

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 8 August 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)
Salcombe Regis	David Barratt
Apologies:	Ian Barlow, John Hollick, Gareth Jones

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.40pm.

PART 'A'

48 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Handel Bennett.

49 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 4 July 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

50 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Frances Newth	56 Future of Sidmouth Victoria Hospital	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Trustee of Sidmouth Victoria Hospital

51 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED: that the classification given to the documents to be submitted to the Council, be confirmed, and that the reports relating to exempt information, be dealt with under Part B.

Members agreed that representatives from the Devon Air Ambulance could remain in the Chamber during Part B to enable them to give a presentation and answer questions.

52 Public Open Question Time

- Mr Addis asked Sidmouth Town Council to support Devon Air Ambulance in their proposal to commence night time flying in October 2016 and with the endeavour to find suitable landing sites in Sidmouth.

53 Police Report

PCSO Phil Thomas presented the police report for July 2016 which showed a total of 45 incidents compared to 39 incidents recorded in July 2015.

54 Committee/Working Group Reports

54.1 Planning Committee Reports

In the absence of Councillor Barlow, the Chairman Councillor Turner presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 29 June, 13 and 27 July 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

54.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Tim Salt, Neighbourhood Plan Administrator gave an update regarding the initial results from the recent questionnaire consultation. The questionnaire had been delivered to 7,500 households, made available on the Sidmouth Town Council website and promoted at a number of roadshow events throughout the summer.

There were 709 questionnaires received which represents a 9% response rate of the total households. The narrative data analysis will be completed shortly leading to a report issue in early September and a Hotel and Commercial Survey in mid-September.

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

55 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

55.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the June 2016 Finance Report.

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

55.2 Sidmouth Hopper Bus

Councillor Dyson reported that the Hopper Bus service had been very successful so far this year and with the combination of a larger bus and good weather it was anticipated that passenger numbers may exceed 18,000 by the end of the season.

Just over £3,000 had been collected in cash donations from bus passengers had been collected at the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth Hopper Bus report be noted.

55.3 Jurassic Coast Communities, Devon Maritime Forum, Beach Management Plan

Councillor Pollentine reported that he had arranged for reports to be emailed to Members regarding recent meetings that he had attended on behalf of the Town Council.

He had also attended an informal meeting of a Sidmouth group of the Beach Management Plan Steering Group and asked the Chairman to consider sending a letter to the District Council raising a number of issues and requesting that information be made available at the next Beach Management Steering Group to be held on Wednesday 17 August 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman would write to the District Council asking questions

regarding the Sidmouth Beach Management Plan on the following points:

- How sources of finance for a subsequent scheme were to be secured
- Tank testing more than one scheme
- What the likely responses from the statutory consultees such as Natural England were
- Re-iterating Sidmouth Town Council's strong support for option 4b.

56 Future of Sidmouth Victoria Hospital

Councillor Newth gave a report regarding the recent meeting held between the Sidmouth Hospital Trustees and the new property holders PropCo.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Newth's report be noted.

57 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of its contents.

PART 'B'

58 Devon Air Ambulance

Toby Russell, Devon Air Ambulance, presented his report regarding the provision of night time flying in Devon and his search for suitable landing sites in Sidmouth.

He reported that the lighting control unit would be kept in a secure place within the rugby club building and would be covered by the rugby club insurance and their five-year electrical testing programme. The installation costs would be £2,285.86 as per the two quotes which had been attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED: That:

1. Sidmouth Town Council supports night time flying in principle from the two proposed sites at Sidmouth Rugby Football Club fields in Sidmouth and Sidford.
2. Prior to the commencement of a night flying service, a community awareness and partnership program be implemented together with a regular review of the service process to be put in place.
3. The Town Council supports the installation of the lighting equipment in the sum of £2,285.86 to be sourced from Parishes Together Funding if possible or from the Woolley Bequest Fund.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL