

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

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.55pm.

**PART 'A'**

**135 Prayers**

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Brian Hadfield.

**136 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 6 February 2017 were signed as a true and accurate record.

**137 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest received at this meeting.

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| CLlr Frances Newth | 139 Public Open Question Time | Personal | Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting | Trustee and Vice-President Sidmouth Hospital Comforts Fund |
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**138 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman**

- The Chairman reminded Members that the Annual Town Assembly would be held at 7pm on Monday 3 April 2017 at Sidbury Village Hall; this would be followed by the April Council meeting.
- The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from NEW Devon CCG confirming that the 24 inpatient beds would be retained in Sidmouth.

**139 Public Open Question Time**

- District Councillor Gardner asked Members to consider writing to Honiton and Seaton Town Councils expressing concern that they would be losing their inpatient hospital beds.

**RESOLVED:** That Sidmouth Town Council would write to NEW Devon CCG that Sidmouth was pleased to be retaining 24 of their inpatient hospital beds but expressing its concern that this was at the expense of other towns and the East Devon NHS area as a whole. Members maintained their concerns that all inpatient beds must remain until the new home care service was fully established and operating successfully.

**140 Police Report**

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for February 2017 which showed a small increase of crimes to 30 in February 2017 compared to 27 in February 2016.

**141 Committee/Working Group Reports**

141.1 Planning Committee Reports

In the absence of the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Turner presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 8 and 22 February 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

141.2 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.

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

**142 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

142.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the January 2017 Finance Report.

**RESOLVED:** That the January 2017 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

**143 Sidmouth Town Council West Ward Vacancy**

The Town Clerk reported that there were three candidates contesting the West Ward and the election would be held on Wednesday 29 March 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk's report outlining an election date of 29 March to fill Town Council West Ward vacancy be noted.

**144 Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Draft recommendations on the new arrangements for East Devon District Council**

Members were asked to consider the Town Clerk's report and map of the draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for EDDC.

**RESOLVED:** 1) That Sidmouth Town Council notes the recommended changes made to the East Devon District Council boundaries;

2) That Sidmouth Town Council did not support the creation of single Member wards within the Town Council as this would not lead to more effective and convenient representation for Sidmouth residents for the following reasons;

- Single Member wards would cause problems with reporting to the Planning Committee, especially in an area with so many properties in a conservation area and tree applications.
- A single Member ward for East Ward would not work as although there are fewer residents, there was much more case work as this area covers the majority of shops and businesses in Sidmouth town.

- Sidbury was a large geographical area which was three times as large as any other ward in Sidmouth – the ward should therefore also have two Members.

Sidmouth Town Council proposed that the wards should be represented as follows:

| Town Ward Name  | Current<br>no. of<br>Cllrs | Proposed<br>no. of<br>Cllrs |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Primley         | 2                          | 3                           |
| Salcombe Regis  | 2                          | 2                           |
| Sidbury         | 2                          | 2                           |
| Sidford Village | 2                          | 2                           |
| Sidmouth East   | 2                          | 2                           |
| Sidmouth North  | 3                          | 3                           |
| Sidmouth South  | 3                          | 3                           |
| Sidmouth West   | 3                          | 2                           |

3) That the current Town Council ward names of Sidmouth North, South, East, West, Primley, Sidbury and Salcombe Regis be retained and not as listed on the Boundary Commission consultation maps.

**145 Sidmouth Science Festival 2017 – 6 to 15 October 2017**

The Sidmouth Science Festival Committee sought approval for the following:

1. To borrow the Town Council marquee for The Esplanade event on Sunday 8 October 2017, in the event of rain for Primary School children on The Byes during the week and the Sunday 15 October NLO family event.
2. Use the Interpretation Centre on Sunday 8 October 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That permission be granted to Sidmouth Science Festival Committee to borrow the Town Council marquee during the festival and to use the Interpretation Centre on Sunday 8 October 2017.

**146 EDDC Consultation on new Public Space Protection Orders**

There was currently a Designated Public Place Order which aimed to control alcohol consumption at the Market Place and Seafront in Sidmouth. The District Council was required to incorporate these existing orders into new Public Space Protection Orders. Members were asked to consider the order and maps

**RESOLVED:** That Sidmouth Town Council support the inclusion of Section 4(i) *Intoxicating substances including alcohol* in the order but request that Section 4(ii) *Urination and defecation within a street or public open space*, 4(iii) *Aggressive requests for money* and 4(iv) *Intimidation, harassment, alarm or distress* should also be included for the two areas shown on maps 6 and 7 for Sidmouth.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL