

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair Town Mayor Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius
Cllr D. J. Goodman Cllr Mrs J. Foster
Cllr M. J. Kingdon Cllr Ms T. Lewis
Cllr S. W. Lock Cllr M. F. Way

In Attendance: Town Clerk Mr A. C. Coates.

24/17 **PRAYERS**

Nil.

25/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Moore and Worden

26/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

27/17 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that Day Lewis were hosting a Dementia Awareness Day but no dates were yet available.

28/17 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised by members of the public.

29/17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

30/17 **POLICE AND DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- a) No Police were in attendance.
- b) Cllr Yabsley had given his apologies and was therefore not present.

31/17 **DOCUMENTS FOR EXECUTION**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the following documents be signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and witnessed by the Town Clerk:

Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot P39 – Mr Andrew Mills, 7a Church Street, Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex, CO6 1TU

Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot Q2 – Mr Colin Seage, 54 East Street, South Molton, EX36 3DG

32/17 **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017**

- a) It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2016/17.

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- b) It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Section 2 – Accounting statements 2016/17.

33/17 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

Actions taken since last meeting:

Letter written to the Legal Department of DCC regarding the revocation of the 60mph speed limit at Nadder Lane and also regarding the traffic calming measures past the Primary School.

Letters had been written to the Community College and Junior School thanking staff for the extra work carried out during their refurbishment and relocation.

The Town Clerk also informed members of the following dates for meetings for their diaries: Arts Council Meeting – 25 May 2017 at 6.30pm at the Amory Centre; Neighbourhood Plan – 5 June 2017 at 6.30pm at the Amory Centre; Baker Estates – 6 June 2017 at 6.30pm at the Amory Centre; Swimming Pool Open Day – 10 June 2017 8am to 2pm; Pathfields Business Park 4 Presentation – 12 June 2017 at 6.30pm in the Amory Centre; YMCA Open Evening – 14 June 2017 6pm to 8pm. The Town Clerk also reported that there would be another meeting with Baker Developments later in June.

34/17 REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

- a) Cllr Bushell reported that he had been attending the Neighbourhood Planning meetings which were going very well and they were in the process of collating all the questionnaire information and the group had been split into smaller working parties.
- b) District Councillors Moore and Worden were not in attendance.

35/17 COUNCILLORS' PARTICIPATION

Cllr Way asked members if there was any interest in the Council participating in this years' Carnival.

Cllr Goodman asked that the Town Clerk writes to Eastleigh Care Home as The Care Quality Commission had recently given them an outstanding Quality rating. The Town Clerk agreed to write to Eastleigh Care Home. Cllrs were in agreement for this.

Cllr Bushell asked that the Town Clerk writes to Cllr Yabsley regarding the railing at the bottom of Church Walk Steps which had been promised would be fixed months ago. The Town Clerk replied that he would be seeing Highways and Cllr Yabsley on a monthly basis and that he would mention this at the next meeting.

- 36/17 It was RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business by virtue of relating to legal-commercially sensitive matters and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.

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38/17 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman

Date

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APPENDIX A

37/17 NORTH ROAD

The Town Clerk reported to members on the progress with the valuation report regarding the North Road/Gunswell Lane development and the associated potential problems going forward. It was unanimously RESOLVED that further costs of £2750 be incurred regarding valuation fees and that the Council would be prepared, in principle at this stage of negotiations, to enter into an Experts Determination Consultation but a further resolution will be required to proceed with this course of action if further costs are to be involved.