

MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF
SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2010
AT 6.30 PM
WOOLCOMBE HOUSE
SIDMOUTH, DEVON

Members Present:

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| Sidmouth North | Councillor Mrs. S. Carr Councillor S. Hughes | (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 Dr. D.S. Fung 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 A.W.J. Reed | |

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Councillor Hughes acted as Chairman and Councillor Mrs. Liverton acted as Vice-Chairman for this meeting.

Councillor Hughes reported that Mr. John Dunkley, former Town Councillor and Chairman of the Council had died on 26th December 2009. Members stood for a minutes silence in remembrance.

10:01/1 PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Dave Brown.

10:01/2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P. Sullivan

10:01/3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on Monday 7th December 2009 were received and signed as a true and accurate record.

10:01/4 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

10:01/5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:

- 10:01/9.2 Councillor Mrs Liverton – Chairman of Sidmouth Consolidated Charities
- 10:01/11 Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew – Member of East Devon District Council
- 10:01/11 Councillor C.F.A. Gibbings – Member of East Devon District Council
- 10:01/11 Councillor S. Hughes – Member of East Devon District Council
- 10:01/11 Councillor Mrs. A.E. Liverton – Member of East Devon District Council
- 10:01/11 Councillor G.K. Liverton – Member of East Devon District Council
- 10:01/11 Councillor Mrs. F.I. Newth – Member of East Devon District Council
- 10:01/11 Councillor A.W.J. Reed – Member of East Devon District Council
- 10:01/13 Councillor J.G.T. Dyson – Member of Folk Week Management Group
- 10:01/17 Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards – Caravan Park Owner

10:01/6 MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Vice-Chairman’s Diary (as attached) was circulated to Members at the meeting.

10:01/7 POLICE REPORT

PC Steve Lemon presented the Police Report for December 2009.

10:01/8 COMMITTEE/WORKING PARTY REPORTS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor McKenzie-Edwards, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 2nd and 16th December 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Reports be noted and agreed.

10:01/9 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

10:01/9.1 Finance Report

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

RESOLVED: That the Finance Reports be noted and agreed.

10:01/9.2 Sidmouth Consolidated Charities

Councillor Pollentine reported that Culver House had been sold to Sidmouth Abbeyfield Society.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

10:01/10 THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND – STRUCTURAL REVIEW OF DEVON

The Boundary Committee for England had completed its review in Devon, had provided advice to the Secretary of State and made an alternative proposal for unitary local government in Devon. A copy of the letter and report was attached to the agenda and the period for representations to be

made to the Secretary of State would run until the 19th January 2010. The Town Clerk read a letter sent to the Boundary Committee Review in April 2009 stating the Town Council's concerns.

RESOLVED: That the content of the April 2009 letter be reiterated to the Secretary of State.

10:01/11 EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL – DELIVERING SERVICES WITHIN TIGHTER BUDGETS

Councillor Turner attended a meeting held at the District Council on 10th December 2009 entitled 'Delivering Services within a Tighter Budget', attached to the agenda were three slides which Councillor Turner asked Members to be made aware of prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That a meeting of the Local Business Working Party be held on Monday 18th January 2010 at 7.00pm to discuss this issue. Representatives from the Sid Vale Association should also be invited to attend.

10:01/12 SIDMOUTH TWINNING CIRCLE

The attached report on the Twinning Visit in October had been received from the Secretary of the Sidmouth Twinning Circle.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

10:01/13 3 PHASE ELECTRICITY AT THE HAM

Following investigations with Western Power Distribution, SWEB and EDF the Town Clerk reported that to have a 170K supply available all year round there was a monthly standing charge of £330.48. (£3,965.76 per annum) Electricity consumed would be charged over and above this amount. The Town Clerk had asked Western Power whether this cost could be reduced.

RESOLVED: That a meeting be held with Western Power, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Town Clerk, David Gater and John Radford to discuss how this cost can be reduced.

10:01/14 NEW COUNCILLORS SHORT COURSE

The DAPC were holding courses for new Councillors. The East Devon event would be at Honiton Town Hall on Wednesday 17th March 2010. The Town Clerk asked that any Member who wished to attend notify the office as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

10:01/15 'RISING TO THE CHALLENGE'

An all day training seminar was being organised by the Devon Association of Parish Councils for 'more experienced Clerks and their Chairman', on Monday 8th February at a cost of £40. The Chairman and Clerk were able to attend and asked the Council to agree the cost.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:01/16 ALMA BRIDGE

A letter had been received from English Heritage in response to the Town Council's application to list the Alma Bridge. Having considered the recommendation from English Heritage the Secretary of State had decided not to list the building, the reasons were set out as follows:

The Revised Principles of Selection (2007) state that 'after 1840, because of the greatly increased number of buildings erected and the much larger numbers that have survived, progressively greater selection is necessary.' Structural and aesthetic considerations would determine the listability of a C20 bridge; it must be seen to be innovative in use of materials and/or design as well as possess a high degree of intactness.

Alma Bridge certainly had some decorative interest when first built, but this had been compromised by the removal of the spandrels. The design was by no means innovative and the association with Sampson was of local, not national, significance. It did not meet the very high standards required of a bridge of this date, and could not be recommended for listing.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and Councillor Mrs. Kelly be thanked for her hard work in producing the initial application.

10:01/17 FIELD AT CORE HILL, SIDMOUTH – 5 CARAVAN CERTIFICATE

The Town Council was asked whether it had any objections to the Camping and Caravanning Club issuing a 5 Caravan Certificate to the above site; comments were requested by 18th January 2010.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:01/18 COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF DEVON: DRAFT STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN 2010-15

A copy of the CCD's draft consultation Strategic Business Plan 2010-15 had been received. Comments were requested by 12th February 2010.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pollentine would review this document and report to the next Council meeting.

10:01/19 BT PAYPHONE IN SALCOMBE REGIS

A letter had been received from Hugo Swire MP in response to the Town Council's concerns over the possible removal of the BT payphone in Salcombe Regis. A copy of this letter and its enclosed response from Clova Fyfe, BT Head of Parliamentary Affairs was attached to the agenda for Members information.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

10:01/20 SENIOR COUNCIL FOR DEVON

The Senior Council for Devon was organising a Conference and Information Fair entitled 'Everyone's Tomorrow 2010 – How we have moved on' to be held at the Matford Centre, Exeter on Thursday 11th March 2010 from 10am to 4.30pm.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

10:01/21 STREET COLLECTIONS

Scope Supporter Care had written to advise that the dates of their 2010 and 2011 countrywide house to house collections; these would take place between:

5th to 25th April 2010

4th to 24th April 2011

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

10:01/22 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GROUP

Members were invited to put forward items for the next Traffic Management Group meeting. Councillor Hughes reported that the next meeting of the Traffic Management Group would be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 at 11.30am in Woolcombe House.

RESOLVED: That the following items be referred to Traffic Management Group:

- One Way system in the High Street from All Saints roundabout to the corner
- Remove the No Waiting sign outside Utopia in Fore Street
- Improve the safety of the zebra crossing in Temple Street

10:01/23 ROAD CLOSURE ORDERS

Notification had been received of the following road closures:-
Ascerton Road Monday 8th to Tuesday 9th February 2010
Knowle Drive Monday 22nd to 25th February 2010
Coburg Road Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th March 2010

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

10:01/24 DOCUMENTS & PERIODICALS

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

- Community Council of Devon – Village Green December 2009
- East Devon District Council – News Round-up October/November/December 2009

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

10:01/25 QUESTIONS TO COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were no questions raised at this meeting.

10:01/26 TRUSTEE MATTERS

Councillor Hughes reported that the Sidmouth Junior Rugby Club had requested permission to use the field at Salcombe Regis on occasional Sunday mornings when the other pitches in Sidmouth were not available.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL