

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017 AT 7.00PM

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

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

43/17 **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain.

44/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lewis and Yeo.

45/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:
Cllr Goodman – DPI – Item 14 – Friend of person who has tendered for land.
Cllr Kingdon – DPI – Item 14 – Close friend of prospective buyer
Cllr Way – DPI – Item 14 – Would like to tender for land there

46/17 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

47/17 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No matters were raised by members of the public.

48/17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council (Annual Meeting) 16 May 2017
It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.
Town Council (Mayor Choosing) 17 May 2017
It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.
Annual Town Meeting 23 May 2017
It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.
Town Council 23 May 2017
It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllrs Moore and Worden
abstained as they were not present at this meeting.
Extra Ordinary Town Council 14 June 2017
It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllrs Cornelius, Goodman,
Kingdon and Worden abstained as they were not present at this meeting.

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49/17 **POLICE AND DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- a) The Chairman informed members that the Police would probably not be attending Town Council meetings in the future. Therefore the Town Clerk will ask the new Inspector if he would be willing to provide written reports regularly.
- b) Cllr Yabsley had given his apologies and was not present.

50/17 **DOCUMENT FOR EXECUTION**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the following document be signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and witnessed by the Town Clerk:
Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot P41 – Mrs Eileen Gammon, 30 Jury Park, South Molton

51/17 **FINGER SIGN ON ENHANCEMENT**

It was RESOLVED to bring this item back to the next meeting together with photographs of the proposed design. 8 For 2 Against.

52/17 **DART PARK ALLOTMENTS**

Members noted that a request had been received from the tenant of Allotment No 21A to erect a polytunnel measuring 3 metres x 2 metres and it was unanimously RESOLVED that this request be approved.

53/17 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Quality Status – The Town Clerk reported that South Molton Town Council had been awarded the first stage of the Quality Status accreditation which is part of the Local Council Award Scheme. The Town Clerk quoted “this achievement recognises that the Council achieves good practice and governance, community engagement and council improvement. Moreover SMTC goes above and beyond their legal obligations and are at the cutting edge of the sector”.

Old Recycle Site – The Town Clerk reported that he had asked NDC for a valuation price to purchase this site.

Flagpole – The Town Clerk reported that the flag had not been flying for several days as the toggle at the top had broken and a steeplejack would be required to climb up the pole. Cllr Moore asked that perhaps the Council should look into replacing the flagpole with one which is easier to manage.

Area at top of Kingdon Avenue – The Clerk reported that the play area which was now overgrown does belong to Baker Estates and they were looking into resolving the issues there. At this point a representative of Baker Estates who was in the public gallery informed members that it should now all be sorted.

54/17 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Bushell informed members that there had been an Arts Destination South Molton meeting to discuss the way forward.
Cllr Cornelius mentioned that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing well and that many area including footpaths around the town were being discussed as part of the process.

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The Council has subscribed to Public Sector mapping which gives access to Ordnance Survey Maps.

Cllr Worden informed members that he would be reporting to the Council on the Crime Prevention Panel in the future.

- b) Since PCSO Paul Whitehouse had joined the meeting part way through the Chairman asked if he would like to report on any issues. He mentioned that there was a new Police Constable already in South Molton and a new Inspector starting shortly. He also asked people to be vigilant regarding scam emails.

55/17 COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION

Cllr Way mentioned the problems that were being experienced regarding Recycling problems in South Molton It was suggested that any problems encountered should be reported to the Town Clerk who will then pass them on to NDC.

Cllr Bushell asked if Jeremy Yabsley had sorted out the problems with Church Walk Steps. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Cllr Yabsley the previous day and that DCC had instructed the contractor to manufacture a new set of railings since there could be no welding carried out on the existing railings due to the gas main in the vicinity. It was suggested that the new railing be in keeping with the Conservation Area. The Clerk replied that he would pass this request on to Cllr Yabsley.

Cllr Moore mentioned the amount of articulated lorries going up South Street and through the Square. The Town Clerk said he would mention this to Highways.

56/17 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.

58/17 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman

Date