

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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To: All Members of the Town Council
Town Clerk

31 October 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
in its Capacity as Trustee
Monday 7 November 2016
on the rising of the Council Meeting**

You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Holland', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher E Holland
Town Clerk

AGENDA

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<u>PART 'A'</u>	
1 Apologies To receive any apologies for absence.	
2 Minutes To confirm the minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on Monday 3 October 2016.	3
3 Declarations of Interest To receive any Members' declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda. Note: You must also declare the nature of any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered.	
4 Matters of Urgency To consider any items that in the opinion of the Chairman should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances. (Note: such circumstances need to be recorded in the minutes)	
5 Exclusion of the Public To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There is one item which the Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way.	

6 **Use of The Ham**

Sidmouth Scout Group have requested to use The Ham for their annual summer fete on Sunday 9 July 2017.

7 **Manstone Lane Football Pitch – Possible Installation of Mobile Phone Mast/Lighting**

At the April Trustee meeting it was resolved that:

‘Sidmouth Town Council, acting as owner and Trustee, supports in principle the proposal to erect lighting posts and a mobile phone mast at the Manstone Lane Football Ground to be subject to the necessary planning permissions and with a condition of a 9pm curfew. (Note: Members advised that the above resolution did not prejudice Sidmouth Town Council’s decision to be made during the planning application stage.)’

Members are asked to consider the attached document. Plans will be displayed at the meeting and are available, on request, from the Town Clerk.

Representatives of the football club and the contractor Shared Access will attend the meeting to answer Members questions.

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SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
in its Capacity as Trustee
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 3 October 2016
on the rising of the Council Meeting

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Michael Earthey Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent John Dyson Paul Wright
Sidmouth East	Marc Kilsbie Frances Newth
Sidmouth West	Matt Booth Louise Cole John Rayson
Primley	Jeff Turner (Chairman)
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Sidbury	John Hollick
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies:	Gareth Jones, Simon Pollentine

The meeting started at 8.55pm and finished at 9.00pm.

PART 'A'

16 Minutes

The minutes of the Trustee meetings held on Monday 8 August 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

18 Use of The Ham

The Rotary Club of Sid Valley had written to request permission to use The Ham on Sunday 23 April 2017 for a family fun walk which would begin at The Ham. They would like to erect a gazebo with a couple of tables to assist in the registration process between the hours of 1pm and 3pm. The participants would then follow a route through the Byes to finish at Sidford Village Hall.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted to the Rotary Club of Sid Valley to use The Ham on Sunday 23 April 2017 between the hours of 1pm and 3pm for the beginning of a family fun walk through the Byes to Sidford Village Hall.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

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Sidmouth Town football club were instantly attracted to Shared Access's proposal to install floodlighting at Manstone Lane. The club see this as a unique opportunity to extend the use that can be made of the club's sole football pitch. It is unlikely that the club would ever be able to fund the installation of floodlights ourselves. The club feels there is little doubt that the network providers will look to install a mast in the local vicinity soon. If this is the case then only through the provision of floodlighting (along with the mast) will this provide a benefit to the local community beyond an improved mobile data signal.

The club now fields three adult football teams and has over 100 registered footballers on the books. With the formation of a third team two years ago, many of these players are under the age of 18. There are also almost 300 players under the age of 16 playing for the Sidmouth Junior Vikings. Unlike many other clubs in the region, participation levels in football have been increased in Sidmouth, and the club is very proud of this fact. However, unlike the majority of other towns in the area, such as Budleigh, Ottery, Colyton, Exmouth and Axminster, Sidmouth does not have a floodlit playing facility.

As a result of the lack of a floodlit facility in the town, each season the club has to train at Colyton or Ottery during the winter months. This costs the football club and the junior teams almost £10,000 per year and also increases their carbon footprint markedly. If the club were to gain floodlighting permission, not only would this mean they would not need to train away from the town as much, but would also potentially enable them to enter a midweek U21 league and allow junior teams to play midweek matches at the club, again increasing the levels of football participation for the youth players in the area. We have also had some enquiries about running a ladies team and disability team. With a floodlit facility we would certainly explore this further as this would enhance our reputation as a community club.

Sidmouth Town first team are now playing in the South West Peninsula East Division and regularly attract crowds of over 100 spectators. Under current league rules, the team would be unable to gain promotion to the Peninsula Premier division without a floodlit pitch.

Over the past two seasons the club has won league awards for the quality of their pitch and ground. The club plays an active part in maintaining and keeping clean not only the playing surface, but also the Manstone Lane area as a whole. The club also cut the grass across all of the grassed area including around the skate park. The club plays an active part in the community around them too. This has recently included planting bulbs at the club and across the town as part of the Keith Owen plant a million bulbs scheme and holding school sports days and East Devon District Council Community fun days on Manstone Lane.

With modern floodlighting such as that which would be installed under the Shared Access scheme, light spillage is highly unlikely and so should not adversely affect any of the neighbouring properties. Many local residents are members of the club and are active supporters of this application and will be expressing their support through the planning process.

Were the club successful in their application for floodlights then they would be keen for the Devon Air Ambulance to use the pitch as a potentially landing area at night. The club have attempted to contact the group to make this known to them. The club would also be amenable in the future to additional lighting being attached to one or two of the floodlights that are nearest to the skate park so that users of this facility could skate when dark as required.

In conclusion the club see this as a once in a lifetime opportunity that they do not wish to miss. A floodlit pitch would not only allow the club to progress through the leagues, whilst reducing their and junior teams training costs, but would also enable football participation levels across all ages to increase in the town.