

**MINUTES OF**

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL'S**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 2010.**

**AT 6.30. P.M.**

**WOOLCOMBE HOUSE, WOOLCOMBE LANE,**

**SIDMOUTH, DEVON.**

Members present:-	Councillor	I.J. McKenzie-Edwards (Chairman)
	“	J.W.Hollick (Vice-Chairman)
	“	S.J. Brokenshire
	“	Mrs S. Carr
	“	J.G.T. Dyson
	“	Dr D.S. Fung
	“	G.K. Liverton
	“	S.P. Pollentine
	“	C.H. Wale

**10:01/P8      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M. Jolly, Mrs L. Kelly, Mrs F.I. Newth, A.W.J. Reed, P. Sullivan and J. Turner.

Councillor S. Hughes was absent from the meeting.

**10:01/P9      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**10:01/P10      MINUTES**

The Chairman signed as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

**10:01/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.

**10:01/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.

**Amended plans**

09/2093/MFUL                      PERSIMMON HOMES LTD      LAND NORTH OF  
WOOLBROOK ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Residential development of 103  
dwellings.

Noted the extra information.

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**Applications for consideration**

09/2528/ADV                      MR R CUMMINS                      WOOLBROOK POST OFFICE,  
12 WOOLBROOK ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Display of new fascia sign, 2 side panel  
signs, 3 window vinyl signs.

Approve

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09/2537/FUL                      MR B CURWEN                      THE RADJEL,  
KNOWLE DRIVE,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Single storey side extension and porch.

Support

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09/2555/FUL                      MR & MRS M BENNETT                      DEEPWAY COTTAGE,  
DEEPWAY,  
SIDBURY.  
Extension and conversion of garage to  
living accommodation and alterations to  
cottage.

Support

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09/2556/LBC                      MR & MRS M BENNETT                      DEEPWAY COTTAGE,  
DEEPWAY,  
SIDBURY.  
Extension and conversion of garage to  
living accommodation and alterations to  
cottage.

Support

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10/0017/VAR                      MR I BARLOW                      SIDMOUTH GARDEN CENTRE,  
STOWFORD,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Proposed extension to existing building.  
(Varying of condition imposed on  
planning permission reference  
09/1769/FUL).

Support

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10/0024/FUL            MR IAN LAWES            FLAT 4, BOUGHFIELD,  
BICKWELL VALLEY,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Replacement of conservatory and replace  
flat roof to kitchen with mono-pitch roof.

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10/0030/FUL            RUSSELL SMITH            4 SEA VIEW TERRACE,  
HIGHER HILL VIEW,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Proposed outbuilding and associated  
works.

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10/0063/FUL            MR MORLING            4 SIDFORD CROSS,  
SIDFORD HIGH STREET,  
SIDFORD.  
Conservatory.

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10/0066/FUL            SUMMERFIELD  
DEVELOPMENTS LTD.            VILLA BOHEMIA,  
WEST PARK ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Erection of two dwellings.

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09/2511/TCA            DR M JAMES            KENNAWAY HOUSE,  
COBURG ROAD,  
SIDMOUTH.  
Crown lift 5 Horse Chestnuts, lift to 3.5  
metres and 25% crown reduction via  
thinning.

Refuse the proposed tree works.

The recommendations for a Tree Preservation Order to be placed on the trees as per the comments made in the Arboricultural Officer's Report were agreed. It was also proposed that a request be made for Tree Preservation Orders on the trees opposite (believed to be in the ownership of East Devon District Council as is the Putting Green).

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**10:01/P13            UNSUPPORTED DECISIONS**

No unsupported decisions had been received.

**10:01/P14            ENFORCEMENT LETTERS**

10:01/P14.1            Core House, Burscombe Lane, Sidmouth.  
Access created onto unclassified road. (Possible engineering operation)

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.

The works creating the access had required a considerable section of the banked garden area to be cut away and/or excavated to facilitate the laying of the driveway, the works were considered to represent an engineering operation and required the benefit of planning permission. The owner had confirmed that he would be submitting a retrospective application for the retention of the access and driveway. However, to date, no such application had been received and the District Council has requested that the owner submit an application within 14 days. Failure to comply may result in further action being taken.

10:01/P14.2     Planning Application No. 08/1671/FUL  
Mortice Farm – Mobile home and extension.

The Clerk reported a letter from East Devon District Council in connection with the above application for the mobile home and extension at Mortice Farm, Salcombe Regis, Sidmouth.

An application for the retention of an extension to the mobile home (08/0223/FUL refers) was refused planning permission on 25 July 2008. An Enforcement Notice was issued on 1 December 2008. The Enforcement Notice took effect on 5 January 2009 and required the owner to remove the timber extension within 1 month from the Notice taking effect. The Enforcement Notice was held in abeyance pending the submission and approval of an application for a proposed agricultural worker's dwelling at this site.

The owner had been requested to undertake such works as necessary to remove the timber extension from the mobile home and comply fully with the requirements of the Enforcement Notice within 28 days.

With regards to the retention of the mobile home; the recent application for an agricultural worker's dwelling (09/1671/FUL refers) was granted planning permission on 12 October 2009. One of the conditions imposed required that the existing mobile home and all structures relating to it should be removed prior to the initial occupation of the dwelling.

East Devon District Council had written to the owner to advise that the report also instructed the Authority to now progress the enforcement action to seek the removal of the unauthorised mobile home.

The relevant papers would now be passed to the District Council's Solicitor with instructions to issue an Enforcement Notice seeking the removal of the mobile home within 2 years from the date of the Notice. This would allow sufficient time to construct and occupy the agricultural worker's dwelling that has recently been granted planning permission.

**10:01/P15     MATTERS OF REPORT**

No matters of report were received.

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**