

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 6 November 2017 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Michael Earthey Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent John Dyson (Vice-Chairman) Paul Wright
Sidmouth East	Marc Kilsbie Frances Newth
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole Sheila Kerridge John Rayson
Primley	Simon Pollentine Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Chairman)
Sidbury	John Hollick Gareth Jones
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies:	None

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.45pm.

PART 'A'

83 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Brian Hadfield.

84 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Mondays 2 and 9 October 2017 were signed as a true and accurate record.

85 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
ClIr Stuart Hughes	93 Devon County Council (Various Roads, East Devon) (Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order 5609 IMR/B13526	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion	DCC HATOC Committee Chairman

86 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reminded Members that there would be a short service at the War Memorial at 11am on Saturday 11 November and that the Remembrance Day Service would be held on Sunday 12 November. Members were encouraged to attend either or both services.

87 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for October 2017 which showed a total of 46 crimes recorded compared to 43 recorded in October 2016. He also announced that the Shopwatch scheme to help apprehend and deter shoplifters was being reintroduced and it was hoped that as many businesses as possible would take part.

88 Committee/Working Group Reports

88.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesdays 20 September, 4 and 18 October 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee report be noted.

88.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Louise Cole gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report be noted.

89 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

89.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the September 2017 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the September 2017 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

89.2 RHS Britain in Bloom Awards – Report from Sidmouth in Bloom

Peter Endersby and Cheryl Allen attended the meeting to report that for 2017; Sidmouth had been awarded a Gold and the prize for the Best Small Coastal Town in Great Britain (under 12,000 people) and due to continued successes had also been nominated for the Champion of Champions Award 2018.

RESOLVED: That

1. the Sidmouth in Bloom report be noted, and congratulations and thanks be recorded to the Sidmouth in Bloom team, EDDC Streetscene and Boyces of Manstree who were all involved in helping to achieve the accolades for Sidmouth.
2. the town entry signs be updated to show this year's awards
3. the District Council be asked to bring the plaques in Connaught Gardens up to date.

90 Parishes Together Funding – Sid Valley HELP

At the October Council meeting Members were asked to consider a request from the Sidmouth Health and Care Forum for £5,000 of funding to help pump prime a new project called Sid Valley HELP and funding co-ordinator time for the new advice and information service, for a scoping study, volunteer expenses and accommodation costs. At that meeting it was resolved that representatives from the project be invited to attend a future Council meeting to give more detailed information to Members regarding the request for funding. Di Fuller, Jill Ryall and Adrian Ford attended the meeting to present the Sid Valley HELP proposals and answer any questions raised by Members.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council support the Sid Valley HELP project with an application for £5,000 of Parishes Together Funding.

91 Parishes Together Funding – Town Centre Drinking Fountain

Members were asked to consider a suggestion from Councillor Paul Wright that Parishes Together funding be considered for the installation of a public drinking fountain in the town.

RESOLVED: That the project to install a town centre drinking fountain be supported 'in principle' but that a final decision be deferred whilst awaiting further detailed costs and information.

92 Town Centre and Grounds Maintenance TaFF

Members were asked to agree the membership of the Town Centre Maintenance TaFF. The TaFF would meet to discuss the current levels of spend and maintenance with a view to making a final recommendation to the Council in January when setting the annual budget.

RESOLVED: That the membership of the Town Centre Maintenance TaFF be set as Councillors Barlow, Earthey, Hughes and Wright..

93 Devon County Council (Various Roads, East Devon) (Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order 5609 IMR/B13526

Ian Roberts, DCC Legal Department, had written to inform that an advert for this proposal had been advertised in the local press and a copy of the statement of reasons and plans were attached for Members consideration. If the Council had any comments or object to the proposal, we were asked to reply by 10 November:

- Introduce **No Waiting At Any Time** on specified lengths of Bedford Square, Bickwell Valley, Cotmaton Road, Cottington Mead, Cranford, Frys Lane, Glen Road, Higher Brook Meadow, Livonia Road, Manstone Lane, Primley Road, Sidford Road, Station Road & The Esplanade;
- Introduce **No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-6pm** on a specified length of Primley Mead;
- Introduce **Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 10am-6pm 30 Minutes No Return Within 30 Minutes** on specified lengths of Bedford Square;
- Introduce **Buses Only 10am-6pm Max Stay 1 Hour No Return Within 1 Hour** on a specified length of The Esplanade

RESOLVED: That the following comments/observations be forwarded to the County Council:

- Concerns were raised regarding the loss of 3 parking spaces on The Esplanade to enable coaches to stop for very short periods of time for drop off and pick up.
- Concerns were raised regarding losing parking spaces on Station Road where it was felt there was plenty of visibility at its junction with Alexandria Road.
- An additional road order was suggested at the junction of Malden Road and Sidford Road where there was regularly dangerous parking on the corner including across the disabled access dropped kerb.
- It was reiterated that Sidmouth urgently required a full Traffic Management Plan/Study rather than piecemeal traffic management.

94 Meeting Dates

Members were asked to note the list of meeting dates for January 2018 to May 2019.

RESOLVED: That the list of meeting dates for January 2018 to May 2019 be agreed.

95 Standing Orders 2017

Members were asked to approve the revised Standing Orders for the Council which had been updated in line with the National Association of Local Councils model.

RESOLVED: That the revised Standing Orders be agreed with the revision of replacing any specific gender references where legally possible.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL