

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MEETING OF**  
**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE**  
**HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007**  
**AT THE RISING OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WOOLCOMBE HOUSE**  
**SIDMOUTH, DEVON**

Members Present:

Sidmouth North      Councillor Mrs. S. Carr  
                                 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                      (Chairman)  
                                 Councillor J. Turner

Sidford              Councillor S.J. Brokenshire  
                                 Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards

Sidbury              Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew

Salcombe Regis      Councillor A.W.J. Reed

**07:09/T1      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.W. Hollick and Mrs. L.W.A. Kelly

**07:09/T2      MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were tabled at the meeting and were received and signed as a true and accurate record.

**07:09/T3      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

07:09/T5.2      Councillor Mrs. A.E. Liverton – District Executive Scout Group

07:09/T6.3 Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew – Chairman EDDC Licensing Cttee  
07:09/T6.3 Councillor Mrs. F.I. Newth – Member of EDDC Licensing Cttee

**07:09/T4 THE HAM**

07:09/T4.1 Residents of Glenisla Terrace had reported to Streetscene that the collection of their wheelie bins was proving difficult because they had a gravelled pathway. They had asked whether the landscaped area in The Ham, adjacent to No. 9 Glenisla Terrace, would be able to accommodate recycling boxes and wheelie bins.

**RESOLVED:** That the Trustee would not wish to see wheelie bins, etc. sited on the land at The Ham which must be kept clear as amenity land.

07:09/T4.2 Councillor Liverton reported that he had received complaints about the condition of The Ham grass after Folk Week; deep ruts had been left after lorries had removed the stage and equipment. The Town Clerk had asked Jim Cady of Streetscene to inspect and he reported that he expected the grass to recover after some rain and the ruts could be filled with soil and reseeded. However, this should not be undertaken until after the fair departed at the end of September. Councillor Gibbings was asked to take photographs in order that the area could be reassessed after the fair had left. The costs for making good would be charged to Sidmouth Folk Week.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and agreed.

**07:09/T5 RECREATION FIELD AT SALCOMBE REGIS**

07:09/T5.1 A local resident had sought permission to erect a marquee and hold a combined 21<sup>st</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in September on the Recreation Field. It is believed that approval had been given in principle by the Scouts. The Town Clerk reported that some time had lapsed since the original enquiry and it was believed that a site may have been found elsewhere.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

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| Standing Orders were suspended to enable Mr. Gareth Hughes to speak on the following item |
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07:09/T5.2 Liaison with Sidmouth Scouts had continued throughout the last few months. It was understood that the Scouts did not want to apply for planning permission for their proposed new building at the field, until they knew whether the Town Council, as Trustee for the field, would approve. Mr Gareth Hughes gave a presentation to the Council, which was tabled for Members information (see attached). Mr. Hughes confirmed that the pedestrian gate to the field would remain unlocked in future to allow access to the field as per the conditions of their licence.

The Town Clerk reported that it would need to be ascertained whether the principle of building on land designated for 'free' and open access as a recreation field would receive approval from the Charity Commission. The Council (as Trustee) could apply to the Charity Commission for a 'scheme', however, even if permission were to be granted it would be necessary for the Trustee to obtain a full market value ground rent on whatever was built (similar to the conditions for Sidmouth Town Amateur Football Club at Manstone Recreation Ground).

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| Standing Orders were reinstated |
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**RESOLVED:** That (i) the Town Council would apply to the Charity Commission for a Scheme to permit a proportion of the recreation field to be built upon (subject to planning permission) for use by the Sidmouth Scouts; Mr. Hughes to supply a scale plan.

(ii) A Working Party would then be set up to include representatives of the Scouts to progress this issue.

**07:09/T6      MANSTONE RECREATION GROUND**

07:09/T6.1      The new Skateboard Park at Manstone Recreation Ground was finished, officially opened and was being well used. This had been a good example of community involvement and co-operation between the Town Council, District Council, Lions Club of Sidmouth and the skate park users.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

07:09/T6.2      The Town Clerk reported that some of the fencing around Manstone Recreation Ground had been broken down by individuals taking short cuts to exit the grounds. She had requested estimates for replacement but had not yet received a reply.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted.

***Councillors Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Newth left the Chamber for discussion of the following items.***

07:09/T6.3      It was understood that the Football Club had applied for an extension to the Liquor/Entertainment Licence for the Clubhouse and concerns had been expressed. The Town Clerk read a letter received from Mr. Geoffrey West, secretary of the Sidmouth Town AFC, which explained the reasons for the licence application.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council hope the Clubhouse remains as a Club, but run with the benefit of a general licence.

07:09/T6.4      It was five years since the Council/Trustee commenced charging £750 to Sidmouth Town Amateur Football Club for ground rent of the Clubhouse. The lease stated that this could be reviewed every fifth year. The Council as Trustee needed to appoint a Surveyor/Valuer to advise the Town Council if a new rent was to be considered.

**RESOLVED:** That this be deferred until after a decision of the licence application is received. The District Valuer be asked how much rents have increased on similar clubhouses over the last five years.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL