

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF**  
**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**  
**AT 6.30 PM**  
**WOOLCOMBE HOUSE**  
**SIDMOUTH, DEVON**

Members Present:

Sidmouth North	Councillor Mrs. S. Carr Councillor S. Hughes (Vice-Chairman) Councillor P. Sullivan (Chairman)
Sidmouth South	Councillor J.G.T. Dyson Councillor C.F.A. Gibbings Councillor Mrs. M. Jolly
Sidmouth East	Councillor Mrs. F.I. Newth
Sidmouth West	Councillor Mrs. A.E. Liverton Councillor G.K. Liverton Councillor C.H. Wale
Primley	Councillor Dr. D.S. Fung
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

**10:05/01      PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Angie Gammon.

**10:05/02      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.P. Pollentine and J. Turner

**10:05/03      APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor J.W. Hollick and seconded by Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards that Councillor P. Sullivan be appointed Chairman of Sidmouth Town Council for the forthcoming year.

There being no other nominations, Councillor P. Sullivan was duly elected Chairman of Sidmouth Town Council for the forthcoming year.

Councillor P. Sullivan read aloud and signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**10:05/04      APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Jolly that Councillor S. Hughes be appointed Vice Chairman of Sidmouth Town Council for the forthcoming year.

There being no other nominations, Councillor S. Hughes was duly elected Vice Chairman of Sidmouth Town Council for the forthcoming year.

Councillor S. Hughes read aloud and signed the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**SPECIAL ITEM – POLICE REPORT**

As PC Steve Lemon would not be able to attend the next Council meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May and had mistakenly attended this one, the Chairman gave his permission for the Police Report (as attached) to be presented to the meeting.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable raising the Town Council's deep concern that Devon & Cornwall Police were considering reducing the opening hours of Police Stations throughout the area. It was reported that Sidmouth Station would be reduced from 37 hours to 20 hours. The feeling of the meeting was that if Local Authorities had to reduce from the top then so should the Police and this was to be made clear in the letter. Copies of the letter to the Chief Constable should be sent to Hugo Swire MP, the Chairman of the Police Authority, County Council representatives and the Town Councils of Honiton, Ottery St. Mary, Axminster, Seaton and Exmouth.

**10:05/05      COMMITTEE/WORKING PARTY MEMBERSHIP**

The lists of Committee/Working Party Memberships were approved as attached.

- 10:05/05.1      Planning Committee
- 10:05/05.2      Tourism & Publicity Committee
- 10:05/05.3      Parish Paths Partnership Committee
- 10:05/05.4      Local Business Working Party
- 10:05/05.5      Traffic Management Working Party
- 10:05/05.6      Summer Hopper Bus Working Party
- 10:05/05.7      Esplanade Shelters Working Party
- 10:05/05.8      Personnel Committee/Cabinet

**10:05/06      MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The nominations were approved as follows:-

Finance (Council)	Councillor Turner
Finance (Tourism)	Councillor Pollentine
Woolcombe House	Chairman of the Council

Emergency Co-Ordinator	Chairman of the Council
Alma Lane Field	- <i>Vacancy</i> -
Footpaths (P3 Chairman)	Councillor Dyson
Fire Beacon Nature Reserve	Councillor McKenzie-Edwards
Trees	Councillor Pollentine
Trees (Deputy)	- <i>Vacancy</i> -
Flag Raising	Councillor Hollick
Blackmore Conservatory	Councillor Turner
Play Areas	Councillor Pollentine
Sidbury Public Conveniences	Councillor Mrs. Drew
Manstone Public Conveniences	Councillor Wale
Esplanade Shelters	Councillor Gibbings

**Trustee/Councillors**

The Ham	Cllrs Mrs Newth and Pollentine
Fishermen's Sheds & Shop	Cllrs Mrs Newth and Pollentine
Manstone & Long Park	
Recreation Grounds	
(including the Skatepark)	Councillor Wale and Mrs. Carr
Fields at Salcombe Regis	Councillors McKenzie-Edwards and Hollick
Hope Cottage (Museum)	Councillor Mrs. Jolly

**10:05/07 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

- 10:05/07.1.1 Sidmouth Museum – Councillor Mrs. Jolly gave a report to the Council (as attached)
- 10:05/07.1.2 Sidmouth in Bloom – Councillor Hollick gave a report to the Council; including that Sidmouth in Bloom was to hold a coffee morning at St. John's Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- 10:05/07.2 The list of Town Council representatives on outside bodies was approved (as attached).

*(Members were reminded to confirm with the outside body for which they are appointed, that sufficient insurance is in place to cover their activities. The Town Council's insurance does not apply to Members serving on other bodies)*

**10:05/08 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The following subscriptions were considered and approved for renewal:

**Organisation**

Devon Association of Parish Councils/NALC	£1,102
Society of Local Council Clerks	£ 234
South West Provincial Employers	£ 250
Devon Playing Fields Association	£ 50
Information Commission	£ 35
Community Council of Devon	£ 30
DAPC Local Council Review	£ 28
International Tree Foundation	£ 25
CPRE	£ 20

**10:05/09 REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Members were reminded to update their forms in respect of Members' Interests.

**10:05/10      MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

Members were reminded to notify the Town Clerk if they were not claiming a Members' Allowance; otherwise cheques would be issued for 2010/2011.

**10:05/11      COUNCIL PROPERTY**

Deeds and Trust documents in the custody of the Town Council were available for Members' inspection and the Town Clerk reported that they were always available in the office on request.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL