

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
in its Capacity as Trustee
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 6 November 2017
on the rising of the Council Meeting

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

The meeting started at 8.45pm and finished at 9.00pm.

PART 'A'

28 Minutes

The minutes of the Trustee meetings held on Monday 2 October 2017 were signed as a true and accurate record.

29 Matters of Urgency or Report

The Chairman reported that there was an urgent item for discussion as follows:

- **Alma Bridge Design Update**

An email had been received from David Pick, Senior Structural Engineer, Devon County Council outlining an update to the Alma Bridge design.

The scheme that DCC put forward and gained Town Council support for included short flights of steps at either end of the bridge. This option ruled out access to the bridge by mobility scooter users, prams and would be difficult for cyclists.

DCC had proposed an alternative diversion route for these user groups and consulted with the Devon Countryside Access Forum (DCAF) and the cooperate equality officer. A member of the DCAF group, who was a mobility scooter user

consultant was asked to assess the alternative route for suitability. This route took people via Riverside Road, Mill Street, Millford Road and onto Beatlands road. A diversion of approximately 0.7km. The report he produced concluded that the route was unsuitable in its current form but could be improved. DCC decided to revisit the design to see if there was any way to accommodate these groups even if there had to be compromises in other ways.

The alternative had introduced short sections of steep ramps in place of the steps and ramps that were there previously. The plan location and footprint were the same as the previously agreed scheme. The short steep ramp sections were to be inclined at 1:6 which matched the average gradient of Hanger Path. The bridge itself was inclined at 1:12 and the ramps had a level landing at each change in direction. The steepness of these ramps would require a departure from standard. The new scheme was supported by the following consultees: Devon Countryside Access Forum, East Devon Ramblers, Devon Public Rights of Way team, South West Coast Path team and Devon Safety Audit.

The proposals did not change the footprint of the scheme and did not take any more land or impact on The Ham. The change, although a slight compromise for the majority of ambulant pedestrians, was however, suitable for a wider range of users. A draft plan was tabled for Members consideration.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council supported the revised design for Alma Bridge enabling disabled access.

30 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.

31 The Ham – Summer Fun Fair

A request had been received from David Rowland of Rowlands Fun Fairs to use The Ham for a family fun fair Wednesday 6 to Saturday 9 June 2018. Details were as follows:

Access to The Ham would be needed from Monday 4 June to set up until Monday 11 June to take down and vacate The Ham.

Operating times would be:

Wednesday to Friday 5pm – 9:30pm

Saturday 1pm – 9:30pm

It would be run as a family saver fair where all rides would be only £1.50.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted to David Rowland of Rowlands Fun Fairs to use The Ham for a family fun fair from Wednesday 6 to Saturday 9 June 2018. It was understood that boarding would be used to safeguard the grass and that there would be on-site security personnel supplied by David Rowland.

32 The Ham – Trail Running Race

A request had been received from Pure Trail Running to use a small area of The Ham as a start and finish location for a Relay Race along the South West Coast Path to Beer and back on Saturday 23 June 2018.

They would need to erect one gazebo on the grass to assist with the registering of the runners and anticipate a 1:30pm to 2pm start and would anticipate being on site from 12noon to 6pm. The number of finishers would be limited to 125.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted to Pure Trail Running to use a small area of The Ham as a start and finish location for a Relay Race along the South West Coast Path on Saturday 23 June 2018.

33 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'

34 Salcombe Regis Recreation Field

Following the receipt of an arboricultural report for Salcombe Regis Recreation Field Members were requested to consider the urgent works required. A number of trees requires pruning and/or reduction to make them safe and the quote had been categorised in terms of urgency as Priority 2 and 3 (there were no Priority 1 trees.)

RESOLVED: That all the tree work in both Priority 2 and 3 categories be carried out in the total sum of £3,210; the majority of which to be paid out of general reserve.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL