

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held at Sidbury Village Hall, Sidbury**  
**on Monday 13 April 2026 at 6.30pm**

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes Bernie Davis
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent Paul Dodds (Vice Chair) Chris Lockyear Rachel Perram John Nicholson
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow
Primley	Hilary Nelson (Chair) Kevin Walker
Sidbury	John Loudoun
Sidford	Joanne Dodds

Apologies: Stephen Blakeway, Francetta Bridle, Mike Goodman and Edward Willis Fleming

The meeting started at 7.25pm and finished at 8:55pm.

## **PART 'A'**

### **105 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 2 March 2026 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **106 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Paul Dodds	115.Sidmouth Golf Club	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting	Member of Sidmouth Golf Club
Cllr Ian Barlow	119.Macerator Building	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting	Director of Sidmouth School of Arts
Cllr Kelvin Dent	120.Knowle Parkland	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting	Lived in neighbouring property

### **107 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair**

The Chair requested that item 9 from the Trustee Agenda should be discussed in Part B of the Full Council Agenda.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that item 9 would be discussed in Part B of full Council.

### **108 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

**109 Public Open Question Time**

There were no questions raised.

**110 Committee/Working Group Reports**

110.1 Planning Committee Report

Councillor Dent presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2026.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and agreed.

110.2 Tourism and Economy Committee Report

Councillor Hilary Nelson, Vice Chair of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the report of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2026.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and agreed.

110.3 Environment Committee Report

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Environment Committee, reported that the arboretum was looking at planting 250 urban trees. There were 50 potential sites, so Members were being asked which sites were suitable.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and agreed

110.4 Youth Provision Committee

Councillor Perram, Chair of the Youth Provision Committee, presented the report of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 February 2026.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and agreed.

110.5 Council Resources Working Group

Councillor Lockyear gave an update on the Strategic Development Committee, which had met in March 2026. Options for the Market Place building, which was currently owned by East Devon District Council, were discussed, as well as Section 106 money which was to be spent on tourism and open spaces. Part of the Section 106 funds had been allocated to a crossing at The Arches.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and agreed.

**111 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

111.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance report for February 2026.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and agreed.

111.2 South West Water Update

Councillor Lockyear updated Members on the progress of the South West Water work at The Ham. He informed Members that the lid of the tank was in place and the piling had been removed. The next step was to connect the tanks together. Overall, Councillor Lockyear was pleased with the progress and the deadline for the beginning of July was still looking achievable.

**112 Woolbrook Road – proposed Zebra Crossing & Waiting Restrictions**

Members were asked to consider the proposed Zebra Crossing & Waiting Restrictions Draft Order from Devon County Council Highways. Members discussed concerns about residents parking and the timings being excessive. Traffic flow was also a concern that Members raised.

**RESOLVED:** that the County Council be advised the Town Council had no objection to the crossing in principle however potentially excessive timings creating a further lack of parking for residents and effects on traffic flow be considered by the Highways Authority.

**113 Armed Forces Day event – Long Park**

Members were asked to consider a request from Sidmouth Army and Air Cadets wishing to hold their annual Armed Forces Day event at Long Park on Saturday 27 June 2026.

**RESOLVED:** that the Army and Air Cadets be given permission to hold their Annual Armed Forces day at Long Park on Saturday 27 June 2026.

**114 Borehole – Sidmouth Golf Club**

Members were asked to consider a request from Sidmouth Golf Club to install a second borehole.

**RESOLVED:** that Sidmouth Golf Club be permitted to install a second borehole.

**PART 'B'**

**115 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.

**116 Manstone Multi Use Games Area Carpark – Butlers Kitchen**

Members were asked to consider the confidential report issued with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** that the request from Butlers Kitchen be refused.

**117 The Market Building, Sidmouth**

Members were asked to consider the confidential report issued with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council be given delegated authority to sign the necessary agreement with East Devon District Council.

**118 The Macerator Building – Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub Project Support Request**

Members were asked to consider the confidential report issued with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** that Sidmouth Town Council release from the already allocated Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub's grant funding, a sum of up to £8,343. Funds for phase 2 would only be released once phase 1 had been completed.

**119 Knowle Parkland – Legal update**

Members received an update from Chair of Council.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk and Chair of Council continue to work as agreed by Members.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL