

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 8 April 2019 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.20pm.

PART 'A'

135 Prayers

Prayers were taken by Ann Worthington, Living Stones.

136 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council meetings held on Monday 4 March 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record.

137 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr John Rayson	146 Hope Cottage	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	SVA Life Member
Cllr John Hollick	146 Hope Cottage	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	SVA Life Member
Cllr Kelvin Dent	146 Hope Cottage	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	SVA Life Member
Cllr John Dyson	146 Hope Cottage	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	SVA Life Member
Cllr Jeff Turner	146 Hope Cottage	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	SVA Life Member
Cllr Jack Brokenshire	146 Hope Cottage	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	SVA Life Member

Cllr Kelvin Dent	147 Transfer of Knowle Parkland	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion but did not speak or vote	Chairman Knowle Residents Association
Cllr Kelvin Dent	149 Transfer of Knowle Parkland – Financial Consideration	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion but did not speak or vote	Chairman Knowle Residents Association
Cllr Louise Cole	150 The Arches (West) Renewal of Licence Agreement	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Surf Life Saving Club member
Cllr Paul Wright	150 The Arches (West) Renewal of Licence Agreement	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Surf Life Saving Club member

138 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reminded Members that the Annual Town Assembly would be held on Monday 15 April 2019 at St. Francis Hall, Woolbrook, Sidmouth and asked that Members arrive at 6.45pm for a Council photograph.
- Members agreed that an additional item would be added to this agenda in Part B to enable the Town Clerk to give an update report on the forthcoming Air Display in August 2019.

139 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.

140 Public Open Question Time

- District Councillor Gardner asked whether the Town Council had debated how to spend the S106 Sanditon monies. Cllr Turner responded that a suggestion had been made at a recent Youth Provision Working Group to use some funding towards the new Skatepark, but this would not be reported to Council until after the forthcoming elections.
- District Councillor Rixson asked whether Pegasus Life had been approached to contribute to the management costs of the Knowle Parkland. The Town Clerk replied that in early discussions, Pegasus Life had indicated a willingness to make a contribution to the management costs as their residents would benefit from the open parkland adjoining the proposed development.
- Councillor Kilsbie commented that the lights at the Knowle were still lit for 24 hours a day; who was responsible for this cost. The Town Clerk reported that as the land had not yet been legally transferred to Pegasus Life presumably the District Council were still responsible for this cost.

141 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the March police report which showed 44 crimes in March 2019 in comparison to 58 in March 2018, a decrease of 24.1%.

Sgt Squires also reported rolling 12 months figures which showed 588 for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 compared to 595 for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, an increase of 1.2%.

142 Committee/Working Group Reports

142.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 6 and 20 March 2019. Councillor Dent also commented that the Planning Committee needed more members and

hoped that following elections more Members might consider joining the committee.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Committee reports be noted.

142.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Pollentine, Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 11 March 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted.

142.3 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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

RESOLVED: that the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan report be noted.

143 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

143.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright, Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, presented the February 2019 Finance Report to Members.

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

144 Neighbourhood Plan Community Actions

Members were asked to consider the discussions and recommendations from an informal joint meeting of the Council and Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Community Actions.

RESOLVED: that

1. following Local Government Elections in May 2019, the Council sets up a Community Action Coordination Group, to help facilitate the implementation of Neighbourhood Plan Community Actions;
2. the steering group to consist of Councillors alongside a number of volunteers (in a similar model to the NHP Steering Group) and report progress to full Council quarterly;
3. the Council's Committees and Working Groups champion relevant Community Actions as appropriate.

145 Risk Assessment

Members were asked to consider and approve the 2019 Risk Assessment; a copy of which had been issued for Members consideration.

RESOLVED: that the 2019 Risk Assessment be noted and agreed.

146 Hope Cottage

Members were asked to consider the letter and plans received from the Sid Vale Association regarding their proposed extension to Hope Cottage.

RESOLVED: that Sidmouth Town Council agrees 'in principle' to the extension of Hope Cottage.

147 Transfer of Knowle Parkland

The Town Clerk reported that Pegasus Life now had a revised phased timescale for the construction of their development at the Knowle. This meant that the Knowle Parkland would likely be offered for transfer to the Town Council in the autumn/winter of 2019 instead of in three years' time as previously advised.

Refurbishment work had also been carried out on the railings and brickwork along the Knowle boundary to Station Road as requested by the Town Council.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk's report be noted.

148 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of its contents.

PART 'B'

149 Transfer of Knowle Parkland – Financial Consideration

The Town Clerk reported that following negotiations between the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and District Council representatives, the Knowle Parkland had been offered to the Town Council along with a sum of money representing 2 years' worth of maintenance costs. Members were asked to consider this offer and advise the basis for further negotiations.

RESOLVED: that:

1. The Town Council accept the transfer of Knowle Parkland with the sum of money offered for 2 years' worth of maintenance costs.
2. In addition to (1), the District Council must supply evidence of recent tree surveys and management and any remedial tree works carried out prior to transfer of the land.
3. Pegasus Life be asked to make an annual contribution to grounds maintenance costs as this work will directly benefit their residents.

150 The Arches (West) – Renewal of Licence Agreement

Members were asked to consider the request from Sidmouth Surf Life Saving Club for a renewal of their permission to use The Arches western former shelter.

RESOLVED: that the Licence Agreement with Sidmouth Surf Life Saving Club for The Arches (West) be renewed with the current terms

151 Sidmouth Air Display

The Town Clerk updated Members with a proposed program of flying assets available for an Air Display on Friday 23 August 2019. It was anticipated that this could be carried out without using any of the reserves held which would help ensure and enable the repeat of the event and return of the Red Arrows in future years.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should continue preparing an Air Display along the lines outlined in his report.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL