

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr P. J. Henderson  
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius  
Cllr Ms J. Footman Cllr R. Herniman  
Cllr M. Hulland Cllr Ms T. King  
Cllr M. J. Kingdon Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock  
Cllr S. W. Lock Cllr D. Worden

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

51/19 **PRAYERS**

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

52/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Way.

53/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

54/19 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The mayor reported that there will be a meeting regarding Pathfields Business Park Phase 4 next week to discuss certain aspects of the project.

55/19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the Fire Brigade team suggested that a hub be set up to include the emergency services. The Town Clerk agreed that he will speak to the emergency services to explore the option further.

56/19 **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The following items were discussed

- Potholes and 5G – DCC to discuss at their next meeting,
- Access to Mole Ridge Way,
- Parking issues including South Street and the Disabled Bay – it was agreed that the disabled bay be moved down to the one and half car parking space opposite Acorn Saddlery to allow access front and rear for disabled parking.

57/19 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllr Bushell abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

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58/19 **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 P52 – Mrs Suzanne Kathleen Thomas, Stone View, Chittlehampton, EX37 9QS.

59/19 **NORTH DEVON RECORD OFFICE**

Following a presentation by Dr Janet Tall, head of Archives and Learning, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the council donate £1000 per annum for the next three years.

60/19 The email from Sarah Hambleton of North Devon Council regarding funding opportunities under section 106 funding was discussed by Cllrs and it was unanimously RESOLVED to add the following areas to the list:

- Skatepark next to Central Park
- Extension to the BMX track in the Community Woodlands
- Central Park and Recreation Park
- Sheep Fair Field

It was also RESOLVED to delete the three following items from the list:

- South Molton Rugby Club – Car park resurfacing (9 For, 2 Against)
- South Molton Rugby Club – Ball catch netting (9 For, 2 Against)
- Churchill Crescent - North Devon Homes (9 For, 2 Abstentions)

It was also agreed that the Amenities Committee should prioritise the Section 106 funding areas.

61/19 **PLASTIC FREE**

It was RESOLVED to approve the motion “This Council pledges to do all it can to encourage South Molton, its residents and businesses, to become (single use) plastic free and supports the setting up of a community group to further this aim”. 10 For, 1 Abstain.

62/19 **PARKING ISSUES**

After discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED to ask that a complete review of parking issues in South Molton be undertaken by the relevant authority.

63/19 **NORRINGTONS YARD AREA**

It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to Jean Watkins of the Planning Department stating that the Council considers that the Norrington’s Yard should not be solely used for housing but should include mixed use of retail and business and affordable housing elements.

(10 For, 1 Against)

It was also suggested that the Town Clerk writes to various supermarkets asking if they would be interested in locating in South Molton.

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64/19 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Bushell informed members that the Arts Destination group was to become a Charitable Organisation.  
Cllr Kingdon briefed members on the problems of Ash Dieback in the Woodlands, he also confirmed that the Town Clerk has agreed to commission a tree survey.  
Cllr Hulland informed members that he had now joined the Royal British Legion.
- b) Cllr Worden told Cllrs that North Devon Council was undertaking a corporate plan which would be put out to public consultation.

65/19 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk had nothing to report.

66/19 **COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Lock mentioned that the South Molton Community College had recently been awarded a five-star rating and it was suggested by Cllrs that the Town Clerk write to the College to congratulate them.  
Cllr Mrs C. Lock asked about the new cash machine installation date and she also mentioned about the Grand Piano keys being re-felted.  
The street naming and numbering of 1-33 'Sellick Court' at Lamaton Park was discussed and although there was no agenda item regarding this, Cllrs voted to agree with the proposed names. (9 For, 2 Against).  
Cllr Kingdon asked if the hedge on North Road up to the roundabout was to be trimmed. The Town Clerk reported that this was on the staff job sheets but was not certain when it would be completed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....