

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018 2017 AT 7.00PM

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

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

172/17 **PRAYERS**

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

173/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Moore, Way, Worden and Yeo.

174/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:  
Cllr Cornelius – Personal Interest – Item 10 – E-cig user

175/17 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed members that Cllr Yabsley would not be present at this meeting and that as a result Agenda Item 9, Proposal to Tarmac Pavements, would be re-scheduled for the next Town Council meeting.

176/17 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised by members of the public.

177/17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

178/17 **POLICE AND DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- a) As there were no police in attendance the Town Clerk read out part of the Policing Teams newsletter to members which is available on the Devon & Cornwall Police website.
- b) Cllr Yabsley was not in attendance.

179/17 **DOCUMENT 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 Q05 – Mrs Cicely Joyce Millward, 93 Brook Meadow, South Molton, EX36 4BN

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180/17 **PROPOSAL TO TARMAc PAVEMENTS**

Members agreed to defer this item until the next Town Council meeting.

181/17 **E-CIGARETTES**

It was RESOLVED that the following motion be adopted "That the present policy of permitting smoking e-cigarettes on Council premises by members of the public and Councillors (Council meeting 24 November 2015) be changed so that no Councillor or member of the public is allowed to use e-cigarettes in the Amory Centre or the Town Hall". 5 For 3 Against.

182/17 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

Flag Pole – This would be arriving this week.

Litteratzi – This is a group of volunteers dedicated to removing litter from all areas of South Molton and would start on Wednesday 11 April at 9.30am and every Wednesday thereafter.

King Street Property – The property has been deemed as safe but NDC has informed the Town Clerk that there is an ongoing discussion with the owner at present regarding the outside appearance of the property.

The Town Clerk also informed members that he had asked NDC to revisit 17 Gwythers in order to tidy up the appearance of that property.

183/17 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) As Cllr Worden was not present at the meeting the Town Clerk read out a report from Cllr Worden which stated that he had attended a Crime Prevention Panel meeting in which it had been reported that the future of South Molton Police Station was looking more secure as when the Police depot at Pilton in Barnstaple closes the Dog Handling unit will be transferred to South Molton. A suggested date for a meeting of the Police and the Council to discuss policing in the area is Thursday 21 June 2018 at 7.00pm.
- b) Cllrs Moore and Worden were not in attendance.

184/17 **COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Bushell informed members that £1.4 million had been spent by DCC on repairing cars damaged by potholes in the county. Cllr Bushell also thanked the Mayor and Consort for attending the first event of Postcard Exhibition at St Mary Magdalene Church and he also thanked Rev Grandey for his support.

185/17 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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187/17 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.53pm

Chairman .....

Date .....