

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

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| Ward | Councillors Present: |
| Sidmouth North | Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley Peter Sullivan |
| Sidmouth South | Kelvin Dent John Dyson Mary Jolly |
| Sidmouth East | Frances Newth Simon Pollentine |
| Sidmouth West | Ann Liverton Graham Liverton |
| 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 | Chris Wale |

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.10pm.

PART 'A'

153 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Handel Bennett.

154 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Monday 2 February 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

155 Declarations of Interest

| Name | Item Number | Type | Action Taken | Details |
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| Cllr Kelvin Dent | 156 Public Open Question Time | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | Vice Chairman Knowle Residents Group |
| Cllr Frances Newth | 160 Beach Management Plan | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | EDDC Member |
| Cllr Peter Sullivan | 160 Beach Management Plan | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | EDDC Member |
| Cllr Christine Drew | 160 Beach Management Plan | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | EDDC Member |

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| Cllr Stuart Hughes | 160 Beach Management Plan | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | DCC Portfolio Holder for Alma Bridge |
| Cllr Stuart Hughes | 162 DCC Public Transport Review | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | DCC Portfolio Holder for Transport |
| Cllr Ann Liverton | 162 DCC Public Transport Review | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | Governor Bicton College |

156 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Dent asked whether anyone would be representing the Town Council at the EDDC Special Meeting to be held at the Knowle on Wednesday 25 March 2015.

The Chairman replied that the Vice Chairman would be attending this meeting to reiterate the Town Council's views as agreed in Minute numbers 146.1 and 146.2 at the 2 February 2015 Council meeting. He also reported that both he and the Vice Chairman would be attending an EDDC Overview & Scrutiny and Audit & Governance joint meeting to be held on 12 March 2015.

- Councillor Manley asked for an update on the progress of Stagecoach moving their timing point at Stowford.

County Councillor Stuart Hughes replied that the Stagecoach timing points had already been changed from 1 February 2015.

- Councillor Mary Jolly asked what could be done about the pavements in Knowle Drive which had become dangerous with moss.

County Councillor Stuart Hughes replied that the pavements had been scraped but would now be sprayed with moss treatment in the next few days

157 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for February 2015 which showed a total of 18 incidents compared to 21 incidents recorded in February 2014; representing a 16.6% decrease.

158 Committee/Working Group Reports158.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 4 and 18 February 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted with the addition of Councillor Brokenshire under apologies for the 4 February 2015 meeting.

159 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities159.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the January 2015 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the January 2015 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

159.2 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Mrs Liverton gave an update regarding Youth Provision in Sidmouth.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Liverton's report be noted.

159.3 Property and Maintenance Committee Chairman's Update

Councillor Addis gave an update regarding Town Council Property and Maintenance Committee issues.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Addis's report be noted.

159.4 Parish Paths Partnership

Councillor Dyson gave an update regarding signposting of footpaths in Sidmouth.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dyson's report be noted.

160 Beach Management Plan

The Vice Chairman, Councillor Turner, gave a full and comprehensive update on the Beach Management Plan following his attendance at a recent meeting Steering Group held at the Knowle.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Turner's report be noted.

161 Draft East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy

Graeme Thompson had emailed to notify that the Draft East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) was available for consultation from Friday 13th February 2015 until 12 Noon on Monday 16th March 2015. Key stakeholders including local sports clubs, Sport England, the FA, RFU, ECB, England Hockey, Active Devon, LED, Devon County Council, town and parish councils, local schools and neighbouring authorities were invited to make comments at this stage. Comments received would be considered and fed into the final PPS in due course. Plans and text relating to the Sidmouth area were attached to the agenda for Members consideration.

RESOLVED: That the response to the consultation include:

- 1) There were areas missing from the schedules such as Sidford Tennis Club, Sidmouth Bowling and Putting Greens and Primary Schools sites.
- 2) Long Park should not be designated as football pitch – this was to be noted as recreational open parkland which is open for use by all members of the public.
- 3) Sidmouth Town Council would not tolerate any future loss of playing fields in Sidmouth, Sidford, Sidbury and Salcombe Regis.

162 DCC Public Transport Review

Devon County Council announced a review into its Public Transport Service:

Most bus services in Devon were run commercially by bus companies at no cost to the County Council. However, £5.376m a year was spent to support nearly 200 public bus services, carrying around 4.5m passengers every year. DCC also managed the National Bus Pass Scheme for 175,000 pass holders in Devon, costing over £9m every year.

Devon County Council would like to find out what the public think about their proposals to reduce services. Members were invited to agree a consultation response on behalf of the Council if they wished.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council did not support the withdrawal of the 157 bus service to Otterton. This would adversely affect many people including:

- students attending Bickton College and Exmouth College.
- the elderly who have no other form of transport will become cut off and housebound.
- tourists and residents who travel to Sidmouth to shop or access other services such as doctors, dentists etc.

After the meeting, Councillor Mrs Jolly formally announced her resignation and retirement as a Town Councillor. She thanked Members and said that she had enjoyed her time as a Councillor since she joined in 1989.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Jolly on behalf of the Council and wished Mrs Jolly well with her continuing retirement in Somerset.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL