

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2018 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 D. Worden

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

188/17 **PRAYERS**

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

189/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

190/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

191/17 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed members that due to a phone call received by the Town Clerk yesterday Agenda Item 14, Bunting and Lights above the Enhancement, will be deferred until an Extra-Ordinary meeting is called in June to discuss a special event which may materialise in the summer.

192/17 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised by members of the public.

193/17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllrs Moore and Worden abstained as they were not present at the previous meeting.

194/17 **POLICE AND DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- a) No police were in attendance but the Town Clerk read out a report sent by Graham James.
- b) Cllr Yabsley informed members that he had received several emails regarding Beech House and that at the moment he has does not havel the answers to the questions but will report back at a later date.
Cllr Bushell asked Cllr Yabsley about the size and frequency of the potholes around Devon and stated he considers they are a distraction which can cause accidents. Cllr Yabsley replied that he realised there was a problem but it was all down to lack of funding.
The Town Clerk asked about Snow Warden training and Cllr Yabsley said he would be in contact to organise a training session for Councillors and staff.

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195/17 PROPOSAL TO TARMAc PAVEMENTS

Cllr Yabsley reported on the proposal to tarmac the area around the bus stop in King Street and an area outside of the Coaching Inn and it was RESOLVED to accept this proposal as a trial. 5 For 3 Against.

196/17 SOUTH MOLTON MEDDLERS

Brian McGovern reported to members on various projects in South Molton. He concentrated mainly on the amount of dog poo around the town. Cllrs were very supportive of any initiative to help with the situation and welcomed the idea of inserting a relevant flyer regarding dog poo into the next edition of the Council newsletter.

197/17 BUNTING AND LIGHTS ABOVE THE ENHANCEMENT

The Chairman had previously advised that this item had been deferred until an Extra-Ordinary Town Council meeting is called in June.

198/17 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

. Murals – The mural was half completed on the wall opposite the Library at the rear of the Amory Centre. He thanked the three artists who were involved in the project being Vic Bailey, Peter Laws and Stephen Leaworthy.

NatWest – They were having a drop in session at the Amory Centre each week commencing 31 May 2018 until 13 August from 10am – 1pm and that the mobile banking vehicle will be in South Molton every Tuesday from the end of May.

Man Shed – There is a possibility that the Man Shed can take over Cemetery Workshop and the Council is looking into the logistics of this.

Flag Pole – the new pole is now on the Town Hall roof and the Council is awaiting the fixings before it can be fully erected.

Annual Events – The Annual Meeting of the Town Council will be held on 8 May 2018 at 7.00pm and the Annual Town Meeting will be on 22 May 2018 at 7.00pm..

199/17 REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

- a) Cllr Worden informed members that he had attended a Police Advocate meeting at Middlemoor and that he had spent time out and about with response officers.

Cllr Foster mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan had been sent to NDC for their comments and that the group would be finalising the draft Neighbourhood Plan next month.

Cllr Cornelius informed members that the Principal of the Community College, Andrew Finney, had tendered his resignation and he thanked him for making the College so successful. It was suggested that a letter is sent to Mr Finney thanking him for his contribution to South Molton Community College.

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- b) Cllr Worden mentioned that there was talk of expanding South Molton via the Garden Towns Scheme which could mean many more houses being allocated to South Molton. He pointed out the Neighbourhood Plan should be taken seriously if residents were concerned with the potential massive growth of houses in South Molton.

200/17 **COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Bushell asked that the issue of dog poo in the Recreation area be considered especially with the potential impact of children being in contact with dog poo.

201/17 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.

203/17 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm

Chairman

Date