

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 3 September 2018 at 6.30pm

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| Ward | Councillors Present: |
| Sidmouth South | Kelvin Dent John Dyson Paul Wright |
| Sidmouth East | Marc Kilsbie Frances Newth |
| Sidmouth West | Louise Cole Sheila Kerridge John Rayson |
| Primley | Simon Pollentine |
| Sidford | Jack Brokenshire (until minute 61) Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Chairman) |
| Sidbury | John Hollick Gareth Jones |
| Salcombe Regis | Ian Barlow (Vice-Chairman) David Barratt |
| Apologies: | Michael Earthey, Stuart Hughes, Dawn Manley, Jeff Turner |

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.05pm.

PART 'A'

56 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Handel Bennett.

57 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13 August 2018 were signed as a true and accurate record.

58 Declarations of Interest

| Name | Item Number | Type | Action Taken | Details |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cllr Kelvin Dent | 66 Potential Transfer of Knowle Parkland | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | Chairman Knowle Residents Association |

59 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Town Clerk reported that South West Water had advised of some necessary work to be carried out on pipework in the Manstone and Arcot Park area, this would require the footpath across Long Park to be closed to the public between 17 September and 5 October 2018.
- The Town Clerk reported that the Red Arrows display had been very successful and despite the poor weather the collection had been approx. £10,000 with more income due from the various car parks that been opened on the evening.
- The Town Clerk reported that Councillor Earthey had resigned from the Planning Committee with immediate effect and Councillor Dent would step in

as Chairman on an interim basis. As the Planning Committee was now short of Members it was proposed that Councillor Jones re-join the committee.

RESOLVED: That it be agreed that Councillor Jones become a member of the Planning Committee.

60 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

61 Public Open Question Time

Two members of the public asked questions relating to the selection criteria to be used for the sale of East Devon District Council Drill Hall site.

Responding to the questions and reiterating the position of the Council stated previously, Councillors McKenzie-Edwards and Barratt stressed that the process being undertaken by EDDC, with the Town Council as consultee, was open and transparent and followed the usual procedure for the sale of a District Council asset including the selection criteria. Selection criteria and information on the process would only be able to be obtained from EDDC's appointed agent JLL.

Cllr Cole reported that the draft Neighbourhood Plan, resulting from the largest consultation exercise ever undertaken in the town, included residents' views regarding Drill Hall re-development. Cllr Barratt reported that the District Council's Development Management Committee had already referred to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan with respect to a recent planning application demonstrating that the Neighbourhood Plan was already being recognised and in use as a planning tool.

62 Police Report

In the absence of Sgt Andy Squires, Members were advised that two Police reports would be made at the October Council meeting.

63 Committee/Working Group Reports

63.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 8 and 22 August 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

63.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillor Cole 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.

64 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

64.1 Finance Report

Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, Councillor Wright, presented the July 2018 Finance Report to Members.

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

65 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'

66 Potential Transfer of Knowle Parkland

The Town Clerk updated Members on the ongoing discussions with East Devon District Council concerning the potential transfer of Knowle Parkland to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Town Clerk continue negotiations with the District Council with a view to securing a legal agreement in due course.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL