

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
in its Capacity as Trustee
held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall
on Monday 7 February 2022
on the rising of the Council Meeting

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

The meeting started at 7.40pm and finished at 7.45pm.

PART 'A'

32 Minutes

The minutes of the Trustee meetings held on Monday 10 January 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record; with the removal of Cllr Bickley from the list of attendees.

33 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Louise Cole	35 Ham Maintenance	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting	Member of the Community Gardens Project

34 Use of Salcombe Regis Recreation Field – Wedding 22-24 July 2022

Sophie Richards and Philip Steen had written to request use of Salcombe Regis Recreation Field for their wedding reception in July 2022.

They had permission from the scouts to use the scout centre building and wished to place a marquee on the field for the wedding meal. There would be a modest live band in the early evening and the 100 guests would be transported to and from the field so would not cause much extra traffic or parking requirements.

The Town Clerk had requested additional information regarding the band and noise levels:

- What time would the band/music start and finish? – the band would play from 7pm to 9pm.
- Is the band/music acoustic or amplified? – there would be modest amplification.
- Have you been in contact with EDDC’s Licensing and Health & Safety departments with regard to noise limits? It was suggested to liaise with Steve Saunders at EDDC to discuss this matter and ensure that the event would be within the EDDC’s guidelines/noise limits. – a copy of the TENA0854 had been received from the EDDC licensing department.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted to Sophie Richards and Philip Steen to use Salcombe Regis Recreation Field for their wedding reception from 22 to 24 July 2022; this included permission to erect a marquee and have a band playing with modest amplification between the hours of 7pm to 9pm. The usual rental fee and bond would be charged and detailed on the booking form.

35 Ham Maintenance

As part of the annual maintenance of Trustee and Council land, the management of various trees and shrubs had been reviewed. Where necessary these were pruned, cut back or removed. One such example was the large Magnolia at the rear of the Council Offices at Woolcombe House which was due for a significant prune and reduction in the spring.

Part of the ongoing maintenance at the Ham to help improve the environment for all to enjoy, had involved residents and volunteers who had successfully been working with the Council to improve the border planting along the edge of the Ham adjacent to the Playground and pathway which had been updated to include more appropriate sizes and species.

Usually, the Trustee would not be asked to approve what was basic maintenance but in this instance, the Trustee’s view was requested as there were three large and tall shrubs in the border which had been neglected, only tidied annually and not reduced in height for some time.

The Council’s arboriculturist and tree surgeon was asked to look at these shrubs and had advised on all possible courses of action:

“1 x Bay Tree and 2 x Griselinia, these shrubs are very tolerant to being pruned hard and can be cut to any height that you want, even coppiced to the ground and they will 99% of the time sprout back. Due to them all being multi stemmed, they would not really lend themselves to being standards/lollipop shape unfortunately. However, they can be lowered, thinned and or reduced all round without any long-term damage, obviously the more that is taken off the shrubs the longer they will take to recover to a desirable shape.”

RESOLVED: 1) that, to avoid complete removal, the Council’s arboriculturist and tree surgeon’s advice be accepted and the overgrown shrubs be hard pruned, lowered in height and significantly thinned.
2) that out of courtesy and to advise of the works, Glenisla Terrace residents be written to advising of a date when the work is due to be undertaken.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL