

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall
on Monday 10 January 2022 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes Jenny Ware
Sidmouth South	Denise Bickley Kelvin Dent Chris Lockyear (Vice Chair) Hilary Nelson Rachel Perram
Sidmouth East	Steven Kendall-Torry
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Chair)

Apologies: Charissa Evans, Deirdre Hounsom, John Loudoun, Dawn Manley,
Emma Murdoch, Marianne Rixson, Richard Thurlow

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 6.50pm.

PART 'A'

96 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Monday 6 December 2021 were signed as a true and accurate record.

97 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received for items on this agenda.

98 Public Open Question Time

- Cllr Perram reported that the gullies in the Bickwell Valey area were still overflowing during heavy rain even though they had been jetted. County Cllr Hughes replied that he would arrange for further vacuum clearing and a camera survey to be carried out at the same time as the work at Bulverton.
- Cllr Perram reported that there was a large number of cones, signs and general detritus left on the roadside of the A3052 between Seaton and Exeter. County Cllr Hughes replied that he was equally concerned and had already raised this issue with the County Council officers who were responsible for making sure that contractors cleared the highway properly after any roadworks. He would raise this problem again and see if the contractors could be charged or fined for the additional work having to be carried out by the County Council.

99 Police Advocate Report

Councillor Dent reported that the Police priorities for 2021-2025 as set out in the Police Plan are reducing anti-social behaviour, drugs crimes and deaths and serious injuries on the roads. There were 3,422 police officers in Devon and Cornwall and the force was due to grow by another 188 officers in the next financial year. The Police and Crime Commissioner was in the process of setting the police precept for the next financial year.

RESOLVED: That the Police Advocate report be noted.

100 Working Group Reports

100.1 Planning Working Group Reports

a) Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 1 and 15 December 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Working Group reports be noted.

b) Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the report of the informal meeting held on Thursday 9 December 2021.

RESOLVED: That the informal meeting relating to the initial early draft of the new Local Plan report be noted and agreed.

100.2 Tourism & Economy Working Group

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Tourism & Economy Working Group, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Working Group meeting held on Monday 13 December 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Working Group report and recommendations be noted and agreed.

100.3 Council Resources Review Working Group

Councillor Barlow reported that some Expressions of Interest had been received for use of the Ham Utility Building, more detailed designs for steps to the cricket club were currently being drawn up and would be reported to full Council at a future meeting.

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

101 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

101.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for November 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for November 2021 be noted and agreed.

101.2 The Ham – Sewage discharges

Councillor Lockyear reported that following the December Trustee meeting report a meeting had been set up with representatives from South West Water, to be held later in January and MP Simon Jupp would also be in attendance.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Lockyear's report be noted.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL