

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, 125 EAST STREET, SOUTH MOLTON ON MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 6.30PM

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

In Attendance: Town Clerk Mr A. C. Coates

F44/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nil.

F45/17 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

F46/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:  
Cllr Goodman – Personal Interest – Item 9 – Applicant is known to me  
Cllr Cornelius – Personal Interest – Item 9 – Governor at School

F47/17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Finance Committee 16 October 2017  
It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

F48/17 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that accounts in the sum of £49380.65 be approved for payment. Members noted that Account No 5952, Zurich Insurance, should read "Council Insurances" rather than 'Inspection Contract'.

F49/17 **CEMETERY LODGE**

Members noted the details of works required at Cemetery Lodge and it was RESOLVED to carry out the quoted works for the joinery repairs in Cemetery Lodge. The contractor appointed was M. Latham at a cost of £5480 plus VAT. For the roof renovations and repairs W. W. Stoneworks were awarded the contract at a cost of £4480.00. 7 For, 1 Abstained – Cllr Bushell.

F50/17 **HALF YEARLY ACCOUNTS**

Members noted a copy of the half yearly accounts for the period ending 30 September 2017 and it was unanimously RESOLVED that they be approved. The Town Clerk drew members attention to the accounts and that any small surplus attained was being eroded by increases in costs, especially Business Rates and property repairs.

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**F51/17 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members noted a reconciliation of all the Council's bank accounts as at 31 October 2017 and it was unanimously RESOLVED that this be approved.

**F52/17 REQUEST FOR A DONATION**

Members noted a copy of a letter from Miss Emily Lewis requesting that consideration is given to supporting her in her fundraising for a scheduled trip to Uganda. It was RESOLVED that a donation of £150.00 be awarded. 6 For, 2 Abstained – Cllrs Cornelius and Goodman due to their personal interest.

**F53/17 DONATION TO LOCAL ORGANISATION**

Members noted an application for a donation from Shop Local Shop South Molton and it was unanimously RESOLVED to defer any decision and to request that the organisation is requested to attend the next meeting of this Committee to give a presentation on their intended project.

**F54/17 1 EAST STREET**

The Town Clerk reported on a request for a rent reduction by a tenant of 1 East Street due to the disruption to services during building works. It was RESOLVED that no reduction is made to the rent but that £50 be awarded as a goodwill gesture.

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

Chairman .....

Date .....