

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 11 April 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	Marc Kilsbie
Sidmouth West	Matt Booth Louise Cole John Rayson
Primley	Simon Pollentine Jeff Turner (Chairman)
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Sidbury	Gareth Jones John Hollick
Apologies:	Ian Barlow, David Barratt, Frances Newth

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.35pm.

PART 'A'

179 Prayers

Prayers were taken by Councillor Turner, Chairman of the Council.

180 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7 March 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

181 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Stuart Hughes	188 Sidmouth Literary Festival	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	DCC Locality Budget funding

182 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reported that the Chamber of Commerce were organising a Garden Party to celebrate the Queen's Birthday on Sunday 12 June from 4pm to 7pm. Members were asked to contact the Town Clerk if they wished to attend.

183 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.

184 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Brokenshire asked County Councillor Hughes if utility companies having affected repairs on the highway had a responsibility to come back to check if any settlement had occurred? County Councillor Hughes responded that there was a 2/3 year guarantee period following work carried out by utility companies. He reported that members of the public should inform the County Council of any issues regarding road surface safety.
- Councillor Hollick asked County Councillor Hughes whether there had been any provision made for the school bus during the road closure at Sidbury. County Councillor Hughes reported that the school bus would be escorted by the banksman through the road works both morning and afternoon.

185 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for March 2016 which showed a total of 41 incidents compared to 30 incidents in March 2015.

186 Committee/Working Group Reports

186.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 9 and 23 March 2016.

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

186.1 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Pollentine, Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 14 March 2016.

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

187 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

187.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the February 2016 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: that the February 2016 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

187.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan

Deirdre Housom, Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, gave a report regarding the first meeting of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Steering Group and the planned timescale of events and consultation.

RESOLVED: that Ms Housom's report be noted.

187.3 Public Footpath Enquiry

Councillor Dyson reported that he had represented Sidmouth Town Council at the Public Enquiry held to consider the footpath between Newtown and Salcombe Road.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Dyson's report be noted.

188 Sidmouth Literary Festival

Di Bowerman attended the meeting to give a brief presentation about the plans for the 2016 literary festival; a programme was distributed to Members for their information.

RESOLVED: that Di Bowerman's report be noted.

189 Sidmouth in Bloom

Lynette Talbot and Peter Endersby attended the meeting to give a presentation on Sidmouth in Bloom's attendance at the 2016 BBC Gardeners' World Exhibition held at Birmingham NEC from 16 to 19 June.

RESOLVED: that Lynette Talbot's report be noted.

190 Clean for the Queen

The Town Clerk had been contacted by Richard Eley who had been undertaking a programme of cleaning footpaths and unclassified roads within the Town Council jurisdiction as part of the Clean for the Queen programme; to be completed by 12 June 2016. Members were advised that he had already cleaned 55 miles of paths and roads which was approximately half of the total and had collected about 200 kgs of litter so far.

Mr Eley had been in consultation with Cllr Hughes about a general clean-up of Sidmouth, for example, many of the road and street signs were covered in green algae and hard to read. He advised that the hire of a Chewing Gum removing machine would be in the region of £300 for a week.

He asked Members to consider ways in which the Town Council could contribute to the clean-up, but more importantly claim and publicise the fact that Sidmouth was 'The Cleanest Town in Britain'. This might encourage everyone else to participate and 'do their bit'.

Richard Eley attended the meeting to answer questions on this initiative.

RESOLVED: that Sidmouth Town Council would sponsor the one week hire of a special chewing gum removal machine.

191 Noticeboards and Fingerposts

At the October 2015 Pre-Budget meeting it was resolved:

'that the Notice boards and Fingerposts budget be set at £2,500 to enable the possible installation of new notice boards at Sidbury, Bedford Lawn, All Saints Road and fingerposts for The Byes and Kennaway House. The order of installation to be discussed at a future Council meeting.'

Members were asked to give consideration to this matter and to prioritise the work within the budget allocated.

RESOLVED: that Sidmouth Town Council would replace/install notice boards and finger posts in the following order:

- Finger post to Kennaway House at Market Square
- Notice board at Burnt Oak, Sidbury
- Finger post to The Byes on The Esplanade
- Notice board at All Saints Road

192 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'

193 CCTV System

Sgt Andy Squires and Mr Jerry Allen of Metcalfe Allen Ltd attended the meeting to give a report regarding CCTV in Sidmouth.

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred until Sgt Squires is able to obtain a commitment to substantial funding towards the project from the new Police Commissioner following the elections in May 2016.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL