

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 6 June 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	Frances Newth
Sidmouth West	Matt Booth Louise Cole
Primley	Simon Pollentine Jeff Turner (Chairman)
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Sidbury	John Hollick
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt

Apologies: Marc Kilsbie, John Rayson

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8pm.

PART 'A'

22 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Oliver Ward.

23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 16 May 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record with the following addition to Minute number 18: 'The staff be thanked for their hard work in maintaining the accounting system to the high standard as commented on by the Internal Auditor.'

24 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Frances Newth	26 Public Open Question Time	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Trustee of Sidmouth Victoria Hospital
Cllr John Dyson	34 Use of Fire Beacon Hill	Personal	Left the Chamber during discussion and voting	Member of Devon Orienteering Club

25 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman showed Members the Sidmouth Town Council advert placed in the Devon County Cricket Club's programme following the Town Council's sponsorship of the Minor Counties competition.

- The Chairman reported that Members had been invited to attend a Quiz Night to be held at the Sidmouth Cricket Club on 12 July at 6.30pm; entry £7.50 per person including buffet.
- The Chairman reported that an additional planning meeting would be held on Wednesday 8 June 2016 at Woolcombe House. The following meeting on Wednesday 15 June 2016 would be held at Sidford Social Hall with only one item for discussion; the proposed employment land at Sidford.

26 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Brokenshire asked the District Council Members to raise the issue of the poor condition of the cemeteries in Sidmouth and Sidbury. District Councillor Barratt reported that he had visited Sidbury and it had been cleared of weeds and overgrowth. District Councillor Booth reported that he would take up the problem of Sidmouth cemetery with Streetscene at the District Council.
- Councillor Manley asked Members to consider inviting Graham Vincent, Chairman of the Trustees at Sidmouth Victoria Hospital to attend the next Council meeting to inform Members of the impact to Sidmouth of changes in the Health Service. Councillor Newth read a letter she had received from the MP Hugo Swire assuring her that no hospital closures would take place.
RESOLVED: That Graham Vincent as Chairman of the Trustees at Sidmouth Victoria Hospital and Di Fuller as Chairman of the Health and Social Care Forum be invited to attend the next Council meeting.

27 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for May 2016 which showed a total of 44 incidents compared to 33 incidents recorded in May 2015.

28 Committee/Working Group Reports

28.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

28.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deirdre Hounsom gave a report regarding the latest work carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

RESOLVED: That the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report be noted and the group be thanked for their work to date.

29 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

29.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the April 2016 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the April 2016 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

29.2 Marine Planning Meeting

Councillor Pollentine gave a report regarding the Marine Planning meeting that he had attended recently on behalf of the Council.

He also encouraged Members to attend the forthcoming Sidmouth Beach Management Plan public consultation to be held at Kennaway House on 15 June from 2pm to 7pm.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pollentine's report be noted.

30 Town Crier

The Town Clerk reported that he had consulted with colleagues whose feedback was generally negative with regard to this position and the management of the individual and control over what events are attended and what is said at them.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken.

31 Planning Committee

Members were asked to consider Councillor Booth's request to join the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Booth's request to join the Planning Committee be agreed.

32 Public Access Defibrillator – Sidbury Village Hall

Sidbury Village Hall committee had decided to raise funds to install a defibrillator cabinet on the outside wall of the hall; the target was to raise £2,500 to cover the purchase and installation of the equipment together with initial running costs. The committee had asked whether the Town Council would consider making a contribution towards the fund raising target.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council support the purchase and installation of a defibrillator at Sidbury Village Hall in the sum of £500 to be paid from the Woolley Bequest.

33 Parishes Together Fund

a) Members were asked to consider a funding application received from Sidmouth Netball Club, details of which were attached to the agenda for Members consideration.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Council for the Town Clerk to liaise with the applicant regarding total costs of the project and any other funding being applied for.

b) Members were asked to propose further ideas for 2016/17 fund applications.

RESOLVED: That Members would inform the Town Clerk of ideas to be discussed at the July Council meeting.

34 Use of Fire Beacon Hill

Devon Orienteering Club had written to request permission to hold an orienteering event at Fire Beacon Hill on Sunday 18 September 2016 which is expected to attract around 100 participants. They had discussed this with Toby Taylor, RSPB who was happy for the event to proceed; cattle would again be restricted to a limited grazing area, out of bounds to competitors and clearly marked on all maps.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted for the Devon Orienteering Club to hold an event at Fire Beacon Hill on Sunday 18 September 2016.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL