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To: All Members of the Town Council
Town Clerk

29 March 2022

For information:
District Councillor for Sidmouth not on the Town Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
Monday 4 April 2022
on the rising of the Town Assembly meeting**

You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting to be held at the **Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Sidmouth.**

It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers appropriate.

Whilst the government has removed any legal requirement to wear masks and maintain social distancing, it is necessary for us all to protect and look after each other and demonstrate personal responsibility in doing so. Therefore, in line with COVID-19 best practice guidance, the meeting will be conducted with social distancing measures in place and the encouraging of the wearing of face masks.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher E Holland
Town Clerk

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| <u>PART 'A'</u> | |
| 1 Apologies To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 2 Minutes To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 7 March 2022. | 4 – 7 |
| 3 Declarations of Interest To receive any Members' declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda. Note: You must also declare the nature of any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered. | |

4 **Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair**

To consider any items that in the opinion of the Chair should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances. (Note: such circumstances need to be recorded in the minutes).

5 **Exclusion of the Public**

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which the Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way.

6 **Public Open Question Time**

In accordance with Sidmouth Town Council Standing Orders Item 3 (d) – (i) Members of the Public are invited to put a question (one per person), to the Council through the Chair (taking no more than 3 minutes each and for a total of 15 minutes). Please note that in accordance with standing order 3(h), a question shall not give rise to a debate or require an immediate response.

Councillors also have the opportunity to ask questions of the County and District Members during this item whilst giving priority to Members of the public.

(Members and members of the public are reminded to notify the Town Clerk and Councillor concerned of questions to be raised. This arrangement is in place to enable a considered response at the meeting. The Chair of the Council has the right and discretion to control questions to avoid disruption, repetition and to make best use of the meeting time.)

7 **Police Advocate Report**

To receive the Police Advocate report from Councillor Dent.

(Members are asked to notify the Town Clerk of questions to be raised in advance of the meeting where possible.)

8 **Working Group Reports**

8.1 Planning Working Group Reports

To receive the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 2 and 16 March 2022.

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8.2 Tourism & Economy Working Group

To receive the report of the Tourism & Economy Working Group meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022.

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8.3 Environment Working Group Report

To receive an update, if appropriate, from the Chair of the Environment Working Group.

8.4 Council Resources Review Working Group

To receive an update, if appropriate, from the Chair of the Council Resources Working Group.

8.5 Youth Provision Working Group

To receive an update, if appropriate, from the Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group.

9 **Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

9.1 Finance Report

To receive the Finance Report for February 2022

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9.2 Other Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

To receive other notified reports from other Members.

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| Fire Beacon - Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship agreement | |
| Toby Taylor of the RSPB will attend to ask Members to consider the attached proposal from the RSPB for a new Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship agreement. | 23 – 24 |
| 11 | |
| Queen’s Platinum Jubilee | |
| To receive updates on the following: | |
| a) Beacons/Lights | |
| b) Commemorative mugs | |
| c) Street Party – Council table | |
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| Proposed Amendment Order No. 1 of 2022 - Roxburgh short stay car park, Sidmouth | |
| To consider the attached Notice of Proposed Amendment Order for Roxburgh short stay car park, Sidmouth. | 25 – 26 |

PLEASE NOTE:

Venue for Council meetings (until further notice): Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Sidmouth

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall
on Monday 7 March 2022 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.20pm.

PART 'A'

119 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7 February 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record.

120 Declarations of Interest

| Name | Item Number | Type | Action Taken | Details |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------|--|------------------------------------|
| Cllr Stuart Hughes | 123 Sid Valley HELP | Personal | Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting | Has donated from DCC Locality fund |
| Cllr Louise Cole | 123 Sid Valley HELP | Personal | Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting | Working with Sid Valley HELP |
| Cllr Deirdre Hounsom | 123 Sid Valley HELP | Personal | Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting | Sid Valley HELP trustee |

121 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reported that a Ukrainian flag had been raised at the Three-Cornered Plot and asked Members to sit for a minute's silence as a mark of respect and to contemplate those caught up in the war and humanitarian crisis.
- Cllr Loudoun reported that Sidbury Village Hall had been opened for donations towards the Ukrainian appeal and that the Sid Valley had donated very generously.

- The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had received a total £8,214 so far from the Welcome Back Fund. This funding had purchased and installed concrete planters, benches, bins and 2 marquees which would be made available for community events.
- The Town Clerk reported that the Rayson Bequests would be slightly lower than originally reported as stock valuations had been lower than expected. The final figure was likely to be approx 75%.

122 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Turner reported that he had emailed all the Sidmouth EDDC Members raising his concerns regarding the increases to East Devon District Council's car parking charges and asked when had District Members known about the last minute change, to increase the number of car parks being affected and why had it not been reported to the Town Council's Tourism & Economy Working Group. Councillor Loudoun responded on behalf of the District Council, stating that the review had needed to respond to an evolving situation and that charges had not been increased for 12 years.
- Councillor Cole raised a question regarding obtaining clarification on additional information that was needed to be supplied to the District Council to support the Town Council's application from the Innovation and Resilience Fund prior to the deadline of 1 April 2022. Councillor Loudoun replied that he would follow this up with District Council officers.
- Councillor Cole asked what preparations were being made by the District and County Councils to rehouse refugees from Ukraine. Councillor Hughes reported that he would be attending a Devon County Council briefing on Wednesday and would update Members by email.

123 Sid Valley HELP

Di Fuller gave a presentation of the valuable work carried out by Sid Valley HELP whose objective was supporting access to locally delivered health and care provision. She asked Members whether they knew of anyone who might have the skills and be willing to join the Sid Valley HELP management team.

RESOLVED: That Di Fuller be thanked for her presentation.

124 Police Advocate Report

Councillor Dent reported that he had not received any contact from the police since the last meeting and asked Members to inform him of any concerns that they wished to be raised by the Police Advocate.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

125 Working Group Reports

125.1 Planning Working Group Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 2 and 16 February 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Working Group reports be agreed and noted.

125.2 Environment Working Group Report

Councillor Lockyear reported that 90 houses had so far been scanned with the Town Council's infrared camera.

RESOLVED: That the Environment Working Group Report be noted.

125.3 Council Resources Review Working Group

Councillor Barlow reported that:

- The Knowle would not be transferred to the Town Council until a number of Health & Safety issues raised by both the Town and District Councils, had been resolved by the County Council; this was likely to be later in the year.
- Detailed plans were currently being drawn up for the proposed steps up to the cricket ground from the Seafront Amenity Building.
- Discussions were being held with South West Water regarding the Town Council's request to install a side entrance/glass doors to the Ham Utility Building.

RESOLVED: That the Council Resources Review Working Group report be noted.

125.4 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Cole reported that the contract renewal negotiations with Young Devon were ongoing.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Provision Working Group report be noted.

126 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

126.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for January 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for January 2022 be noted.

127 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- a) Platinum Jubilee Beacon: The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council working in partnership with Sidmouth in Bloom, had plans for a beacon to be lit at Fire Beacon which would be visible from the town. A gas fired beacon had been supplied free of charge from the Institute of Chartered Surveyors.
- b) Platinum Jubilee Beacon: 'Searchlight Beacon' The Chair and Town Clerk reported on possible plans for a display using the John Rayson Bequest as previously agreed in principle by Council. Members had asked the Town Clerk to investigate the possibility of an alternative to fireworks to help mark the Platinum Jubilee. The suggestion was that units which would be used as four 'searchlights' to scan the sky and esplanade with varying movements and colours. It was predicted that these could create a unique 'Beacon' and way of marking the unique Platinum Jubilee using Rayson Bequest funding. Costs for 2 evenings (Thurs 2 and Fri 3 June) would total £9,800; reducing to one evening would be just over £9,000.
- c) Commemorative Gift for Sid Valley Primary School children – Cllrs Perram and Evans reported on the results of the consultation with Primary school children and their parents regarding a suitable jubilee gift. Samples of a variety of bone china mugs and designs were circulated for Members to consider. Around 728 mugs would be needed and these could be personalised to show Sidmouth Town Council's crest or Visit Sidmouth logo; although original artwork would incur an additional charge.
- d) Commemoration Oak Tree – Cllr Lockyear reported that Sidmouth Arboretum considered that the best place for the Jubilee Oak tree would be Long Park.
- e) Commemorative Flagpole at Bowd – Members were asked to consider the erection of a new flagpole at the Bowd Sidmouth entrance. It would be a similar size to that at Greendale Farm Shop and would cost in the region of £1,000.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) Platinum Jubilee Beacon: Members agreed that a gas fired beacon be lit at Fire Beacon as part of the nationwide beacon lighting.
- b) Platinum Jubilee Beacon: 'Searchlight Beacon' This item was deferred for further discussion by the Tourism and Economy Working Group; it was agreed that photographs

of the same lighting units proposed to mark the Jubilee, would be circulated to and considered by the Tourism and Economy Working Group for a recommendation.

- c) Commemorative Gift for Sid Valley Primary School children – Cornish manufactured and printed mugs would be ordered for all the Primary school children at a net of VAT cost of up to £4,000 being allocated from the John Rayson Party/Celebration Bequest fund. The mug design was to be decided by Cllrs Perram and Evans.
- d) Commemoration Oak Tree – the Jubilee Oak would be planted at Long Park.
- e) Commemorative Flagpole at Bowd –a new flagpole would be erected at the Bowd Sidmouth entrance at a cost of up to £1,000.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group
held on Wednesday 2 March 2022**

(The Working Group met online)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Jeff Turner (Vice Chair)
Ian Barlow
Jenny Ware
John Loudoun
Simon Kendall-Torry
Chris Lockyear
Rachel Perram
Deirdre Hounsom

The meeting started at 11.30 am and finished at 12.30am

362 Declarations of Interest

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| Cllr Jenny Ware | 22/0293/FUL 2 Corefields, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SG | Personal Interest | Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote | Acquainted with the applicant |
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363 District Council Members

It was formally noted that the participation of those Councillors who are also members of the East Devon District Council in both the debate and subsequent vote is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Town/Parish Council. The District Councillors reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

364 Minutes

Agreed and delegated to the Chair of the Planning Committee to sign as a true and accurate record, the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting of 16 February 2022.

365 Applications for consideration

RECOMMENDED: That in respect of the Planning Applications set out below, representations to the manner in which they should be determined, be made known to the East Devon District Council in accordance minute 230 of Council, 19 April 2021 and with schedule 16 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Urgent items or Amended Plans received after formulation of the agenda.

None reported

366 22/0334/FUL Mr J 16 Ladymead, Sidmouth, EX10 9XN.
North Ward Beech Two storey side extension and relocation of parking.

SUPPORT – Members would like to see a permeable surface used for the parking area.

367 22/0326/LBC Mr Smith 5 Bowd Court, Bowd, Sidmouth, EX10 0ND. Install replacement
North Ward windows to property.

SUPPORT subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

368 22/0325/FUL Mr Smith 5 Bowd Court, Bowd, Sidmouth, EX10 0ND. Install replacement
North Ward windows to property.

SUPPORT

369 22/0335/FUL Mr Howitt 92 Woolbrook Road, Sidmouth EX10 9XD. Single storey rear
North Ward extension and two storey rear extension.

SUPPORT

- 370** 22/0386/FUL Mr & Mrs 35 Manstone Avenue, Sidmouth EX10 9TF. Two storey side
North Ward Gary & extension and single storey front extension.
Emma
Adam
- SUPPORT**
- 371** 22/0105/LBC Mr Robert Old Toll House, Salcombe Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8PR. Replace 1no.
Salcombe Nichols door and repair 4no. pillars and 2no. pilasters on front south
Regis Ward elevation.
- SUPPORT** subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.
- 372** 22/0218/FUL Peter 39 Sidford High Street, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SH.
Sidford Ward Buttle Demolition of garage, construction of two storey side extension and
new roof over front door and bay window.
- SUPPORT** – Members were concerned that vehicles should be able to turn round on the drive and
exit onto the main road in a forward direction.
- 373** 22/0293/FUL Mr and 2 Corefields, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SG. Conversion of roof space
Sidford Ward Mrs J Horn to habitable use to include a front dormer and two front roof lights.
- UNABLE TO SUPPORT**
The proposed design is out of keeping and contrary to Policy 7 (Local Distinctiveness) of the
Neighbourhood Plan.
- 374** 21/2350/FUL Mr Eric 26 Windsor Mead, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SJ. Rear and side
Sidford Ward Stonham extension, additional rear and front dormer windows, rooflights to
side, loft conversion for habitable use.
- SUPPORT** - Members carefully considered the objections put forward by residents but could not
substantiate those objections.
- 375** 21/3353/LBC Mr Liam 3 - 4 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth, EX10 8NT. Re-slate front and rear
South Ward Brown elevations, internal repairs and reinforcement to include replacing
failing internal joists and install purlin(s).
- SUPPORT** subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.
- 376** 22/0210/FUL Mr & Mrs 35 Winslade Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9EX. Single storey rear infill
South Ward Brandon extension including 2x roof light with alteration to fenestration.
- SUPPORT**
- 377** 22/0176/LBC Mr S Littlecourt House, Seafield Road. Sidmouth, EX10 8HF.
South Ward Kussman Replacement of roof slates with new natural slate to 4 roofs.
- SUPPORT** subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.
- 378** 22/0219/FUL Mr The Gables, Ice House Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9DS. Single storey side
West Ward Norman extension, single storey front extension with alteration to
Curtis fenestration.
- SUPPORT**
- 379** **Trees in Conservation Areas**
To note the following proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
- a) 21/3133/TCA Carlton Park, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, EX10 8SG. T1 Cypress. Fell
South Ward
- WORKS NOTED**

380 Tree Preservation Orders

Notification of any applications to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders.

- a) 22/0288/TRE Mr George Balfour Manor, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8XW. T1 Holm Oak, South Ward Russel DBH 30inches Re-Pollard back to historic pruning points to gain more light to garden and lawn T2 Cork Oak DBH 30inches Re-Pollard back to historic pruning points to gain more light to garden and lawn T3 Yew DBH 20inches Thin Crown by 10%,maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn T4 Yew DBH 36inches Thin Crown by 10%,maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn T5 Yew DBH 34inchesThin Crown by 10% Maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn.

Deferred at the request of EDDC

- b) 22/0060/TRE Mr Peter Flat 1, Boughfield, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, EX10 8SG. T1, Lime South Ward Kinsey DBH approx 25 to 35 inches, located at the bottom of the garden next to pavement, this tree has broken the retaining wall between the garden and the pavement and is now making the pavement narrower, the tree has a metal tourniquet around its base; crown raise to 1m above first main union removing only the epicormic growth below 50mm in diameter; reduce height and width of tree by up to 2m back to mainly historic pruning points, pruning cuts to not exceed 100mm; thin inner lower canopy by up to 10% removing only epicormic growth to lessen sail effect and aid airflow The reasons for the works are to tidy the tree up at the customer's request.

REFUSED No justification has been provided for the works other than to tidy up the tree. The work is not considered arboriculturally appropriate.

- c) 22/0062/TRE Cedar Shade Residential Home, All Saints Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8EU. South Ward Holm Oak (T1) Fell because tree is causing damage to a wall directly beside the tree.

REFUSED

1. It is accepted that the damage to the wall is being caused by the holm oak but no evidence has been submitted that the crack could not be repaired without work to the tree being required. The tree makes a positive contribution to the local landscape and its removal is not a proportional response to relatively minor damage to an insignificant structure.
2. This application is a repeat of application ref: 16/1740/TRE which was refused and the decision upheld on appeal.

The situation has not changed significantly to warrant a different decision for this application.

381 New Tree Preservation Order – None received

382 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order - Notification of Tree works considered an exemption to TPO 17/0146/TPO 7 Sidmount Gardens, Sidmouth, EX10 8XQ.

383 Appeals - Appeal Ref: APP/U1105/Y/21/3284637 4 Counters Court, Mill Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8DW. The appeal is dismissed.

384 Unsupported decisions - None received

385 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group
held on Wednesday 16 March 2022**

(The Working Group met online)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Jeff Turner (Vice Chair)
Ian Barlow
John Loudoun
Simon Kendall-Torry
Chris Lockyear
Rachel Perram
Deirdre Hounsom

Apologies; Cllr Jenny Ware

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.25am

386 Declarations of Interest

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| Cllr Kelvin Dent | 22/0390/FUL Heathers, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HW. | Personal Interest | Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote. | Nearby resident |
| Cllr Chris Lockyear | 22/0443/FUL Bickwell House, Stadway Meadow, Sidmouth, EX10 8TB. | Personal Interest | Remained in the meeting during discussion but did not speak or vote. | The applicant. |
| All Cllrs | 22/0443/FUL Bickwell House, Stadway Meadow, Sidmouth, EX10 8TB | Personal Interest | Remained in the meeting during discussion and did vote. | Applicant is a member of the Council |

387 District Council Members

It was formally noted that the participation of those Councillors who are also members of the East Devon District Council in both the debate and subsequent vote is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Town/Parish Council. The District Councillors reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

388 Minutes

Agreed and delegated to the Chair of the Planning Committee to sign as a true and accurate record, the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting of 2 March 2022.

389 Applications for consideration

RECOMMENDED: That in respect of the Planning Applications set out below, representations to the manner in which they should be determined, be made known to the East Devon District Council in accordance minute 230 of Council, 19 April 2021 and with schedule 16 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Urgent items or Amended Plans received after formulation of the agenda.

None reported

390 22/0399/FUL Ms Lucy Anderson East Ward Fat Face, 4 Fore Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8AJ. Repair and repainting of existing fascia, shopfront and soffit. Repainting of existing stallriser and projecting sign.

SUPPORT

391 22/0400/ADV Ms Lucy Anderson East Ward Fat Face, 4 Fore Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8AJ. Removal of fascia sign and replacement with non-illuminated fascia sign. Installation of a 'A board' and sign panel to cover existing stencil.

REFUSED

Member felt that the sign would cause clutter which would detract from the character of the building and the street scene and could cause a problem for users of the highway.

- 392 21/3039/FUL Mr Duncan The Bays, Coburg Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8NF. Construction of
East Ward Barnsley single storey extensions, porch and plant room to front.
Alterations to and raising of roof, installation of side facing window
at first floor level, alterations to fenestration and alterations to the
existing vehicular access.

SUPPORT

- 393 22/0447/FUL Rachel 6 Ashley Crescent, Sidmouth, EX10 9UE. Single storey rear
North Ward Russell extension.

SUPPORT

- 394 22/0515/FUL Mr Blockley 59 Woolbrook Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9XB. Formation of 2 no
North Ward replacement parking spaces in front garden and replacement open sided porch,
replacement doors/windows to rear elevation.

SUPPORT - Members suggested that the work should be carried out during school holidays in view of the proximity of the school.

- 395 22/0478/FUL Alastair Inglemead, Sidcliffe, Sidmouth, EX10 9QA. Garage conversion to
Salcombe Pratt single storey side and rear extension and an infill extension.
Regis Ward

SUPPORT

- 396 22/0479/FUL Mr Blue Ridge, Elm Way, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SY. Installation of
Sidford Ward Christopher internal stairwell, addition of first floor and raising of existing roof
Timms by 1m.

SUPPORT

- 397 22/0443/FUL Mr Chris Bickwell House, Stadway Meadow, Sidmouth, EX10 8TB.
South Ward Lockyear Installation of 12 PV ground mounted solar panels.

SUPPORT

- 398 22/0210/FUL Mr & Mrs 35 Winslade Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9EX. Single storey rear infill
South Ward Brandon extension including 2x roof light with alteration to fenestration and
installation of an air source heat pump on west elevation

SUPPORT - Members were however, concerned about potential noise from the pump in case it causes a nuisance for the neighbours.

- 399 22/0448/FUL Rob and Runnymede Orchard Close, Manor Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RS.
South Ward Sue Removal of timer shed and green house, extension to garage and
Doughty new study.

SUPPORT – Members would like a legal tie imposed between the building and the house and a restriction on the building being used for a business.

- 400 22/0390/FUL Mr Terence Heathers, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HW. Removal of existing
South Ward Chappell hedge, restoration of low retaining wall beneath hedge
and erection of timber fence along boundary with highway.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT - This application was chaired by the Vice chair as the Chair had declared a Personal Interest.

- The height and design of fence would not be in keeping with the character of the area creating a visually intrusive and unnatural barrier, tantamount to over development which would be contrary to Policy 7 and Policy 6 (Local Distinctiveness) of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan. Members also wished to express their regret at the removal of the original hedge.

- The fence should have the posts on the inside not on the roadside to be less visually intrusive.

401 Trees in Conservation Areas

To note the following proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:

- a) 22/0371/TCA Mrs Burnell Lime Tree House, Muttons Moor Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RH. T1, Red Oak: shorten back second order branches over roof by 2m to a suitable side branch to leave a natural form; shorten back remaining side branches by a similar amount to leave a radial spread of approximately 8m; remove dead wood over 75mm.

WORKS NOTED

- b) 22/0075/TCA 6 Sidmount, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8XU. T1 Pittosporum - Light crown reduction and trim to give 1 metre clearance from Monterey Cypress T1007; T2 Phillyrea latifolia - Take back to the line of the hedge and trim to leave a height of 6 metres; T3 Turkey Oak - Trim low-lying branch (facing west) back to union as in attached photo, to free it from the Yew alongside; T4 Magnolia - Reduce western side by 45cm, making pruning cuts up to 20mm diameter. Retain a height of 5.5 metres. Crown lift to 1 metre above ground level. Previously granted in 14/0643/TRE. (These notes correspond to a visit from Robin Offer on December 17th, 2021.)

WORKS NOTED

- c) 22/0241/TCA Mr Bruce Smith Byways, Hillside Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JD. T1 Ash: DBH 12 to 15 inches; pollard to suitable pruning points around 5.5m from ground level to allow more light to properties and allow more space between tree and garage next door

WORKS NOTED

402 Tree Preservation Orders

Notification of any applications to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders.

- a) 22/0288/TRE Mr Russell South Ward George Balfour Manor, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8XW. T1 Holm Oak, DBH 30inches Re-Pollard back to historic pruning points to gain more light to garden and lawn T2 Cork Oak DBH 30inches Re-Pollard back to historic pruning points to gain more light to garden and lawn T3 Yew DBH 20inches Thin Crown by 10%, maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn T4 Yew DBH 36inches Thin Crown by 10%, maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn T5 Yew DBH 34inches Thin Crown by 10% Maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn.

APPROVED

- b) 22/0052/TRE Lewis The Rectory, Glen Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RW. T1, Cedar: Further to recent storm damage: Reduce 3 lowest lateral branches of Atlas Cedar on the West side by up to 2m to reduce the risk of future failure; prune fractured branch stubs back to main stem

APPROVED

403 New Tree Preservation Order – None received

404 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order - None received.

405 Appeals

APP/U1105/C/21/3286809 Thorn Park Family Golf Centre, Salcombe Regis, Devon, EX10 0JH. The appeal is allowed, and the enforcement notice is quashed.

Appeal Ref: APP/U1105/W/21/3280492 Site off Cheese Lane, Cheese Lane, Sidmouth EX10 8QY. The appeal is dismissed.

Appeal Ref: APP/U1105/W/21/3275285 2 Brooklyn, Stowford, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 0NA. The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted.

406 Unsupported decisions

21/3196/FUL Westering, 1 Connaught Close, Sidmouth, EX10 8TU. Install 3 No rooflights to side elevation, raise existing dormer on front elevation by approx 450mm

Sidmouth Town Council
SUPPORT

EDDC
REFUSED

21/3229/FUL 17 Higher Woolbrook Park, Sidmouth, EX10 9ED. Single storey rear extension; erection of new rear

Sidmouth Town Council
UN-SUPPORT

EDDC
APPROVED

21/2947/FUL The Haven, Frys Lane, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SP. Creation of a driveway to provide off-street parking.

Sidmouth Town Council
UN-SUPPORT

EDDC
APPROVED

407 Enforcement Letters

No Enforcement letters were received.

408 Local Plan – An informal update was given by Councillor Loudoun. A further call for sites is to be issued and the reclassification of certain settlements is being considered.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP

**Minutes of a Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council's
Tourism and Economy Working Group
on Monday 14 March 2022 at 6.30 pm
(The Tourism and Economy Working Group met virtually)**

Councillors present: Ian Barlow
Louise Cole
Deirdre Hounsom
Steven Kendall-Torry
Chris Lockyear
Hilary Nelson
Richard Thurlow
Jeff Turner

Invited Reps: Chamber of Commerce – Sally Mynard
Ignyte Ltd – Tina Veater
Acting TIC Manager – Tim Shardlow
T&P Advisory Group – Jo Watson

Apologies: Alistair Handyside – South West Tourism Alliance,

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.35pm

PART 'A'

28 Minutes

The Minutes of the Tourism & Economy Working Group meeting held on Monday 13 December 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.

29 Declarations of Interest

| Name | Item Number | Type | Action Taken | Details |
|------------------|--|----------|--|---------------|
| Cllr Louise Cole | 34 Sidmouth Air Show & Regatta Weekend | Personal | Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting | SCCH Director |
| Cllr Louise Cole | 35 Street Trading | Personal | Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting | SCCH Director |

30 Tourism Advisory Group Update

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Tourism Advisory Group, gave an update of the work that had been carried out by the Tourism Advisory Group since the last meeting and reported that:

- The TAG was now meeting every 5 weeks with Tim Shardlow continuing to act as administrator for the group.
- A review of all town signage was underway especially the fingerposts owned by the Town Council. Others, including the town entrance signs, were being considered for redesign to bring them in line with the Visit Sidmouth brand and other signs owned by both EDDC and DCC were being examined to try and consolidate to try and reduce signage 'clutter'.
- A branding package had been drawn up to issue to all Town Council grant recipients to supply the Visit Sidmouth brand information that was expected to be included in all the recipients marketing and social media output.

- Louise Thompson was working separately with Sidmouth Folk Festival organisers as there was a need to maximise the Visit Sidmouth branding prior to and throughout the Folk Festival in order to recognise that Sidmouth Town Council provided the largest sponsorship to the event.
- The TAG was also working on Public Relations, more campaigns for 2022, highlighting the off-peak shoulder seasons and, if the IRF funding application was successful, additional focus on Sustainable Tourism.
- The TAG had been working in collaboration with the District Council to endeavour to make the EDDC's 'EastDevonly' marketing campaign more successful and appropriate for the Sid Valley.
- The IRF funding application had been delayed until the next panel meeting to be held at the end of April. Cllrs Cole and Nelson were clarifying what additional information would be required so that the application would be successful.
- Nigel Jones, a member of the public present, asked a number of questions during this and the following items relating to the Town Council's Tourism and Economy strategy, Tourist Information Centre and Tourism and Promotion contract. In view of the large number of points and questions made, the Chair and Working Group agreed to answer Mr Jones' queries by email after the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism Advisory Group report be noted.

31 Information Centre Updates

Tim Shardlow, acting Information Centre Manager, reported that:

- Ian Bowden, Sidmouth Jazz and Blues Festival, had visited the TIC to supply information so that the TIC staff would be able to support visitors wishing to purchase tickets for the various events.
- Ticket sales for the 2022 Folk Week had commenced and there was a lot of interest from attendees who had missed the event during the covid pandemic. As there was a large number of ticket holders who had rolled their tickets over from 2019 and 2020, the overall income and commission was likely to be lower than in previous years.
- It was anticipated that TIC opening hours could be extended after Easter although it was unlikely that the normal full summer schedule of opening including Sundays would start until May.
- Visit Sidmouth merchandise was available directly from the TIC and via Visit Sidmouth website; it was anticipated that sales would increase during the summer season.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth Information Centre report be noted.

32 Tourism & Promotion Contract Update

Tina Veater of Ignyte, presented the report of the promotional activity work carried out with and on behalf of the Town Council, highlighting that:

- Comparing 2021 Visit Sidmouth website statistics with 2019: Users had increased by 73.9%, Sessions by 131.8% and Pageviews by 207.6% and there had been over 1.5 million page views.
- The 2021 Town Map had been very successful and extremely popular with visitors to the town, advertising had been sold to 83 Sidmouth businesses for 2022. The new map would include the large fold out map and sit inside a 16-page booklet which also contained maps for dog walks, Sid Valley Ring, SWCP, accessible tree walk and Blue Plaque trail.
- The Ignyte team along with other individuals would be carrying out a review of the Visit Sidmouth website to look at updates, new functionality and user journeys.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Promotion contract update report be noted.

33 Tourism & Promotion Budget Spend and Committed 2020/2021

The Chair presented the Tourism & Promotion Budget report as at the end of February 2022 and reported that the Chair and Tina Veater were working on supplying additional information to complete the Year End position.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Promotion Budget report be noted.

34 Sidmouth Air Show & Regatta Weekend

34.1 Impact Assessment

Cllr Nelson, Chair of the Air Show Working Subgroup presented the report and recommendations from the Air Show Working Subgroup.

RESOLVED: That the Air Show Working Subgroup would use the event IMPACTS Tool Kit to evaluate the Economic, Social, Environmental and Media related impacts associated with the Air Show. A draft report would be submitted to the Autumn Tourism & Economy Working Group meeting and would include estimated event attendance and the volume of car traffic associated with the Air Show in order to properly assess these impacts. The full report would then be submitted to a full Council meeting for a decision before the end of 2022.

34.2 Expanded Associated Events

Councillors Thurlow and Barlow reported that they had held another meeting with interested parties to discuss whether additional activities could be included over the Bank Holiday weekend. There had been a very positive response and the Sidmouth Gig, Sidmouth Lifesaving and Sidmouth Sailing Clubs had committed to work together and hold events over the Bank Holiday weekend. The Rotary Club were also hoping to organise a couple of land-based events to complement the water events. It was anticipated that there would be a fireworks display on the Saturday night and hoped that the fun fair would also be able to attend on The Ham. The Town Council would produce a program and supply prizes for the various 2022 events, with the hope that this would continue in future and lead to an annual Regatta weekend.

RESOLVED: That the Expanded Associated Events report be noted and agreed.

35 Street Trading

The Chair of the Working Group gave an update and reported on the additional information received from a meeting held with the East Devon District Council Licensing Manager which would allow a far more appropriate Street Trading Policy than had previously been suggested, based on date and types of organisations. Members were asked to consider whether wanted the District Council's Licensing committee to develop criteria in conjunction with the Town Council so that Sidmouth would be able to have some strictly controlled street trading which would be site specific and use a seasonally determined approach.

RECOMMENDED: That the Town Council request that Sidmouth be included for consideration for a new Street Trading Policy and be included on the next District Council Licensing committee agenda for the July meeting.

This would start the collaboration process and would be followed by public consultation.

36 Jurassic Coast Interpretation

Councillor Cole reported on a recent meeting held with the Jurassic Coast Trust to discuss the lack of Jurassic Coast Interpretation information in Sidmouth. It was hoped that funding may be available from organisations such as the East Devon AONB, East Devon District Council and National Lottery Heritage to further this project.

RESOLVED: That the Chair and Town Clerk would continue discussions with Jurassic Coast Trust to design and instal appropriate Interpretation panels and posts along the Esplanade and Riverside Walkway.

37 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Beacon Lights**

Members were asked to consider the installation of searchlight beacons on the Esplanade during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee long weekend. This item was deferred from the March Council meeting for discussion by the Tourism and Economy Working Group.

Members asked the Town Clerk to investigate the possibility of an alternative to Fireworks to help mark the Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed that photographs of the same lighting units proposed to mark the Jubilee, would be circulated to and considered by the Tourism and Economy Working Group for a recommendation. The photographs showed the units which would be used as for four 'searchlights' (actually called Space Cannons) to scan the sky and esplanade with varying movements and colours. It predicted that these could create a unique 'Beacon' and way of marking the unique Platinum Jubilee using Rayson Bequest funding. Costs for 2 evenings (Thurs 2 and Fri 3 June) would total £9,800 reducing to one evening which would be just over £9,000.

RECOMMENDED: That Beacon Lights were not considered suitable to be used during the summer months when they would not be seen until very late and for a short time; it would be more appropriate to be considered as an event during the October Science Festival week.

38 **Matters Raised by Invited Representatives**

Sally Mynard, Chamber of Commerce, reported that:

- The tickets for the Jubilee Street Party were going on sale at The Anchor Inn on Saturday 23 April.
- A petition in response to the District Council's increase in car parking charges had been submitted to East Devon District Council.
- The Chamber of Commerce would encourage promotion of seasonal/weekly car parking tickets in order to minimise the overall cost for residents, especially targeted to the elderly and lower income individuals.

Jo Watson, Chamber of Commerce, reported that:

- The hotel bookings for Spring were becoming stronger although people still seem to be leaving bookings until the last minute.
- People were now more confident about eating indoors.
- Staffing was still a major issue across all the sites and other hotels, e.g., occasionally Dukes cannot open due to lack of staff.

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CHAIR OF THE TOURISM & ECONOMY WORKING GROUP

Sidmouth Town Council - Detailed Income and Expenditure Report
Month 11 - February 2022

| | Actual Current Month | Actual Year to Date | Current Annual Budget | Budget Balance | Cummulative To + / From - EMReserves |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <u>Council Services</u> | | | | | |
| Public Conveniences | 0 | 0 | 32,000 | 32,000 | 0 |
| Youth Service Support | 0 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Flower Beds, Planters & Watering | 1,650 | 15,222 | 16,000 | 778 | 0 |
| Christmas Lighting & Events | 0 | 13,950 | 13,500 | -450 | 0 |
| Donation to Christmas Lighting (Income) | 0 | -1,750 | -1,500 | 250 | 0 |
| Tourism Promotion | 0 | 38,747 | 50,000 | 11,253 | 0 |
| Tourism Promotion Income | -2,398 | -21,355 | -15,000 | 6,355 | 0 |
| Verge Cutting, Town Maintenance & Weeding | 1,696 | 18,764 | 16,500 | -2,264 | 0 |
| Verge Cutting DCC Grant (Income) | 0 | -4,697 | -4,690 | 7 | 0 |
| Street Furniture | 0 | 2,307 | 1,000 | -1,307 | -1,307 |
| Sidmouth Information Centre | 0 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Water Fountains & Defib Mtce | 401 | 1,514 | 700 | -814 | 0 |
| Dog Hygiene Bins | 0 | 0 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0 |
| War Memorials | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| Parish Paths Partnership Payments | 0 | 3,032 | 0 | -3,032 | -3,032 |
| Parish Paths Partnership (Income) | 0 | -2,150 | 0 | 2,150 | 2,150 |
| | £1,349 | £133,584 | £180,210 | £46,626 | -£2,189 |

Discretionary Expenditure

| | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Grants | 0 | 24,976 | 20,000 | -4,976 | -5,000 |
| Sidmouth Folk Festival | 0 | 34,000 | 34,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Sidmouth Town Band | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Sidmouth in Bloom | 0 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 0 | 0 |
| South West Museum Development | 0 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0 |
| Sidmouth Air Show | 0 | 31,645 | 10,000 | -21,645 | 0 |
| Donation to Sidmouth Air Show (Income) | 0 | -15,702 | 0 | 15,702 | 0 |
| Environment Working Group | 280 | 1,336 | 10,000 | 8,664 | 0 |
| Covid-19 Expenses | 116 | 9,012 | 8,000 | -1,012 | 0 |
| Community Infrastructure Levy Payments | 100 | 12,598 | 0 | -12,598 | -12,598 |
| Community Infrastructure Levy (Income) | 0 | -8,488 | 0 | 8,488 | 8,488 |
| Woolley Bequest Payments | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | -5,000 | -5,000 |
| Woolley Bequest (Income) | 0 | -23 | 0 | 23 | 23 |
| | £496 | £107,154 | £94,800 | -£12,354 | -£14,087 |

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Woolcombe House

| | Actual Current Month | Actual Year to Date | Current Annual Budget | Budget Balance | Cummulative To + / From - EMReserves |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Services Gas/Water/Elec | 374 | 2,271 | 3,600 | 1,329 | 0 |
| Woolcombe House Business Rate | 0 | 7,111 | 7,600 | 489 | 0 |
| Woolcombe House (Loan Interest&Repayment) | 0 | 14,889 | 14,890 | 1 | 0 |
| Woolcombe House-General Maintenance | 90 | 2,788 | 8,500 | 5,712 | 0 |
| | £464 | £27,059 | £34,590 | £7,531 | £0 |

Other Property

| | | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Alma Lane Field | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Manstone Youth Centre | 817 | 12,240 | 85,000 | 72,760 | 0 |
| Manstone Sports and Play Areas | 0 | 100 | 2,000 | 1,900 | 0 |
| Long Park & Play Area | 85 | 935 | 1,500 | 565 | 0 |
| Seafront Amenity Building | 1,500 | 17,228 | 33,000 | 15,772 | 0 |
| The Arches East (Income) | 0 | -16,875 | 0 | 16,875 | 0 |
| Conservatory Maintenance | 0 | 2,628 | 1,000 | -1,628 | -2,238 |
| Knowle Parkland & Amphitheatre | 0 | 3,013 | 0 | -3,013 | 0 |
| Knowle Parkland & Amphitheatre (Income) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire Beacon Stewardship | 0 | 0 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 0 |
| Fire Beacon Stewardship (Income) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sidmouth Golf Club (Income) | 0 | -5 | -5 | 0 | 0 |
| Elec Pole Rent (Income) | 0 | -38 | -40 | -2 | 0 |
| | £2,402 | £19,226 | £130,455 | £111,229 | -£2,238 |

Trust Property

The Ham

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| The Ham Ground Mtce | 110 | 1,370 | 2,000 | 630 | 0 |
| The Ham Other Mtce | 89 | 5,212 | 4,000 | -1,212 | 0 |
| The Ham Play Equipment | 0 | 540 | 1,500 | 960 | 0 |
| The Ham Reserve | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |
| The Ham Utility Building | 0 | 21,895 | 20,000 | -1,895 | -1,895 |
| The Ham 3Phase Power | 33 | -46 | 1,800 | 1,846 | 0 |
| The Ham Rent (Income) | 0 | -9,265 | -9,000 | 265 | 0 |

Manstone

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|----------------------------|-----|---------|--------|--------|---|
| Manstone Land Ground Mtce | 60 | 660 | 800 | 140 | 0 |
| Manstone Other Maintenance | 667 | 7,061 | 1,600 | -5,461 | 0 |
| Manstone Reserve | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |
| Manstone Rent (Income) | 0 | -14,200 | -1,310 | 12,890 | 0 |

Salcombe Regis

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| S.R. Allotment Field | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S.R. Allotment Field Rent (Income) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S.R. Recreation Field | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S.R. Recreation Field Rent (Income) | 0 | -525 | -525 | 0 | 0 |
| | £959 | £12,702 | £24,865 | £12,163 | -£1,895 |

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| | Actual Current Month | Actual Year to Date | Current Annual Budget | Budget Balance | Cummulative To + / From - EMReserves |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <u>Members</u> | | | | | |
| Members/Chair's Allowances | 0 | 5,011 | 6,100 | 1,089 | 0 |
| Chair's Expenses | 0 | 1,273 | 2,000 | 727 | 0 |
| Members Expenses/Training | 0 | 0 | 800 | 800 | 0 |
| Elections | 0 | 4,172 | 1,000 | -3,172 | -3,172 |
| Civic & Hospitality | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | £0 | £11,456 | £10,900 | -£556 | -£3,172 |
| <u>Staff</u> | | | | | |
| Salaries | 7,972 | 87,697 | 96,500 | 8,803 | 0 |
| Pensions | 1,587 | 17,456 | 20,000 | 2,544 | 0 |
| Staff Eye Tests | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| Training & Conferences | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Officers Expenses | 8 | 8 | 500 | 492 | 0 |
| | £9,567 | £105,161 | £118,100 | £12,939 | £0 |
| <u>Office Expenses</u> | | | | | |
| Postage | 0 | 151 | 1,700 | 1,549 | 0 |
| Stationery | 0 | 294 | 1,200 | 906 | 0 |
| Telephone | 211 | 3,657 | 3,600 | -57 | 0 |
| Subscriptions | 35 | 2,322 | 2,400 | 78 | 0 |
| Photocopier | 31 | 348 | 1,000 | 652 | 0 |
| Internet, website and webcams | 0 | 3,820 | 4,000 | 180 | 0 |
| Computer Software Contracts | 0 | 1,460 | 1,500 | 40 | 0 |
| Computer Maintenance Contingency | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Advertisements | 0 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0 |
| Audit | 0 | 1,750 | 1,600 | -150 | 0 |
| Insurance | 0 | 5,297 | 5,500 | 203 | 0 |
| Sundry | 0 | 231 | 1,200 | 969 | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 10 | 258 | 200 | -58 | 0 |
| Bank Interest Received (Income) | -4 | -279 | -300 | -21 | 0 |
| | £283 | £19,309 | £25,100 | £5,791 | £0 |

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| Expense Group Totals | Actual Current Month | Actual Year to Date | Current Annual Budget | Budget Balance | Cummulative To + / From - EMReserves |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Council Services | 1,349 | 133,584 | 180,210 | 46,626 | -2,189 |
| Discretionary Expenditure | 496 | 107,154 | 94,800 | -12,354 | -14,087 |
| Woolcombe House | 464 | 27,059 | 34,590 | 7,531 | 0 |
| Other Freehold Property | 2,402 | 19,226 | 130,455 | 111,229 | -2,238 |
| Trust Property | 959 | 12,702 | 24,865 | 12,163 | -1,895 |
| Members | 0 | 11,456 | 10,900 | -556 | -3,172 |
| Staff | 9,567 | 105,161 | 118,100 | 12,939 | 0 |
| Office Expenses | 283 | 19,309 | 25,100 | 5,791 | 0 |
| Precept Received | 0 | -619,020 | -619,020 | 0 | |
| Net Income over Expenditure | £15,520 | -£183,369 | £0 | £183,369 | -£23,581 |

Current/Deposit Bank Accounts

£903,294

of which

Woolley Bequest

£5,978

Earmarked Reserves

£520,078

Fire Beacon Hill Local Nature reserve

The RSPB are looking for in principle support from Sidmouth Town Council to enter the land at Fire Beacon Hill into the RSPB's own Defra funded 10 year Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship agreement with a start date of 1st January 2023.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Sidmouth Town Council and East Devon District Council have been working together on the 26.39ha of land at Fire Beacon Hill since the mid 1990's to deliver both recreational and conservation benefits.

1994-1998 - EDDC, STC & RSPB were working together to start to deliver conservation management on Fire Beacon Hill, new fire breaks were created, access provision was improved. Encroaching scrub was started to be tackled, invasive species were being controlled and a presence of site management and care was being exercised. This work was being funded by EDDC countryside team with some funding from the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

1998-2008 - During this time STC, facilitated by the RSPB, received funding from Natural England through the early Countryside Stewardship scheme for FBH. This was the first government funding to be received by the Town Council for site management. The schemes aims were measurable and more intervention was required to deliver the objectives.

2008-2018 - During this time RSPB acted as an agent for the Town Council and the site was entered into a Higher Level Stewardship scheme (HLS) by STC. This required an elevated level of management across the site including the re-introduction of native breeds of livestock, scrub control continued, and bracken management, this work was undertaken successfully by the RSPB.

2018 - Current day, the application for a new countryside stewardship scheme was declined in 2018 as full permission to enable extensive grazing was not fully in place. An appeal was made to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) (who administer the funding on behalf of Defra). This was not forthcoming and since then the Town Council has been paying the RSPB as contractors to deliver the conservation outcomes across the site, this work has focused on the same objectives as the previous HLS & CSS agreements.

The RSPB having been on the site (classified as a Local Nature Reserve, a County wildlife site and site within the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) for 25 years, are keen to continue the ongoing habitat management and increase the nature conservation value of the area. Since our involvement the site has seen a rise in biodiversity and key species flourishing, such as Dartford warblers, Nightjars, Reptiles, Butterflies.

The RSPB have been managing Lowland Heath sites in East Devon since 1978, and for the past thirty years the team has been lead and supported by Toby Taylor. We manage our own 200Ha Nature Reserve and work with both private individuals and multi nation companies to deliver their obligations across both restoration, recreation and ongoing management responsibilities, covering a further 130Ha. The Aylesbeare Team recently won a landscape scale heathland restoration award. We are part of the Pebblebed Heaths National Nature Reserve, and we work closely with both Clinton Devon Estates and the Devon Wildlife Trust.

The RSPB's proposed CSS application will include a number of sites, some of these are owned freehold by the RSPB, some on long leases and some management agreements. Having a large robust land holding with this level of conservation interest increases the likelihood of the application being a success, so by including FBH in with the RSPB's application it increases the likelihood that the site is in receipt of Defra funding.

To confirm working arrangements between the two parties, it is proposed to use a management agreement as successfully used in the past. Using the mechanism of a management agreement the freehold ownership and associated responsibilities remain with STC and the RSPB are purely undertaking the conservation management across the site. The RSPB will continue to facilitate grazing on the site over the spring & summer 2022 and throughout the length of the agreement, although any licences are between STC and the grazier.

The revenue and capital contributions through the CSS will cover the cost of the conservation land management of the site to ensure it retains its SSSI quality in favourable condition, with no additional funds required by STC. The RSPB team will be able to deliver the required management options for the 10 year period of the agreement. Any additional enhancement project works such as pond restoration, for example, the RSPB would be able to facilitate and hopefully source appropriate funding for the Town Council to access directly.

The RSPB need to complete the CSS application form by the 29th April 2022, Natural England and the RPA then assess the application and would consider all of the proposed works - both revenue and capital. We will receive acceptance of the agreement by the 30th June 2022 then work with NE to build the application until formal signed agreement by the end of the year.

There would be an expectation that the Town Council would continue financial contributions using the already agreed budget, for the next nine months on FBH until the proposed new Countryside Stewardship Scheme starts on 1st January 2023.

RSPB March 2022

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ORDER

**EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFF-STREET
PARKING PLACES) AMENDMENT ORDER NO.1 2022**

Notice is hereby given that **East Devon District Council** in exercise of its powers under Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as further regulated by the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers intends to **amend** the East Devon District Council (Civil Enforcement Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008 (as amended) ("the 2008 Order") which will have the effect of reducing the maximum period permitted for waiting in **Roxburgh short stay car park, Sidmouth, Devon** from three hours to two hours.

Please contact Legal Services, East Devon District Council, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1EJ or email: legal@eastdevon.gov.uk quoting ref: 000684/Legal, to request electronic copies of documents giving more detailed particulars of this proposed amendment Order or alternatively, to make an appointment to view this information at Reception in Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1EJ.

Objections (and other representations) in connection with the proposed amendment Order should be made in writing specifying the grounds for objection to Legal Services, East Devon District Council, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1EJ or email: legal@eastdevon.gov.uk, quoting ref: 000684/Legal, by no later than **17:00 hrs on the 6th May 2022**.

The Schedule continued

| 1 Description of parking place | 2 Classes of vehicles permitted to wait in parking spaces | 3 Maximum daily parking charge or charge for parking ticket | 4 Maximum charge for parking permit | 5 Maximum period permitted for waiting. |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| Roxburgh short stay car park, Sidmouth | <p>Passenger Vehicle (PV) Light Goods Vehicle (LGV) Motor Caravan 8am to 10pm</p> | <p>01 April to 31 October inclusive Every day including Bank Holidays Between 8:00am & 6:00pm</p> <p>Minimum payment 75p (30 minutes)</p> <p>Cash or Card Transactions then 75p for every additional 30 minutes or part thereof</p> <p>Mobile phone transactions then 15p for every additional 6 minutes or part thereof</p> <p>Maximum Payment £3 (2 hours) Tickets are NOT transferable in any way</p> <p>01 November to 31 March inclusive Every day including Bank Holidays Between 8:00am & 6:00pm</p> <p>Minimum payment 50p (30 minutes)</p> <p>Cash or Card Transactions then 50p for every additional 30 minutes or part thereof</p> <p>Maximum Payment £2 (up to 23:59)</p> | <p>Town (modular) Parking Permit Annual £240 Monthly £20</p> <p>Business Parking Permit Annual £500</p> <p>PV/LGV- 7 Day parking permit - £25 PV/LGV- 4 Day parking permit - £20 PV/LGV- 3 Day parking permit - £15 PV/LGV- 2 Day parking permit - £12</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Between 8:00am & 6:00pm Daily- 2 hours</p> <p>Town (modular), Business and 7, 4, 3, & 2 Day Parking Permits In this car park Town (modular), Business and 7, 4, 3 & 2 Day Permits referred to in column 4 are only valid for one continuous visit of up to 2 hours duration between 8:00am & 6:00pm in any one day, Monday to Saturday inclusive.</p> |
| Motor Cycle | Free | Free | | |