

MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF
SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2010
AT THE RISING OF THE TRUSTEE MEETING
WOOLCOMBE HOUSE
SIDMOUTH, DEVON

Members Present:

Sidmouth North Councillor S. Hughes (Vice-Chairman)
 Councillor P. Sullivan (Chairman)

Sidmouth South
 Councillor C.F.A. Gibbings
 Councillor Mrs. M. Jolly

Sidmouth East Councillor S.P. Pollentine

Sidmouth West Councillor Mrs. A.E. Liverton
 Councillor G.K. Liverton
 Councillor C.H. Wale

Primley

Sidford Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards

Sidbury Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew

Salcombe Regis Councillor D. Barratt
 Councillor A.W.J. Reed

Absent: Councillor Mrs. S. Carr

10:10/30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.J. Brokenshire, J.G.T. Dyson, Dr. D.S. Fung, J.W. Hollick Mrs. F.I. Newth and J. Turner.

10:10/31 MATTERS OF URGENCY

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

10:10/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members' of the District Council all declared a personal interest.

10:10/33 "PLAN-IT EAST DEVON" CONSULTATION

Members were reminded that on the 10th September the Town Clerk forwarded to them a copy of an email received from Matt Dickins, Principal Planning Officer at East Devon District Council reporting that the East Devon Core Strategy Preferred Approach

consultation was now underway and there was until the end of November to make a response. It was considered that a special meeting should be held to look at the Strategy and make known the Town Council's observations.

To see the full Core Strategy document/s and for more information Members' were encouraged to visit the EDDC website at <http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/ldfconsultation2010>

Attached with the agenda was a copy of pages 85-88 which specifically covered Sidmouth.

Following debate it was **RESOLVED** that the following comments/observations would be sent to East Devon District Council

13.4 Thriving Communities

Fourth Bullet Point The reference to a mixed use redevelopment of the East End/Drill Hall site on the Esplanade should also be in the Preferred Policy Approach – Draft CS19

Last Bullet Point The last bullet point should have the word 'or' removed and then read; "Promote an upgrading/new access into the Alexandria Industrial Estate and a new employment site on the northern edge of Sidmouth. Employment provision will help promote the commercial vitality of the town.

Other Items

Affordable Housing The document makes no mention of affordable housing in the Preferred Policy Approach. The Town Council would like to promote a policy whereby the current arrangement of anything over fifteen houses requiring 40% to be affordable changed to a graduated roof tax which would be more efficient and productive. Also a scheme to be introduced to ensure that affordable housing is first offered and made available to local people.

Business Improvement Districts (BIDS) The possibility of a Business Improvement District should be explored and/or included.

Conservation Areas Advertising boards/fascias and hanging signs must enhance and not detract from the Conservation Area. The Town Council in conjunction with EDDC wrote a Design Statement for signage and feel mention of this should be included in the preferred policy.

Section 106 The boundary limit for Section 106 spending should be changed to include any applicable need within the Parish or Town boundary

Health Provision At the current time health facilities are desperately stretched and this must be addressed in order to be ready to face future needs, especially in the light of recent and projected housing development within the area.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL