

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 2 December 2019 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Charissa Evans Stuart Hughes Jenny Ware
Sidmouth South	Denise Bickley Kelvin Dent Chris Lockyear Paul Wright (Vice-Chair)
Sidmouth East	Louise Thompson
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Deirdre Hounsom Emma Murdoch Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Marianne Rixson
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Chair)
Apologies:	David Barratt, John Loudoun, Dawn Manley, John Rayson

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.20pm.

PART 'A'

89 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 4 November 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record.

90 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received for items on this agenda.

91 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the November police report which showed a small increase from 42 crimes in November 2018 to 44 in November 2019.

92 Committee/Working Group Reports

92.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 6 and 20 November 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

93 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

93.1 Finance Report

Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, Councillor Wright, presented the Finance Report for October 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for October be noted and agreed.

93.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan

Members were asked to acknowledge that notice had been received that the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan was formally 'made' by East Devon District Council on 7th November 2019, following the Cabinet's consideration on 30th October. It now forms part of the Local Development Plan and will be taken into account in determining planning applications in the Parish. The notice goes on to say: "To the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Town Council, please accept East Devon District Council's sincere congratulations for producing a locally steered and well-informed plan that will serve Sidmouth Parish for years to come."

RESOLVED: That the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan report was noted.

93.3 Environment Committee

Councillor Lockyear reminded Members to respond to his email regarding the Town Council's response to the County Council's Climate Declaration.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would reissue the Environment Committee's email to Members.

94 East Devon District Council Environment Health – 3 Year Review of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) and Control of Dogs

Members were asked to consider documentation received from the District Council regarding the requirement to review its PSPOs every 3 years. A response was required by 2 January 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Council's response includes the following comments:

1. The Town Council would resist any relaxation of dog control orders.
2. The Town Council considered that all land used for recreation and sports should be dog exclusion zones, such as:
 - Sidford Playing Fields
 - The Ham
 - Long Park
 - Manstone Recreation Field
3. There should be better signage overall and increased dog warden enforcement.
4. There should be clearer signage at Jacobs Ladder Beach.
5. The order relating to no more than 6 dogs should be reduced to no more than 4 dogs per dog walker.
6. Dogs on lead areas should be considered in areas where cycleways are in close proximity to pedestrian pathways.
7. The establishment of specific dog exercise areas should be encouraged and would be investigated by the Town Council on its own land.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL