

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 5 August 2019 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.40pm

PART 'A'

49 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 1 July 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record.

50 Declarations of Interest

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

51 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reported that Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service would be holding a 'Have Your Say' session at the Sidmouth Library on Thursday 15 August from 1pm to 5pm. The Chair would attend and respond to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council; he encouraged Members to inform him if they had any comments they wished him to include in the response.

52 Police Report

In the absence of Sgt Andy Squires the July police report was presented; the rolling 12 months figures showed 608 offences for the period 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 compared to 592 offences for the same period in 2018/2019; a reduction of 2.6%

53 Committee/Working Group Reports

53.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesdays 26 June, 10 and 24 July 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee report be noted.

53.2 Environment Committee Report

Councillor Bickley, Chair of the Environment Committee, presented the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 8 July 2019. She asked Members to consider the two recommendations made by the Environment Committee.

RESOLVED: That:

1. The Council commissions the construction of two fish themed plastic collection point sculptures, at a total cost of £500 and that the Council arranges with East Devon District Council Streetscene for regular emptying.
2. The Council purchases and plants 100 fruit trees and 200 other trees for planting in the Sidmouth area.
3. An Autumn meeting be scheduled between Jurassic Paddle Sports, East Devon District Council and Sidmouth Inshore Rescue to ensure that the Blue Flag designation and Beach Lifeguards would be in place for the 2020 summer season.

53.3 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group, updated Members on the Youth Provision Working Group meeting held on Friday 19 July 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Provision Working Group report be noted.

53.4 Section 106 & CIL Working Group

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Section 106 & CIL Working Group, updated Members on the Section 106 & CIL Working Group meeting held on Monday 22 July 2019. He asked Members to consider the seven recommendations made by the Section 106 & CIL Working Group.

RESOLVED: That:

1. New style play equipment be installed at The Ham whilst keeping the Zip Wire and Climbing Rock and that the Town Council allocates £17,500 of The Ham maintenance reserve towards topping up the allocation.
2. The Town Council to ask the District Council to progress the usage of funds (£22,310.37) at Byes Lane Play Park.
3. The usage of £35,000 at Long Park be agreed and the District Council instructed to progress to begin an involvement process with children and young people.
4. The Town Council work with the District Council to determine appropriate equipment which could incorporate seating/sculptures/Jurassic theme and play equipment for all to use in the Jacobs Ladder area.
5. The S106 Open Space Funding allocation be used towards the new Skate Park at Manstone Recreation Ground and that Young Devon be asked to confirm the recent consultation results of young people asking for the renewal of the Skate Park.
6. The £22,000 Sports Funding be spent on an outdoor gym throughout the Byes area; this should include multi-generational equipment.
7. In line with the Neighbourhood Plan Community Actions; the Skatepark be identified for the remaining £57,000 Sports Funding.
8. The Town Council wished to have input into the consultation process, at all stages, for the S106 and CIL funded projects.

53.5 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; she reported that the referendum date had been confirmed as Thursday 19 September 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report be noted.

53.6 Tourism & Promotion Strategy Task and Finish Forum

Councillor Cole gave a report of the work being carried out by the Tourism & Promotion Task and Finish Forum.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Promotion Strategy Task and Finish Forum report be noted.

54 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

54.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the Finance Report for June 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Finance Report for June 2019 be noted and agreed.

54.2 Sidmouth Hopper Bus

Councillor Dent gave a brief update on this year's Hopper Bus service and reported that, as in previous years, he would give a full report to Council at the end on the season.

RESOLVED: that the Sidmouth Hopper Bus report be noted.

54.3 Sidmouth in Bloom

Councillor Rixson reported that she and Councillor Ware had attended the welcome meeting for the South West in Bloom judges at the Belmont Hotel; they both looked forward to working with the Sidmouth in Bloom committee and becoming more involved in future seasons.

RESOLVED: that the Sidmouth in Bloom report be noted and thanks be recorded to Lynette Talbot, Peter Endersby and their committee for all the hard work in preparing Sidmouth for the competition judging.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL