

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 10 August 2015 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Michael Earthey Stuart Hughes
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent John Dyson
Sidmouth East	Marc Kilsbie Frances Newth
Sidmouth West	John Rayson
Primley	Simon Pollentine
Sidford	Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Sidbury	David Addis John Hollick
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt

Apologies: Jack Brokenshire, Louise Cole, Dawn Manley, Jeff Turner, Paul Wright

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

PART 'A'

54 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Handel Bennett.

55 In the absence of the Chairman, Members resolved that Councillor Barratt act as Vice Chairman for the meeting.

56 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting and Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 6 July 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

57 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr John Rayson	65 Sundial and Toposcope on The Esplanade	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Sid Vale Association Member
Cllr Stuart Hughes	67 Manor Road Car Park	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	EDDC Member
Cllr Simon Pollentine	68 Local Government Pensions Scheme	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Receives Peninsular Pension
Cllr David Addis	68 Local Government Pensions Scheme	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Receives Peninsular Pension

58 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- Councillor McKenzie-Edwards read a letter received from the former Town Clerk; Mrs Trina Kemp, rescinding her appointment as a Freeman of Sidmouth.

- The Town Clerk asked for Members views on holding a meeting between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the new District Council Members. Members commented that they would prefer a meeting with all Councillors present and would wish to know what would be discussed in advance of such a meeting.
- Councillor McKenzie-Edwards reported that an invitation had been received from the Royal British Legion for Members to attend the remembrance service of the 70th anniversary of VJ Day on Saturday 15th August.
- The Town Clerk asked Members to let him know by email whether they would be willing to collect for the Red Arrows on the evening of Friday 21 August.

59 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.

60 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Rayson asked County Councillor Hughes whether the County Council would install seats into the bus shelters in Sidmouth especially in the Woolbrook area. Councillor Hughes reported that bus shelters were a District Council responsibility and that the seats had been removed some time ago due to vandalism, vagrancy and anti-social behaviour; this action had solved the problem so it was unlikely that the District Council would wish to reinstall seating.

61 Sidmouth Town Council West Ward Vacancy

Members were asked to formally note the resignation of Graham Liverton from the West Ward of Sidmouth Town Council. Notices of the resulting vacancy had been posted on the Town Council's notice boards in accordance with The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Returning Officer had received a petition requiring an election to fill the vacancy

RESOLVED: That the vacancy in West Ward and forthcoming election be noted.

62 Police Report

In the absence of Sgt Andy Squires, PC Simon Blyth presented the police report for July 2015 which showed a total of 41 incidents in comparison to 34 in 2014. He also reported, with reference to Item 66, that he and PC Steven Lee were working in conjunction with VOSA with the intention of making Sidmouth a hostile environment for anti-social vehicles and drivers.

63 Committee/Working Group Reports

63.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 1, 15 and 29 July 2015.

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

64 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

64.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the June 2015 Finance Report.

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

64.2 Devon Maritime Forum

The Chairman asked Members to note Councillor Pollentine's Devon Maritime Forum report which had been emailed prior to the meeting for Members consideration.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pollentine's report be noted.

65 Sundial and Toposcope on The Esplanade

At the July meeting it was resolved to defer this item to enable discussion when quotes for manufactures and installation of a replacement sundial and toposcope on The Esplanade had been received by the District Council. Alan Darrant had indicated that the Sid Vale Association would be willing to cover 50% of the costs.

The most competitive estimate for manufacture (from a local company) was £1,320 +VAT which included reinforcements and fixings in marine grade stainless steel. The removal of existing and installation of new is estimated to be in the region of £2,000 as it was difficult to assess how deep the foundations and reinforcements were.

Members were asked to consider whether they wished to cover 50% of these costs.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council would cover 50% of the cost of manufacture, removal and installation of the Sundial and Toposcope; this would be paid from the Woolley Bequest.

66 Fortescue Telephone Box

Members were asked to consider the request from the Fortescue Residents Committee, as attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council would adopt the Fortescue Telephone Box at an adoption charge of £1.00, the Fortescue Committee would take responsibility for ongoing maintenance and the telephone box would be covered by the Town Council's insurance at no extra premium. It was suggested that a defibrillator could also be installed into the telephone box.

67 Manor Road Car Park

Andrew Ennis, Service Lead for Environmental Health and Car Parks had received a petition supporting a proposal by local residents asking the District Council to consider measures to resolve the problem of vehicle related antisocial behaviour linked to Sidmouth's Manor Road car park.

Prior to developing any ideas further and consulting more widely Mr Ennis was keen to know the position of both the Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council believe that the Police are the right authority to deal with this issue and a period of six months should be allowed to ascertain whether their new initiative was successful in reducing the anti-social behaviour in this area.

68 Local Government Pensions Scheme

Members were asked to note and approve the employer adopted discretionary powers options as set out in the Local Government Pension Scheme document.

RESOLVED: That the Local Government Pensions Scheme report be noted and agreed.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL