

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 1 February 2016 at 6.30pm

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	Simon Pollentine Jeff Turner (Chairman)
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Sidbury	John Hollick
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.40pm.

PART 'A'

153 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Roger Trumper.

154 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Mondays 4 and 18 January 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

155 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Marc Kilsbie	163 Town Crier	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Acquainted with applicant
Cllr Simon Pollentine	163 Town Crier	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week Charity colleague
Cllr John Dyson	163 Town Crier	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week Charity colleague

156 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman read two letters of thanks received from Sid Valley Memory Café for the donation made by Sidmouth Town Council to the Admiral Nurse campaign.

- The Chairman reported that the Town Clerk had emailed to Members information received from the District Council regarding Parish and Town Awards to be presented on Sunday 12 June 2016. Members were asked to contact the Town Clerk with suggestions regarding the application process.
- The Chairman reported that the Town Clerk had emailed to Members information regarding two vacancies available on the EDDC Standards Board. Members were asked to contact the Town Clerk if they wished to apply for one of these positions.

157 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Earthy asked whether the Town Council's play equipment had been tested for toxic paint following Dr Turner's recent report. Councillor Pollentine responded that he had received an email from the playground supplier to report that all their equipment meets the non-toxic standards.

158 Sidmouth Town Council Sidbury Ward Casual Vacancy

Members were asked to formally note the resignation of David Addis from the Sidbury Ward of Sidmouth Town Council. Notices of the resulting vacancy had been posted on the Town Council's notice boards in accordance with The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986.

RESOLVED: that the Sidbury Ward casual vacancy be noted.

159 Police Report

PC Simon Blyth presented the police report for January 2016 which showed a total of 27 incidents compared to 32 incidents in January 2015. He reported that there had been a 300% increase in criminal damage due to the spate of graffiti in the Stowford area and damage to the Blackmore Gardens conservatory.

160 Committee/Working Group Reports

160.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 6 and 20 January 2016.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Committee reports be noted and agreed.

161 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

161.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the December 2015 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: that the December 2015 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

161.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Cole, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Feasibility TaFF, gave a verbal report of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday 19 January 2016.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Cole's report be noted.

161.3 Sidmouth Town Guide

Councillor Pollentine thanked those Members who had helped to bag up over 10,000 town guides ready for posting. He reported that nearly 3,500 guides had already been posted and there had been over 11,000 website hits in the first month of the year.

162 Fair Trade Sidmouth

Sharon Howe, Elizabeth Harris and Trish Sulaimani attended the meeting to give a presentation regarding Sidmouth becoming a Fair Trade Town. Fair Trade fortnight was to run from 29 February to 14 March 2016; Members were invited to attend the Sidmouth launch event which began at 10.30am on Tuesday 1 March at Sidholme Music Room.

RESOLVED: that

1. Sidmouth Town Council supports the Sidmouth Fair Trade steering group in its endeavor to register Sidmouth as a Fair Trade town.
2. Sidmouth Town Council would directly support the Fairtrade scheme by offering Fairtrade tea and coffee in meetings and implementing Fairtrade principles in purchasing policies where possible.
3. The Chairman of the Council would become the Town Council's representative on the Sidmouth Fair Trade committee; although a deputy will attend the Sidmouth launch event as the Chairman will be away.

163 Town Crier

Members were asked to consider a letter received from Mr Vernon asking that the Town Council create an official appointment of Town Crier in Sidmouth. Members agreed that should the Council decide that a Town Crier be appointed for Sidmouth, applications would need to be requested from other potential candidates. It was considered that more information was needed on the management of the post and function in order for the Council to determine whether a Town Crier was appropriate or needed for Sidmouth.

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred until a future meeting to enable the Town Clerk to obtain further information.

164 Meeting Dates

Members were asked to consider the list of provisional meeting dates for 2016/2017. Members were also asked to note a number of amendments to the original dates up to May 2016; these were shown in italics on the list.

RESOLVED: that the list of meeting dates be noted and agreed.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL