requested to apply retrospectively for the necessary planning permission to retain the current access and driveway.

09:11/P7.2 Planning Application No. 06/2878/FUL
Retention of two trap houses for clay launchers and siting of two
portable containers – Clay Shooting Ground, Ottery St Mary. (East Hill)

The Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council in respect of the above.

Temporary planning permission had been granted for the above application on 24th November, 2006. One of the conditions imposed required that the use should be discontinued on or before 30th November, 2009 and the land returned to its former condition.

The District Council had requested the owner to confirm in writing whether this use had ceased and the structure removed by the end of the designated period or apply for the renewal of this permission.

09:11/P8 MATTERS OF REPORT

09:11/P8.1 Planning Application No. 09/1820/MFUL
Devon & Cornwall Housing Association, Land off Howarth Close, Sidmouth.
Residential development consisting of 133 dwellings to include 1 & 2 bedroom
apartments and 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses. Including associated parking, highways,
landscaping, open space and drainage works.

It was reported that further information had been received in respect of the above planning application containing assessments on hedgerows and wildlife in the Stowford Rise area. These reports were available in the office for inspection.

09:11/P8.2 Planning Application No. 09/1892/FUL
Claremont Cottage, Station Road, Sidmouth.
Proposed erection of single garage.

At a meeting of Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 7th October, 2009, the above application was discussed and it was recommended to support the proposed erection of a single garage at Claremont Cottage, Station Road, Sidmouth, with a note stating that the Town Council would prefer to see a pitched roof which would be more in keeping with surrounding properties.

It was reported that the applicant proposed to amend the garage roof to a pitched roof.

09:11/P8.3 Planning Application No. 09/1531/FUL
Land adjacent to 47 Livonia Road, Sidmouth.
Erection of new dwelling and car port with new vehicular access.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that on 30th October, 2009, he had attended an informal visit to the above site followed by a public meeting at The Knowle Council Offices to discuss the erection of a new dwelling and car port with new vehicular access.

East Devon District Council granted conditional approval for this application

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CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE