

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**in its Capacity as Trustee**  
**held on Monday 1 March 2021**  
**on the rising of the Council Meeting**

(Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Town Council met virtually as authorised by the Regulations set out in Clause 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.)

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Charissa Evans Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley Jenny Ware
Sidmouth South	Denise Bickley Kelvin Dent Chris Lockyear (Vice Chair)
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Emma Murdoch Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Marianne Rixson
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Chair)
Apologies:	Deirdre Hounsom, John Loudoun

The meeting started at 8.25pm and finished at 8.45pm.

**PART 'A'**

**57 Minutes**

The minutes of the Trustee meetings held on Monday 7 December 2020 were signed as a true and accurate record.

**58 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Stuart Hughes	59 Manstone Recreation Ground	Personal	Remained at the meeting during discussion but did not vote	President of Sidmouth Town AFC

**59 Manstone Recreation Ground – Fibre Broadband Network Installation**

Daniel Langworthy-Smith, Wayleave Manager for Jurassic Fibre, had written to inform the Town Council that Jurassic Fibre was planning to build a new digital broadband network which would bring full fibre to premises throughout the South West. Jurassic Fibre had expanded its footprint and was looking at Sidmouth as one of the next areas and would need to build a data centre, requiring space to do this they had identified Sidmouth Football Club carpark and Sidmouth Town Council as Trustee of that land. The compound would be 5 x 5 metres and have security fencing round it to protect the network centre. The compound location was best suited for full diversity of the network within the town and the location already had a mast which would, in the future, require fibre upgrades.

As an incentive to the Football Club and Town Council, Jurassic Fibre had offered to provide the club house and Town Council offices with a 3-year free service connection and create the opportunity for future sponsorship of the football club. Jurassic Fibre were also offering a sum of money to the Town Council for the lease of the land.

The compound required planning permission and Jurassic Fibre wished to resubmit its application; once the compound had been built, the network distribution build would be through multiple avenues such as its own civil dig, using existing Openreach or WPD network and private landowner options. As statutory undertakers with conferred rights granted to them by Ofcom and DCMS (Department for Culture, Media and Sport) Jurassic Fibre had certain rights and powers to allow them to help reach the government target of FTTP by 2025.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- 1) 'in principle' permission be granted, subject to a successful planning application, for the installation of a security compound and cabinets to house the Jurassic Fibre network (with design and exact position to be agreed) on the Manstone Recreation Ground car park area.
- 2) authority be delegated to the Chair, Vice-Chair and Town Clerk to continue discussions with Jurassic Fibre to further this project.

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**CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**