

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 8 June 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
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies	John Hollick

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 9.00pm.

PART 'A'

23 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Philip Bourne.

24 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Monday 18 May 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record with the addition of 'and the lower car park' into Minute Number 19.

25 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Kelvin Dent	33 East Devon Local Plan and CIL Charging Schedule	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Vice Chairman Knowle Residents Assoc.
Cllr David Barratt	36 Parishes Together Fund 2015/2016	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	EDDC Member of PTF committee
Cllr Graham Liverton	38 Former Members	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Wife is a former Member of the Town Council

26 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman asked Members to stand for a minutes silence in remembrance of former Member of the Council, Alan Pascoe who had died recently.
- The Chairman read a letter received from Farringdon Parish Council thanking Sidmouth Town Council for their support in the Parishes Together Funding of two new bus shelters in their village.

26 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.

27 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Rayson asked District Councillors to consider the purchase of the scout hut at auction on 17 June 2015 to enable its use as a meeting room, storage and potential extension to the Manor Pavilion Theatre. Councillor Hughes reported that the District Council were monitoring the property and its potential use.
- Councillors Barlow asked why the District Council had repaired the bus shelter at the Triangle once under insurance but had now removed it; this should be replaced perhaps using S106 monies. The Chairman agreed that a strongly worded letter be sent to the District Council asking that the bus shelter be replaced as soon as possible.
- Councillor Barlow asked District Councillors to start making provision for the changes that will occur in Sidmouth after the relocation of EDDC and consider if there are services or assets that could be transferred to the management or ownership of the Town Council.
- Councillor Rayson considered that the repairs to the wall at Connaught Gardens were taking too long and asked the District Councillors to put pressure on EDDC to accelerate the replacement.
- Councillor Addis asked the County Councillor whether County Highways were consulted regarding the position of a new blue badge parking space opposite Drew's Butchers in Sidbury. He was concerned that this would lead to disruptions in the flow of traffic through Fore Street and an alternative site was available nearby along the river wall in Ridgeway. County Councillor Stuart Hughes replied that County Highways had been consulted and it was not deemed to make significant disruption to traffic through the 20 mile speed limit area, also the parking place was not for sole use and would be more useful opposite the shops.
- Councillor Cole asked Members to consider implementing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Sid Valley. The Chairman replied that he had asked Councillor Cole to create an outline scoping document that would be presented for discussion at a future Council meeting.
- Councillor Brokenshire asked the County Councillor when the drains in Sidford High Street were last cleared of debris and when is the next time they will be cleared. In the event that residents are affected financially because of flooding and the clogged drains contribute to the flooding will Devon County Council be liable. County Councillor Stuart Hughes reported that the drains

were last cleared on 28 September 2014 and will be cleared again in September 2015. In the event of flooding each case would be taken into consideration on an individual basis where liability and fault would need to be proven against the County Council.

28 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for May 2015 which showed a total of 33 incidents compared to 55 incidents recorded in May 2014; representing a 40% decrease. He also reported that two replacement officers would commence on 23 June and 6 July; this would bring Sidmouth's contingent to a full team.

29 Committee/Working Group Reports

29.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesdays 20 May 2015.

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

30 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

30.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the April 2015 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the April 2015 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

31 East Devon & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

Gerry Moore, Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator for East Devon had written to ask that Sidmouth Town Council nominate a representative to attend meetings of the East Devon & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Local Action Group.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Marc Kilsbie attends East Devon & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Local Action Group meetings on behalf of the Town Council.

Sidmouth Health and Social Care Forum

The Chairman also reported that Di Fuller had written to request a Sidmouth Town Council representative for the Sidmouth Health and Social Care Forum; the next meeting of which would be held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Louise Cole attends Sidmouth Health and Social Care Forum meetings with Councillor Dawn Manley acting as Deputy.

32 Sidmouth Science Festival

Dave Bramley, Sidmouth Science Festival had requested permission to borrow the Town Council's marquee for an Esplanade event on Sunday 11 October 2015 and a Norman Lockyer Observatory event on Sunday 18 October 2015.

He also asked to use the Interpretation Centre on Sunday 11 October 2015 as part of the event to celebrate the science and technology of the Sidmouth Esplanade.

RESOLVED: 1) That permission be given to Sidmouth Science Festival to borrow the Town Council's marquee for an Esplanade event on Sunday 11 October 2015 and a Norman Lockyer Observatory event on Sunday 18 October 2015 and use of the Interpretation Centre on Sunday 11 October 2015.

2) That the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman, be given delegated authority to approve use of the Town Council Marquee in future.

33 East Devon Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule – Consultation on Proposed Changes

Matthew Dickens, EDDC Planning Policy Manager had written to advise that there was a public **consultation regarding proposed changes** to the East Devon Local Plan and to the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule.

The Chairman reported that the changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule did not affect Sidmouth and only concerned Cranbrook.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council notes excerpt Strategy 26, Development at Sidmouth and reiterates its previous comments with the following additional points:

1. The New Homes allocation should retain the note of '*an additional 100*' new homes as the exclusion of this number leaves the new home allocation open ended.
2. Sidmouth Town Council strongly supports the removal of section d) Land north of Sidford regarding additional employment land and the removal of the similar notes under section 2. Jobs
3. With reference to section d) and section 2. – the document should also include an 'intention to protect the green wedge between Sidford and Sidbury in order to retain the integrity of Sidbury as a village'.
4. Section c) Land at Port Royal Site should include the wording Land for residential use is allocated for '*up to*' 30 homes.

34 Electoral Review of Devon: Draft Recommendations

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England had published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Devon County Council. There was an eight week public consultation on the Commission's draft recommendations on new division boundaries across Devon which closes on 6 July 2015.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council supports the inclusion of Sidbury into the Sidmouth Division and requests that it be entitled the Sid Valley Division to make it clear that it includes Sidmouth, Sidford, Salcombe Regis and Sidbury.

The remaining two member divisions should be split into one member divisions to bring them into line with all the remaining single seat divisions.

35 Proposals to change EDDC's Beach Huts, Beach Hut Sites and Beach Chalet Services

East Devon District Council had commenced a consultation on changes to their Beach Huts, Beach Hut Sites and Beach Chalet Services.

RESOLVED: That:

- Sidmouth Town Council strongly opposes the addition of 10 huts between the end of The Esplanade and Chit Rocks; this would devastate the open nature of the seafront and obstruct the sea view thus damaging a vital amenity currently enjoyed by walkers using the Millennium Walkway.
- Sidmouth Town Council strongly opposes the intention to auction the beach huts for a five year period to the highest bidder; the beach huts should be seen as a Public Service and therefore should be available to all.
- Priority should be given to Sidmouth residents who are on the Electoral Role.
- Sidmouth Town Council should be given first refusal of an option to lease all of the huts from the District Council and manage the huts on behalf of Sidmouth residents. In such an instance the Town Council would need to

have access to the District Council's fully costed business plan to fully understand the costs and income involved.

36 Parishes Together Fund 2015 / 2016

Jamie Buckley, EDDC Community Engagement and Funding Officer had written that for the fourth year East Devon District Council had worked with Devon County Council to put the sum of £1.10 per elector into a Parishes Together Fund grants scheme. The funding was available to town and parish councils working together and involving the community to try and solve local issues.

RESOLVED: That Members be asked to advise the Town Clerk of any projects that could be considered under this item.

37 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'

38 Former Members

Members were asked to consider a report from the Chairman.

RESOLVED: That an extraordinary meeting of the Council be held at the rising of the July Council meeting.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL