

MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF
SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
MONDAY 6TH JULY 2009
AT 6.30 PM
WOOLCOMBE HOUSE
SIDMOUTH, DEVON

Members Present:

Sidmouth North	Councillor Mrs. S. Carr Councillor S. Hughes Councillor P. Sullivan	(Vice-Chairman) (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 C.H. Wale	
Primley	Councillor J. Turner	
Sidford	Councillor S.J. Brokenshire Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards	
Sidbury	Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew Councillor J.W. Hollick	
Salcombe Regis	Councillor Mrs. L.W.A. Kelly Councillor A.W.J. Reed	

09:07/1 PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Graham Tarn.

09:07/2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A.E. Liverton and G.K. Liverton.

09:07/3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Mondays 15th June 2009 were received and signed as a true and accurate record.

09:07/4 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

09:07/5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:

09:07/10	Councillor Mrs Carr	Relative is candidate
09:07/14	Councillor Pollentine	Tenant of Bagwells
09:07/15	Councillor Gibbings	District Council NLO representative
09:07/15	Councillor Reed	District Council NLO representative

09:07/6 MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman's Diary (as attached) was circulated to Members at the meeting, following which:

- The Chairman made a formal presentation to Caitlin Bowkett and Daniel Gigg in recognition of their success in Devon Youth Achievement Awards.

09:07/7 POLICE REPORT

PC Steve Lemon presented the June 2009 Police Report

09:07/8 COMMITTEE/WORKING PARTY REPORTS

09:07/8.1 Planning Committee Reports

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor McKenzie-Edwards, presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17th June 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Report be noted and agreed.

09:07/08.2 Tourism & Publicity Committee Report

The Chairman of the Tourism & Publicity Committee, Councillor S. Pollentine, presented the report of the Tourism & Publicity Committee meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Publicity Report be noted and agreed.

09:07/9 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

09:07/9.1 Finance Report

Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, Councillor Turner, presented the Finance Report for June 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Reports be noted and agreed.

09:07/9.2 DPFA AGM

Councillor Pollentine reported on his attendance at the DPFA AGM.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:07/10 COUNCIL VACANCY – PRIMLEY WARD

Notification had been received that an election would be held on Thursday 23rd July 2009 (Polling hours would be 7am until 10pm). The Chairman had given authority to issue Poll Cards as this was a matter of urgency for the District Council. The two candidates were; Dilly Fung and Graham Troman.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:07/11 FLOOD & WATER MANAGEMENT BILL

At the June meeting it was resolved that a Working Party be formed, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillors Dyson, Mrs. Kelly, Pollentine and Reed, to discuss the draft Flood & Water Management Bill. This Working Party had met and Councillor Hughes read out a report to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Hughes's report be accepted as the Town Council's response.

09:07/12 CONSULTATION ON THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SOUTH DEVON AND DORSET

At the June meeting it was resolved that a Working Party be formed, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillors Dyson, Mrs. Kelly, Pollentine and Reed, to discuss the Shoreline Management Plan. This Working Party had met and Councillor Pollentine read out a report to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pollentine's report be accepted as the Town Council's response.

It was to be noted that during the Working Party meetings for the above two items it had been agreed that Councillors Mrs. Carr, Dyson and Mrs. Kelly would investigate the possibility of listing the Alma Bridge.

09:07/13 EAST DEVON AONB ANNUAL FORUM

At the June meeting it was resolved that Councillor Mrs. Drew would attend the Annual Forum of the East Devon AONB Partnership held at Bicton College on Thursday 2nd July. Councillor Mrs. Drew had been unable to attend so Councillor Reed gave a verbal report.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:07/14 SEAFRONT AMENITY BUILDING

Planning permission had been received from East Devon District Council, with just the normal condition regarding commencement before three years. Bagwells Builders quotation had been accepted, with a slight increase of £500 for the planning requirement of EDDC to have a rendered wall and not boarded as shown on the drawings; work commenced on Monday 29th June with a contract period of 8 weeks. Bagwells were told that the Council required a £500 per week penalty clause and asked that every effort be made to shorten the eight week period, especially with the peak season approaching. Kirkman Board would fulfil the CDM co-ordinator role at a cost of £800/£850 (this was a lower figure than originally anticipated negotiated by the Architect).

Bagwells had been asked to tender a separate price for completing the floor and rear wall work for the two outer wings of the development which would enable a decision to be made as to whether to continue further with the scheme. These costs together with front glazing were presented to the meeting.

Following a meeting with representatives of the Youth Initiative a seven year Lease was being prepared for the use of the Western end and a Lease or Licence would be required between the Council and the concessionaire of the deck chairs for use of the store in the middle building.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

Standing Orders were suspended to enable the Chairman of the Norman Lockyer Observatory to speak and answer Members questions regarding the following item.

09:07/15 NORMAN LOCKYER OBSERVATORY

For some time the Norman Lockyer Observatory has had in its possession a 20" telescope which had not been in a suitable position for public access. The Observatory wished to rectify this and build a new dome to house the telescope. The overall project was likely to cost in the region of £70,000 of which the Observatory already had approx £20,000 in place.

Councillor Reed proposed that Sidmouth Town Council made a donation of £10,000 from the Woolley Bequest towards this project with a further possible loan of £20,000 to be repaid in full by the Observatory over a set period of time.

RESOLVED: That (i) Sidmouth Town Council would pledge a sum of £10,000 from the Woolley Bequest to be paid when the work was to be commenced.
(ii) If requested/needed a loan of up to £20,000 could be made available to the Norman Lockyer Observatory; subject to negotiation.

Standing Orders were reinstated

09:07/16 HOUSE EXCHANGES BETWEEN FRANCE & ENGLAND

The International Officer of Devon County Council had written to members of the Creative Coasts Network giving information on a possible funded project to investigate the feasibility of a project to exchange homes between France and England within an area located 'less than one hour from the sea **without** a car'.

Anyone interested should contact Jessica Goddard at Jessica.goddard@devon.gov.uk.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:07/17 BRITISH LEGION – TWO MINUTE SILENCE

East Devon District Council had asked whether the Town Council wished to have maroons for the two minutes silence in November. Each year, for some time now, the Sidmouth Lifeboat had undertaken this role for Sidmouth and had used their own maroons (which they were happier doing) however Sidbury had traditionally been supplied with maroons from the District Council's supply.

RESOLVED: That two maroons would be ordered for Sidbury; Councillor Mrs. Drew would arrange their use.

09:07/18 ROAD/BRIDLEWAY CLOSURES

From Tuesday 23rd June until Tuesday 22nd December 2009 Bridleway 77 for 50m either direction from Little Sweetcombe would be closed for health and safety reasons.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:07/19 FOLK WEEK CIVIC NIGHT AT THE HAM

The Chairman invited Members to join with him and Janet on Wednesday 5th August at The Ham to attend an evening of the Folk Week. The letter and reply slip was enclosed with the agenda; numbers of those attending were received at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:07/20 'HAVE YOUR SAY'

East Devon District Council was looking for more residents to join its Speak Now Panel and would like to hear from anyone who lived in East Devon and who wanted to have a say on the Council and its services and life in East Devon. There was an online joining facility at www.eastdevon.gov.uk/speaknow.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

09:07/21 EVENTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Town Council was asked whether it had any objection to the following events.

- Sidmouth Youth Centre wished to hold a go-cart event on the cycle track in the Byes on the 19th August. Carts would be pushed along the track one at a time with various stops along the route to complete challenges. They were expecting 8 teams of 5 to take part. There would be stewards at the main pedestrian points to warn people of the event. There would also be first aid cover. They had spoken with the local PCSOs and hoped that they would also be in attendance. A request had been made to park their van in the Byes near the Toll House to act as a base for the event. *Councillor Hughes reported that this event had already been refused by the District Council.*

- Sidmouth Folk Week had requested permission to hold a Firework Display on The Esplanade on Friday 7th August at approx. 10pm for a duration of 10-15 minutes.
- Stage Electrics had asked permission to use the Blackmore Gardens Conservatory during Folk Week as a 'Welfare Information Point'.

RESOLVED: That these be noted and agreed.

09:07/22 ITEMS FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GROUP

Members were invited to put forward items for the next Traffic Management Group meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st July 2009. The following items were received:

- Byes Lane parking
- Sid Vale Close parking
- Warrens Mead parking/Keep Clear sign

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

09:07/23 DOCUMENTS & PERIODICALS

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

- East Devon AONB – Management Strategy Executive Summary 2009 – 2014
- Devon County Council – P3 Spring Newsletter 2009
- Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Trust – RD&Express Newsletter May 2009
- Community Council of Devon – Village Green June 2009
- Devon County Council – Devon Health and Social Care Learning Disability Partnership
- British Publishers – Science, Technology and Innovation Projects

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

09:07/24 QUESTIONS TO COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor McKenzie-Edwards to District Councillor Gibbings:

Q. Why had there not been a planning application submitted to the Town Council's Planning Committee and no consultation with the Town Council prior to the installation of the Health & Safety sign on The Esplanade?

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gibbings would investigate the planning requirements for signs on the Public Highway. A letter be sent to the District Council regarding this matter; making note of the special designation of The Esplanade.

*The item on the next page was agreed to be brought before this meeting of the
Town Council in order that it could be dealt with at this meeting
and avoid the need for a Trustee meeting
the following week with just one item on the agenda*

09:07/25 **TRUSTEE MATTERS**

Manstone Fencing

Following a meeting held on site on Thursday 25th June 2009 of the Working Party formed to consider the fencing, the recommendation was:

- To install the bow-topped fencing on the inside of the existing hedge and plant new hedging where none existed at present.
- Investigate the possibility of installing 4 metre high fencing from the goalmouth to the skateboard park entrance and offer a loan to STAFC in order that this work could be undertaken at the same time and by the same contractor.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL