

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITY AREAS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GARDEN ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, 125 EAST STREET, SOUTH MOLTON ON THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 6.30PM

Present: In the Chair: Cllr D. Worden
Town Mayor Cllr S. W. Lock
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius
Cllr Mrs J. Foster Cllr M. J. Kingdon
Cllr E. J. Moore Cllr M. Way
Cllr Mrs S. Yeo

In Attendance: Town Clerk Mr A. C. Coates

AA1/16 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Worden be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

AA2/16 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Bushell be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

AA3/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lewis.

AA4/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

. Nil.

AA5/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declaration of interest was read out by the Town Clerk:
Cllr Foster – Personal Interest – Item 8 – Chair Friends of SM Com.
Woodland

AA6/16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllr S. Lock abstained from voting.

AA7/16 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members noted a copy of the amended Terms of Reference in respect of this Sub-Committee and it was unanimously RESOLVED that they be approved and adopted.

The time being 6.50pm Cllr Moore left the meeting.

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AA8/16 **POND IN COMMUNITY WOODLAND**

Members noted that the Clerk had obtained a further quote for works to the pond in the Community Woodland in the sum of £950.00 plus VAT and it was RESOLVED that this quote be accepted. Once these works had been carried out it was also agreed that the Town Clerk looks into the possibility of the pond being maintained by Town Council staff.

AA9/16 **CAR PARKING RE GAS LANE AND AREA**

A discussion took place regarding the traffic flow along Parsonage Lane and it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk looks into the costings and viability of placing a single bollard/bollards part way up Parsonage Lane in order to restrict traffic in this area in the future.

AA10/16 **OPEN SPACE AREA – GULLACOMBES**

Cllr Bushell explained his suggestion to formulate a low maintenance long-term strategy and landscaping plan. The Town Clerk did stress that the Planning Department would not allow the movement of any soil in the area and the only change that would be permissible would be to alter the tree species planted as long as they were water hungry types. It was however RESOLVED that the Town Clerk would ask the architect for a free consultation of any ideas he may have for the area and bring the findings back to this committee.

AA11/16 **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR PLACING ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

It was suggested that the following items be either put on the next agenda or circulated to members for consideration:

- i) Grass cutting
- ii) Amenity Areas held by NDC
- iii) Outline the Public Open Space areas ie where they are and who owns them
- iv) Specify the grass cutting areas around the town
- v) Look at the Section 106 money allocation for future developments

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Chairman

Date