

MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF
SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE
HELD ON
MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2008
AT 6.30PM
WOOLCOMBE HOUSE
SIDMOUTH, DEVON

Members Present:

Sidmouth North	Councillor Mrs. S. Carr Councillor S. Hughes Councillor P. Sullivan	(Vice-Chairman)
Sidmouth South	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 Councillor J. Turner	(Chairman)
Sidford	Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards	
Sidbury	Councillor J.W. Hollick	
Salcombe Regis	Councillor Mrs. L.W.A. Kelly Councillor A.W.J. Reed	

08:03/T1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.J. Brokenshire, Mrs. C.E. Drew and Councillor J.G.T. Dyson.

08:03/T2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on 10th December 2007 were received and signed as a true and accurate record.

08:03/T3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

08:03/T5 Councillor Mrs. Liverton – (Personal) Member Scouts District Exec.

08:03/T4 THE HAM

08:03/T4.1 It had previously been reported that the safety surface under the multi-unit play equipment at The Ham play area was in need of maintenance and the Insurance Inspector had asked that this work be undertaken as soon as possible. A quotation was received in the sum of £475, which the Chairman indicated would be satisfactory in order that the Contractor could schedule the repairs into his work for early Spring.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

The Inspector also pointed out that the climbing net on the multi unit shows signs of wear and would need replacing possibly by the end of this year and investigations will be made regarding a suitable replacement.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

Councillor Mrs. Newth arrived during discussion of the following item.

08:03/T4.2 Work undertaken by Fords had been concluded and an invoice submitted (and paid) in the sum of £1,012.65 for the repairs/renovations to the lights at The Ham. The Town Clerk visited The Ham with a representative of Fords to inspect the work undertaken and following complaints from a resident that lights were on all night. It was confirmed that the time switch was set for lights to come on at four until midnight during the winter months and would be switched off completely during the summer months.

Fords had been asked to quote for new bollard lights in the shrub border behind the swimming pool. There were three in the past, but two have been removed and the one central light was not working. The tall globe light in the dinghy park also needed maintenance and a quote had been requested.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

08:03/T.4.3 Following complaints from residents nearby, Streetscene had been asked to quote for twice yearly cleaning of the riverside walkway.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

08:03/T4.4 Letters had been sent to residents of Riverside and the houses facing Riverside offering the parking space on an annual licence at a cost of £800 + VAT. It was agreed that if more than one person indicated an interest there would be an invitation for them to attend the Council offices at Woolcombe House to attend a ballot. A draft licence had been prepared for inspection.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

08:03/T.4.5 Quotes had been obtained for the pollarding of the Lime trees opposite Riverside in the sum of £675 (Dartmoor Tree Surgeons) and also for the renovation of the grassed area in the sum of £1,332 (Streetscene).

RESOLVED: That the Lime trees be pollarded as soon as possible at an agreed cost of £675. The quote for renovation of the grassed area be accepted at £1,332; this work either to be carried out immediately on guarantee of the surface being hardwearing enough for the summer events or should be left until the autumn.

08:03/T4.6 It was understood that EDDC charges for funfairs on Council land were £155 for Active Days and £55 for Standing Down Days. Trustees were asked whether they wished that the Council charges should reflect the District charges.

RESOLVED: That incremental increases be introduced; the charges for 2008 to be £125 for Active Days and £55 for Standing Down Days. This is to be reviewed on an annual basis.

**08:03/T5 RECREATION FIELD AT SALCOMBE REGIS
USED BY SIDMOUTH SCOUTS**

At the end of last year the Clerk wrote to the Charity Commission outlining the Scouts proposals to erect a building on the recreation field at Salcombe Regis. A reply had been received which stated that the charity was governed by an Enclosure award of 19th November 1850 as varied slightly by a scheme of 10th December 1937. The Town Clerk reported that the Enclosure Award of 1850 was not in our possession, but a copy of the December 1937 scheme was on file.

The Commission's letter confirmed that they did not hold a copy of the Enclosure award, but continued "it appears that the charity objects are for the exercise and recreation of the inhabitants. The creation of a building to assist in wet weather use of the site and storage, etc., may therefore be acceptable in accordance with these objects. The charity trustees would need to scrutinise the Enclosure award to confirm this. If they are not sure, we can consider further upon receipt of a copy of the award which highlights the objects clause and full specific details of the proposals".

The Commission letter continued to outline what action would be needed if the trustee needed to consider formal disposal of the charity land. The Town Clerk reported that enquiries were made with Devon County Records Office as it was understood that at Local Government reorganisation much of the Urban District Council documents were sent to them for archiving. The Chairman of the Council visited the Records Office on 1st March, viewed the Enclosure document of 1850 and made appropriate notes.

RESOLVED: That the Scouts be informed that there does not appear to be any reason why a modest building cannot be sited on the recreation field for use of the Scouts; planning approval would be necessary. The Town Council, as Trustee, would wish to see drawings/plans prior to submission of any application for planning.

08:03/T6 MANSTONE RECREATION GROUND

As was reported at the Town Council meeting at the beginning of the month, Sidmouth Youth Council were holding an event and had asked for official permission to use the Recreation field on Friday 18th April 2008 between 10.00hours and 16.00 hours.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

The Chairman brought forward the following additional items for Members information. Resolutions to be ratified at the next Trustee meeting.

08:03/T7 USE OF THE HAM

08:03/T7.1 Mr. Dave O'Connor of the Royal British Legion had requested use of The Ham on Friday 27th June 2008 for Veterans Day.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

08:03/T7.2 Mrs. Bisson, Secretary of the 1st Sid Vale Scout Group had requested use of The Ham on Saturday 12th July 2008 for their summer fete.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed; the Scouts would need to liaise closely with the Sailing Club as they will be using The Ham on Sunday 13th July.

08:03/T8 DIARY DATES

The Chairman reported the following events for Members information:

- Tuesday 1st April 7pm to 9pm Feniton Village Hall – Town and Parish Listening Events Boundary Committee Review of Devon.
- Tuesday 25 March 9am to 12pm The Esplanade, Sidmouth – Roadshow vehicle visits for the MSC Napoli inquiry.
- Friday 21st March 10am The Esplanade, Sidmouth – Churches Together in Sidmouth annual Walk of Witness finishing in Blackmore Gardens at 11am.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL