

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 2 February 2015 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley Peter Sullivan
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent John Dyson
Sidmouth East	Simon Pollentine
Sidmouth West	Ann Liverton Graham Liverton Chris Wale
Primley	David Addis Jeff Turner (Vice-Chairman)
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards
Sidbury	Christine Drew John Hollick (Chairman)
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies	Mary Jolly, Frances Newth

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

PART 'A'

143 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Brian Hadfield.

144 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Mondays 5 and 19 January 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

145 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Kelvin Dent	146 Matters of Urgency – Knowle	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Vice Chairman Knowle Residents Association
Cllr Stuart Hughes	146 Matters of Urgency – Knowle	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	DCC Portfolio Holder Highways Mgt
Cllr Ian Barlow	Alma Lane Field	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Supplies bulbs to the Sid Vale Assoc

146 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reported that Sandra White had worked for the Town Council for thirty years and he had thanked her for her conscientious work with a card and a bouquet of flowers.

- The Town Clerk reported that the District Council had issued two notices entitled 'Appropriation of Open Space' and 'Disposal of Open Space' regarding land at the Knowle, Sidmouth. (Papers were tabled at the meeting). Any comments regarding these notices must be made in writing to the District Council before 20 February 2015.

RESOLVED: that:

1. Sidmouth Town Council reiterates its views that any proposed redevelopment or new buildings at the Knowle must be contained within the existing footprint of the Knowle office buildings only and that the remaining areas be retained as open space.
 2. The District Council's attention be drawn to the public footpath inquiry which was due to be held in September 2015; the inquiry details and covers areas shown in the plan for redevelopment which contain existing and proposed rights of way.
- The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Sidmouth in Bloom requesting that Members consider their application for the award of special funding for the forthcoming Britain in Bloom season. (Papers were tabled at the meeting).

RESOLVED: that a discretionary payment be made from the Woolley Bequest to Sidmouth in Bloom in the sum of £1,500.

147 Public Open Question Time

- Three members of the public (Richard Eley, Chamber of Commerce; Richard Thurlow, Sid Vale Association and Alan Weaver, Sidmouth resident) asked the Town Council to make representation to the District Council regarding the recent decision to allow a mobile takeaway van to park on the beach during the summer season. Cllr Barlow commented that the District Council had ignored the consultation response made by the Town Council when the proposal was first raised.

The Town Clerk read the minutes of the 12 May 2014 Town Council meeting which dealt with the application for a concession licence for the beach and reported that five District Council Members had 'called in' the decision which would be referred to EDDC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for review. District and Town Councillors and members of the public were able to attend this meeting.

148 Police Report

PC Jim Tyrell presented the police report for January 2015 which showed a total of 23 incidents compared to 28 incidents recorded in January 2014; representing an 18% decrease. He also reported that he would be retiring in April 2015 after 32 years, 3 months and 3 days service. Members thanked PC Tyrell for his work and wished him a happy retirement.

149 Committee/Working Group Reports

149.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 7 and 21 January 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted with the addition of 'and the costs this may incur to that authority' at the end of Wednesday 21 January 2015 Minute number 318.

150 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

150.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the December 2014 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the December 2014 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

151 Police Consultation

Devon and Cornwall's Police Commissioner, Tony Hogg, had launched a consultation process asking for residents views on what his force should focus its resources on. Although Sidmouth Town Council had not been invited to be a consultee, it had been suggested that Members may wish to give their views. The Town Clerk read a report from Sgt Andy Squires giving the current position for Sidmouth.

RESOLVED: that:

1. Sidmouth Town Council supports the proposed increase of 6p per week to retain current police officer numbers throughout the Devon and Cornwall area. However, this was assuming that there was no reduction to the service levels in Sidmouth.
2. Policing priorities listed for Sidmouth should also include Domestic Abuse and Preventative Policing.

152 Alma Lane Field

The Sid Vale Association had requested permission to plant bulbs in the Alma Lane Field.

RESOLVED: that the matter be deferred to await additional information regarding the creation of a wild flower meadow in Alma Lane Field and the effect that planting bulbs may have on that proposal.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL