

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 2 July 2018 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent
	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
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Vice-Chairman)
Apologies:	David Barratt, Michael Earthey, Dawn Manley

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.45pm.

PART 'A'

38 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Oliver Ward.

39 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 4 June 2018 were signed as a true and accurate record.

40 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received for this agenda.

41 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Rayson asked for information regarding the removal of a bench at the Three-Cornered Plot, Sidmouth. Councillor Hughes replied that he would investigate this with East Devon District Council.
- Councillor Brokenshire commented about the length of grass in residential areas and asked whether it was still Streetscene who was responsible for cutting grass.

42 Police Report

In the absence of a Police representative, the Town Clerk presented the police report for June 2018 which showed a total of 52 incidents compared to 54 incidents recorded in June 2017; which is a 3.7% decrease on last year's figures.

43 Committee/Working Group Reports

43.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 30 May and 13 June 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

43.2 Tourism & Economy Committee

Councillor Pollentine, Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the reports of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 11 June 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted.

43.3 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deirdre Housom 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.

44 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Grant Application

Members were asked to consider a request for funding from the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Group.

RESOLVED: That an additional £3,000 funding be allocated to the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan to enable completion of the plan.

45 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

45.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the May 2018 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the May 2018 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

46 Manstone Skate Park

Russ Holbert, Maverick Industries, attended the meeting to give a presentation regarding the planning, consultation, design and funding application processes involved in the renewal of Manstone Skate Park.

RESOLVED: That Mr Holbert be thanked for attending this meeting and Sidmouth Town Council looked forward to working with Maverick Industries to create a new skate park at Manstone Recreation Ground.

47 Post Office – Public Consultation – Branch Re-opening

The Post Office branch previously located at 12 Woolbrook Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9UU was closed temporarily in November 2017 because the postmaster resigned, and the premises were withdrawn for Post Office use.

A new agent had been appointed and the Post Office would be incorporated into a convenience store; it was proposed to re-open this service at Gilletts Spar, 129 Temple Street, Sidmouth, EX10 9BH.

RESOLVED: That the Post Office branch re-opening at Gilletts Spar, Temple Street, Sidmouth be noted.

48 Devon County Council Consultation to Improve Library Services to Rural and Isolated Communities

Devon County Council and Libraries Unlimited, which runs Devon's library service on the County Council's behalf, had launched a consultation regarding improvements to the library service in rural and isolated communities in Devon. The County Council wanted to consider opportunities to improve its mobile library and outreach service.

RESOLVED: That Members be encouraged to complete the online consultation form.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL