

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 6 July 2015 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.10pm.

PART 'A'

39 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Handel Bennett.

40 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Monday 8 June 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

41 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr John Rayson	51 Town Centre Flagpole Brackets	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Member of Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce

42 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman asked that Members allow discussion regarding setting up a Facebook page for the visit of the Red Arrows under agenda item 46.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Reports.
- The Chairman reported that he had given permission for Sidmouth Majorettes to use Salcombe Regis Recreation Field for a practice session on Wednesday 1 July. Further dates had been requested and Members were asked to consider.

RESOLVED: that permission be granted to Sidmouth Majorettes to use Salcombe Regis Recreation Field for practice sessions on 22 July, 12 August, 2 and 9 September; this would be ratified at the next available Trustee meeting.

- The Chairman read a letter received from Health and Local Food for Families who thanked the Council for their grant which had been used towards the Sidmouth Make and Munch Sessions giving support to some of the families in receipt of Food Bank parcels in the Sidmouth area.

43 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.

44 Public Open Question Time

- Mr Thurlow, SVA Conservation and Planning Committee, supported the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Sidmouth and offered the SVA's involvement and financial assistance.
- Councillor Rayson asked whether the installation of a water butt at Sidmouth Cemetery was just an interim measure and whether the water pipe would be repaired. Councillor Hughes replied that the cost of replacing the lead pipes was prohibitive and he had suggested that addition water butts should be installed to make use of the run-off water from the chapel downpipes.
- Councillor Rayson asked for an update with regard to the Sidford to Sidbury cycle path. Councillor Hughes replied that this project now faced some delays as the cost of Phase I had been recalculated at £1.3m and Phase II at £0.5m which together made the project unaffordable. Councillor Hughes had now suggested that the project be split into 3 Phases with the first, from The Byes to England's Close, being implemented during 2016.

45 Police Report

In the absence of Sgt Andy Squires, the Town Clerk presented the police report for June 2015 which showed a total of 30 incidents representing a 3.2% decrease in comparison to 2014.

46 Committee/Working Group Reports

46.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 3 and 17 June 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted and agreed.

46.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Reports

Councillor Pollentine, Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee presented the reports of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 15 June 2015. Councillor Pollentine asked Members to consider the implementation of an experimental facebook page for the Red Arrows visit which would include a crowd funding opportunity, probably using Just Giving.

RESOLVED: that

- 1) the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted and agreed.
- 2) experimental pilot facebook page would be set up for the Red Arrows visit.

47 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

47.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the May 2015 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: that the May 2015 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

48 Neighbourhood Plan for Sidmouth

Councillor Cole presented her discussion paper for Members consideration.

RESOLVED: that a Neighbourhood Plan Feasibility Task and Finish Forum be set up to consider and make recommendations to Council on a possible Neighbourhood Plan for Sidmouth to consider matters including the plan scope and boundaries, resources required, costs and funding sources. TaFF membership would be Councillors Barlow, Cole, Dent, Earthy, Kilsbie and Wright and would report back to a future meeting of the Town Council.

49 Jurassic Coast

Councillor Pollentine gave a comprehensive report and update with regard to various Jurassic Coast meetings he had attended on behalf of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Pollentine's report be noted.

Standing Orders were suspended prior to the following item to enable Alan Darrant of the Sid Vale Association to speak on this issue.

50 Sundial and Toposcope on The Esplanade

East Devon District Council's Streetscene reported that the Sid Vale Association had contacted them regarding the sundial and toposcope on The Esplanade. The plinth of the sundial had been patched up but was getting beyond repair and there was currently a large chunk missing from the column which would be patched again as a temporary measure to see it through the summer. The plinth of the toposcope was also cracked and likely to be heading the same way.

The SVA had supplied an article from their newsletter dated July 1983, detailing a ceremony to 'hand over' the sundial & toposcope to EDDC and Sidmouth Town Council. It noted that EDDC 'has kindly undertaken to look after them' (i.e. maintain - not replace.) The SVA was keen to renew the features, and had indicated that it may make a contribution towards costs. The Town Council was asked whether it would be able to assist with finance for the project

RESOLVED: that this be deferred until the August meeting when all the quotes for manufacture and installation had been received.

51 Town Centre Flagpole Brackets

At the meeting of the Tourism and Economy Committee held on Monday 15 June it was suggested that although the town was looking spectacular with bunting and flags flying, there were a number of locations around the town where there were no brackets to display flags. The Chamber of Commerce had suggested that the Town Council considered purchasing additional brackets which the Chamber could arrange the fitting and maintenance of. Councillor Barlow asked Members to consider purchasing up to 50 brackets at a cost of £25 per bracket.

RESOLVED: that Sidmouth Town Council purchase brackets at a total cost of up to £1,250 for distribution by the Chamber of Commerce for business premises in Sidmouth. Individual businesses would be responsible for insurance and future maintenance.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL