SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth, on Monday 7 November 2016 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
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire
	Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Sidbury	John Hollick
	Gareth Jones
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow
Apologies:	David Barratt, Matt Booth, Marc Kilsbie, Jeff Turner,

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.35pm.

In the absence of the Chairman; the Vice-Chairman Cllr McKenzie-Edwards acted as Chairman for this meeting, with Cllr Hollick acting as Vice-Chairman

PART 'A'

88 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Brian Hadfield.

89 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Mondays 3 and 17 October 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

90 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received at this meeting.

91 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Vice-Chairman reminded Members that on Sunday 13 November 2016 there would be a Sidmouth Remembrance Day parade commencing at 10.30am followed by a service at the War Memorial and in the church. He encouraged as many Members as possible to attend.

92 Public Open Question Time

- Cllr Wright asked District Council Members whether there were any plans to introduce electric car charging points in Sidmouth car parks. Cllr Hughes responded that Cllr Ian Chubb EDDC Cabinet Holder was already considering this issue.

- Cllr Rayson asked whether there would be an opportunity to discuss the NEW CCG's ongoing consultation regarding the potential closure of in-patient hospital beds in Sidmouth. Cllr McKenzie-Edwards replied that this issue would be discussed at the December Council meeting when Graham Vincent, Di Fuller and representatives from NEW CCG would be able to attend.
- Cllr Cole asked for an update regarding the Port Royal Scoping Study. Cllr Wright reported that an initial set up meeting of the Reference Group had been held recently and the next meeting would be held in January 2017.

93 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for October 2016; he reported figures for the year to date January to October. 2015: 354 and 2016: 403 showing an increase of 13.8%. He also reported that, hopefully only on a temporary basis, he was now responsible for the Axminster and Honiton Neighbourhood Teams as well as Sidmouth and Seaton. He would remain based at the Sidmouth Police Station.

94 Committee/Working Group Reports

94.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 5 and 19 October 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

94.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Tim Salt, Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group administrator, gave a presentation on responses to the first household questionnaire, plus a preview of the results of the Business and Special Interest Group Survey and information of the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

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

95 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

95.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the September 2016 Finance Report.

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

95.2 Tree Wardens West County Annual Event

Councillor Pollentine gave a short report on the Tree Wardens event that he had attended as a representative of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Pollentine's Tree Warden report be noted.

96 Electoral Review of East Devon: Warding Arrangements

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England had commenced an electoral review of East Devon District Council and Members were asked to consider documents attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council wish to maintain the current level of representation on the District Council in recognition of the important coastal status of the town with regard to tourism, economy and potential regeneration projects.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL