

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
in its Capacity as Trustee
held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth
on Monday 1 June 2026

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent Paul Dodds (Vice Chair) Rachel Perram John Nicholson
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow Edward Willis Fleming
Primley	Hilary Nelson (Chair) Kevin Walker
Sidford	Mike Goodman
Apologies:	Francetta Bridle, Bernie Davis, Joanne Dodds, Chris Lockyear, John Loudon

The meeting started at 6.40pm (on the adjournment of the Council meeting) and finished at 7.00pm.

PART 'A'

The Council, when acting as Trustee to discuss agenda items placed before it, considers economic, social, environmental and equality impacts as a whole and in making its decisions, seeks to strike a balance between the positive and negative impacts on the community in the Sid Valley. When considering issues, Town Councillors exercise their individual judgment based on the evidence before them.

1 Minutes

The minutes of the Trustee meeting held on Monday 13 April 2026 were signed as a true and accurate record.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

No matters of urgency were received

4 Sauna Proposal for Sidmouth

Members considered a proposal from Jurassic Saunas for the provision of a sauna facility in Sidmouth.

Members were advised that four potential sites had been discussed with East Devon District Council, who had advised that they did not have suitable sites and that with Local Government Reorganisation looming, the Town Council should be approached. The edge of the turning circle at the Ham had been identified as the preferred location due to its proximity to the sea, play park and swimming pool. It was noted that the sauna would be fully mobile, being trailer-mounted, and that the colour and design could be adapted to better suit the surrounding area.

Whilst Members expressed concerns regarding the site's proximity to the Conservation Area, it was acknowledged that the proposal could provide benefits to the town through increased visitor numbers and economic activity.

RESOLVED that:

The Town Clerk be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Council and Member with Special Responsibility for Finance to negotiate an initial 12 month licence, with a review after 6 months, for Jurassic Saunas to operate at the edge of the turning Circle at the Ham, subject to any Planning Permissions deemed necessary by the Local Planning Authority.

.....
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL