

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.00PM

Present:

In the Chair Town Mayor Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock
Cllr M. Cornelius Cllr Mrs J. Footman
Cllr Mrs J. Foster Cllr D. Goodman
Cllr S. W. Lock Cllr M. F. Way
Cllr D. Worden

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

98/18 **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev M. Grandey.

99/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bushell, Kingdon, Moore and Yeo.

100/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

101/18 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor thanked everyone who attended the Mayor's Charity Dinner Dance and for everyone who helped make the event such a success.

102/18 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised by members of the public.

103/18 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

104/18 **POLICE AND DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- a) No Police were in attendance.
- b) In the absence of Cllr Yabsley Cllr Goodman reported that he had received complaints about the traffic lights in Station Road which together with the road closure in North Road is creating several problems. Cllr Goodman asked that a letter be sent to Devon County Council asking that this situation be resolved in some way.

105/18 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The Town Clerk reported to members on the following:

That the Council staff had started to put up poppies around the town for Remembrance Sunday and more were on order and should be arriving

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next week. Special thanks were given to Sue Morgan who created the hanging poppies which were being put up in the Pannier Market and on the enhancement.

That there would be no service at the War Memorial this year.

Pond in Recreation Ground – having spoken to Alan Dart the Council will instruct a contractor to dig out the worst of the Parrot’s Feather in the pond in the spring.

106/18 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Worden reported on the Sports Hub Network meeting where representatives from 1610 (owners of the South Molton Swimming Pool) had stated that the present staffing problems had been overcome and opening times would return to normal as soon as possible.
- b) Cllr Worden reported that the meeting regarding Brexit would be concentrating on health, business, tourism and agriculture and that there would be people invited along to express their opinions on these aspects.
Cllr Worden also reported on the Torridge Local Plan which is being adopted next Monday.

107/18 **COUNCILLORS’ PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Worden mentioned that the car parking meeting regarding parking problems in South Molton would be held on 24 October 2018 at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

108/18 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.

112/18 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman

Date