

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 6 February 2017 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.50pm.

PART 'A'

126 Prayers

Prayers were taken by Father Paul Cummins.

127 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Mondays 9 and 16 January 2017 were signed as a true and accurate record.

128 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received at this meeting.

129 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reported that the Port Royal Scoping Study Working Group had reviewed a shortlist of 3 consultants who had tendered for the contract; Jillings-Heynes Consultants had been chosen.

130 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for January 2017; which showed a slight increase from 27 crimes in January 2016 to 30 in January 2017.

131 Committee/Working Group Reports

131.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 11 and 25 January 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

131.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deirdre Hounsom gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee.

The Chairman encouraged Members to become more involved with the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan and especially to attend an update session to be held at 6.30pm prior to the Steering Group meeting on Tuesday 7 March 2017.

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

132 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

132.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the December 2016 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the December 2016 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

132.2 Tourism and Economy Committee

Councillor Pollentine thanked Members, their partners and families who had kindly helped with the bagging of the 2017 guides; there were now only 20 boxes left to envelope.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pollentine's thanks be noted.

133 Sidmouth Town Council West Ward Vacancy

- (a) Members were asked to formally note the resignation of Matt Booth from the West Ward of Sidmouth Town Council
- (b) Nominations were sought for replacement representatives for the Citizen's Advice Bureau and Sidmouth Health Care Forum.

RESOLVED: That:

- (a) Matt Booth's resignation from Sidmouth Town Council's West Ward be formally noted. It was also noted that a petition for an election had been received. An election would be held on Wednesday 29 March if the election was contested.
- (b) Members would inform the Town Clerk if they wished to be considered and this would be discussed at the Informal Meeting to be held in March.

134 EDDC Consultation on new Public Space Protection Orders

The District Council was carrying out a limited consultation on revisions to their Public Space Protection Orders. Members were asked to consider the letter and orders as attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED: That Members were content with the Public Space Protection Orders as recommended subject to the following requests:

- 1) The Ham grassed area should be included as a Dog Exclusion Area – to enable residents and visitors, especially those with children, to use that area to play and picnic without the inconvenience of dogs being nearby.
- 2) The football pitch area at Manstone Recreation Ground should be included as a Dog Exclusion Area – to enable the football club to use that land without the problem of clearing dog mess prior to a match and to enable residents and visitors, especially those with children, to use that area to play without the inconvenience of dogs being nearby.
- 3) There should be no change to the current seasonal dog exclusion area at Jacob's Ladder Beach this should be retained as it is, but there must be better signage for dog owners.

- 4) There should be better and clearer signage at all sites throughout the district and this must be followed up with increased enforcement.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL