

MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF
SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2009
AT 6.30 PM
WOOLCOMBE HOUSE
SIDMOUTH, DEVON

Members Present:

Sidmouth North	Councillor S. Hughes Councillor P. Sullivan	(Vice-Chairman)
Sidmouth South	Councillor J.G.T. Dyson Councillor C.F.A. Gibbings Councillor Mrs. M. Jolly	
Sidmouth East	Councillor Mrs. F.I. Newth Councillor S.P. Pollentine	
Sidmouth West	Councillor Mrs. A.E. Liverton Councillor G.K. Liverton Councillor C.H. Wale	
Primley	Councillor T.J. Cox Councillor J. Turner	(Chairman)
Sidford	Councillor S.J. Brokenshire Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards	
Sidbury	Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew Councillor J.W. Hollick	
Salcombe Regis	Councillor A.W.J. Reed	

09:03/01 PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Father Danny Longland.

09:03/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence. Councillors Mrs. S. Carr and Mrs. L.W.A. Kelly.

09:03/03 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on Mondays 26th January and 2nd February 2009 were received and signed as a true and accurate record.

09:03/04 MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were no matters of urgency brought forward by the Chairman.

As no questions had been received Standing Orders were not suspended for a
PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

09:03/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

09:03/06 MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman's Diary (as attached) was circulated to Members at the meeting and he reported as follows:

- The Chairman reported that he had authorised expenditure of £285 for initial survey works to be carried out on the central shelter on The Esplanade.
- The Mayor of Exmouth Town Council had extended an invitation for Members to attend the Exmouth annual event.
- The Chairman suggested that the format of the Annual Town Meeting be altered to a conference style; it was hoped that this would provide easier interaction between the Council and members of the public. It was agreed to discuss this in more detail after the next Trustee meeting.

09:03/07 POLICE REPORT

09:03/07.1 PC Steve Lemon presented the January Police Report (as attached).

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:03/07.2 Members had consistently expressed their concerns regarding communications between the police and the public and it was suggested that an invitation be extended for someone to address the Council on these issues. Superintendent Peter Strawbridge of the Call Management and Communications Unit attended the meeting to give a presentation and answer Members questions.

RESOLVED: That Superintendent Strawbridge be thanked for giving such an informative presentation.

09:03/07.3 The Chairman gave a verbal report on the Police Authority meeting held at St. Nicholas School on the 9th February 2009.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:03/08 COMMITTEE/WORKING PARTY REPORTS

09:03/08.1 Planning Committee Reports

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor C.F.A. Gibbings, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 4th and 18th February 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Reports be noted and agreed.

09:03/09 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

09:03/09.1 Finance Report

Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, Councillor Turner, presented the Finance Report for January and Interim Finance Report for February 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Reports be noted and agreed.

09:03/10 **PARISHSCAPES PROJECT**

Philip Planel, East Devon AONB's Parishscapes Officer, made a presentation to the Council and answer Members questions.

RESOLVED: That Mr. Planel be thanked for giving such an informative presentation and a link to the AONB Parishscapes website be placed on the Town Council's website.

09:03/11 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GROUP**

09:03/11.1 At the latest Traffic Management Group meeting, the next stage of the Sidmouth to Sidbury cycleway was discussed. It was agreed that this project should be included in the Devon County Council's emerging Local Transport Plan. Members were asked whether they wished to support this initiative.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

09:03/11.2 Councillor Dyson reported on a Local Action Group meeting he had attended where two traffic management issues were commonly raised; lack of available parking to visit the town centre and pedestrianisation of the town centre to ease the congestion/combo of pedestrians, lorries and cars.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:03/12 **LOCAL BUSINESS WORKING PARTY**

09:03/12.1 Attached to the agenda was a copy of the report of the Local Business Working Party meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2009.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:03/12.2 Councillor Sullivan gave a verbal report from the Christmas Lights 'Switch On' Working Party meeting held at Dukes on the 19th February 2009. Saturday 14th November at 5.00pm had been suggested as a suitable date; a day of events would be arranged by the Chamber of Commerce involving the various youth organisations in Sidmouth, Councillor Hughes would arrange the necessary road closures and the Town Council would contact a local celebrity. A further meeting would be held in June to further arrangements.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

09:03/13 **ANNUAL REPORT DISTRIBUTION**

Councillor Turner brought to the attention of the Town Clerk a distribution company who might be able to offer a service to the Council for distributing the Annual Reports and asked that enquiries be made regarding cost, etc. The cost quoted was £40 per 1,000 delivered.

East Ward	513
North Ward	1194
Primley Ward	992
Salcombe Regis	521
Sidbury	423
Sidford	748
South Ward	1082
West Ward	974

This made a possible delivery number of 6,447 which could cost around £260

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

09:03/14 **EVENTS ON COUNCIL LAND**

The following requests had been received:

- Sid Valley Horticultural Society Annual Show at Sidford Recreation Ground on 15th August 2009 (the marquee will be erected on the 14th and removed on the 16th).
- Exeter Childrens Orchestra to perform at Connaught Gardens on the 4th July 2009 between 12pm and 4pm.

RESOLVED: That these be noted and agreed.

09:03/15 **K6 TELEPHONE KIOSKS, SIDMOUTH MARKET SQUARE**

Following the Council meeting in January (see Min. No. 09:01/12) the Town Clerk wrote to East Devon District Council and a copy of the reply was attached to the agenda for Member's information.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken.

09:03/16 **ROYAL GARDEN PARTY – 7TH JULY 2009**

As in previous years the DAPC invite nominations from Town & Parish Councils to attend Royal Garden parties. For some years it had been the policy of the Town Council to nominate the Chairman of the Council and confirmation was requested that this continue. It should be noted that anyone who had already attended a Garden Party was not expected to put their name forward for a second visit.

RESOLVED: That the Vice Chairman, Councillor Sullivan's name be put forward for the Garden Party in July, provided he is then Chairman of the Council.

09:03/17 **GRANTS – LETTERS OF THANKS**

Letters of thanks had been received from:-

- HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust
- Sid Valley Horticultural Society
- Sidmouth Garden Club
- East Devon Citizen's Advice Bureau

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

09:03/18 **ROAD CLOSURE ORDERS**

The following Road Closure Orders had been received:

- 2nd to 6th March 2009 – C599 Sid Road, Sidmouth (from junction with Brownlands Road to junction with Hillside Road) to enable DCC Highway resurfacing works.
- 4th to 18th March 2009 – Cliff Road, Sidmouth (from junction with Beatlands Road to junction with Southway) to enable DCC footway works.
- 9th to 18th March 2009 – Burscombe Lane, Sidmouth to enable DCC Highway patching and reconstruction works.
- 17th to 19th March 2009 – Frys Lane, Sidford to enable South West Water to undertake works.

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

09:03/19 **DOCUMENTS AND/OR PERIODICALS**

The following had been received and were available in the office:

- Devon Playing Fields Association Newsletter – The Playing Field
- Spring 2009 Junkmail – Devon Community Recycling & Community Composting Network News.

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

09:03/20 QUESTIONS TO COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were no questions raised at this meeting.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL