

MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF
SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE
HELD ON
MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2010
AT 6.30PM
WOOLCOMBE HOUSE
SIDMOUTH, DEVON

Members Present:

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

10:03/T1 APOLOGIES

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

10:03/T2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on Monday 5th October 2009 were received and signed as a true and accurate record.

10:03/T3 RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE SINCE OCTOBER MEETING

10:03/T3.1 January Meeting – Salcombe Regis Field - Sidmouth Junior Rugby Club requested permission to use the field at Salcombe Regis on occasional Sunday mornings when other pitches in Sidmouth were not available. This was agreed by Council.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:03/T3.2 January Meeting – The Ham - It was reported that following investigations with Western Power Distribution, SWEB and EDF that to have a 170k supply available all year round at The Ham would incur a monthly standing charge of £330.48 (£3965.76 per annum) Electricity consumed would be charged over and above this amount. It was agreed that investigations should take place to ascertain how this cost could be reduced. The Town Clerk reported that these investigations had now taken place and the increased costs would only be charged for the months July and August.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:03/T4 THE HAM

10:03/T4.1 The Royal British Legion had requested the use of The Ham for Saturday 26th June 2010.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:03/T4.2 The Scouts had requested the use of The Ham for their Summer Fair on Saturday 5th June 2010, unfortunately this date clashed with the Sailing Club request. The Secretary had arranged another date and now requested use of The Ham on 3rd July 2010.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:03/T4.3 Sidmouth Sailing Club had requested the use of The Ham for boat parking as in previous years for the following:

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| 5 th & 6 th June | - Scorpion Open |
| 20 th June | - Topper Open |
| 11 th July | - Laser Open & South West Grand Prix |
| 21 st to 27 th August | - Laser 2000 Nationals |

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:03/T4.4 The insurance inspector's report for the Play Area had been received which reported as follows:-

- Single Arch Swing – Frame showing signs of corrosion and needs to be descaled and painted.
- Multi-Activity Units – The securing brackets at the top of the slide are rusting which has left sharp edges which require attention.
- Two Swing Cradles – The quick link connections/chains to the seat are wearing and require renewal.
- Infant Carousel – The safety surface is damaged and requires repair.

- Two Swings – The safety surface below the swings is showing signs of wear which requires attention before further deterioration.
- The ground is uneven adjacent to the entrance apron closest to the sea. Re-levelling required.

A quotation had been requested and received from Devotec Limited to repaint all the swings and also the mini roundabout to bring them up to a good standard of finish for the sum of £575. This company had also been requested to attend to the safety surface issues. Streetscene would be requested to attend to the uneven ground.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed. Consideration would be given to replacing play equipment on a rolling basis one piece at a time.

10:03/T.4.5 The Tenant who had the use of the parking space at Riverside was looking to either sell or rent his property and asked whether the Council would be prepared to transfer the lease to the new occupiers if he decided on this course of action.

RESOLVED: That the parking space lease was not transferrable upon sale or rent of the property; the space would be offered to all residents of Riverside.

10:03/T5 MANSTONE RECREATION GROUND

10:03/T5.1 In January a report was received from East Devon District Council regarding three Oaks at Manstone Receptions Ground. Two of the three received recommendations to re-inspect in June 2013, but one was recommended to be felled within two months. Three Quotations were received to undertake this work (1) £650 (2) £880 and (3) £1540. Because of the urgent nature of this work, the Chairman took the decision to accept the quote from Rowse Tree Services Limited in the sum of £650 and the work was to be undertaken on Thursday 11th March.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:03/T5.2 A letter had been received from Sidmouth Day Care Nursery regarding their future loss of premises in All Saints Road. The letter stated:

“we are contacting you in the hope that you may be able to offer some help in seeking alternative accommodation for us in some form. As you know we are a well established Childcare provider, run for the last 20 years as a Charity offering affordable care for local working parents, the whole year round.

We can offer a regular monthly rental payment in return for use of a suitable or self contained building, preferably with some outside space. In particular we wondered whether the land adjacent to the Football Club or Youth Centre in Manstone could be used. If it were simply a case of adding a Portakabin, this would be sufficient for us to continue operating”.

The nursery would only be open from Monday to Friday and they suggested that the facility might be made available to the Football Club as a crèche during matches, or offered to others for alternative use at other times.

RESOLVED: That (i) Investigations should be made towards the possible siting of portacabins behind the Manstone Football Club building.

(ii) A letter be sent to All Saints Church expressing the Town Council’s concerns that Sidmouth Day Care nursery have been given notice to vacate their premises and enquire whether some financial support would be available from the church funds to assist with the relocation to another premises.

10:03/T5.3 It is understood from the Secretary that the Football Club hoped to progress the erection of their fencing without accepting the offer of a loan from the Town Council (See October Minutes). The Football Club would, of course, be expected to discuss with the Town Council, as landowners, the type and quality of fencing to be erected.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:03/T6 RECREATION FIELD AT SALCOMBE REGIS

10:03/T6.1 A letter had been received from the Salcombe Regis Country Fair Committee requesting use of the 'Scout Field' for the parking of cars on Thursday 3rd June 2010 as in previous years. The Committee confirmed they hold a current public liability indemnity insurance cover to the value of five million pounds.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

10:03/T6.2 Gareth Hughes of the Scouts had emailed suggesting that regular meetings take place between the Town Council and the Scouts and asked how this might be accomplished.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL