

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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Present:                      In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr P. J. Henderson  
   Cllr M. Cornelius                      Cllr Mrs 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 M. F. Way                      Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance:    Mr A. C. Coates – Town Clerk  
   Stephen Hargreaves, Architecture and Design Consultant

**33/19 PRAYERS**

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

**34/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bushell.

**35/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**36/19 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

**37/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following items were mentioned by the public:

- The potential dangers of 5G and LED lights.
- The issue of verge grass cutting and weeds around the town. The Town Clerk replied that weed killing was on the list of jobs by our maintenance staff.

**38/19 NORRINGTONS YARD**

Stephen Hargreaves, Architectural Design Consultant, gave a presentation to Cllrs regarding the outline planning application for houses at Norringtons Yard.

**39/19 DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley discussed the following items:

- A highways meeting will be arranged with the Town Clerk and the Mayor.
- The speed limit on the road to Aller Cross roundabout.
- The problems with the No Entry signs at the top of Duke Street.
- Quince Honey Farm and the required bus stop.
- Resurfacing works on New Road.
- The school children's pick up point at Parklands. This point has already been highlighted to Highways by the Town Clerk.

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40/19 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council Extra-Ordinary 22 May 2019

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

Town Council 28 May 2019

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

Annual Town Council Meeting 28 May 2019

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

Mayor Choosing 12 June 2019

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

41/19 **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 Q12 – Mr David Arthur Chivers, 58 Churchill Crescent, South Molton, EX36 4EL.

42/19 **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Financial Regulations be approved.

43/19 **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019**

- a) It was unanimously RESOLVED that Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 be approved.
- b) It was unanimously RESOLVED that Section 2 – Accounting Statement 2018/2019 be approved

44/19 **RECYCLE BINS**

After discussing the recycle bins situation at the rear of the Amory Centre, it was unanimously RESOLVED that a strongly worded letter be sent to all the food based businesses in South Molton.

45/19 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Cornelius had attended a DALC meeting for Larger Councils and he reported on the important issues raised.
- b) Cllr Worden reported that he would be putting a motion forward at North Devon Council and South Molton Town Council regarding the Climate Emergency Situation
- c) Cllr Henderson reported that he had been attended several Cllr training courses at North Devon Council.

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46/19 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- The cash machine will hopefully be installed in the next few weeks; however, the company installing the machine is waiting for BT to fit the new line.
- That he had sent a letter regarding the bus services between Barnstaple and South Molton to all those organisations/individuals as requested at the last meeting.

47/19 **COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION**

- Cllr Worden mentioned the 'Plastic-Free' meeting that he had attended.
- Cllr King suggested a Drinking Fountain be installed on the Enhancement. This may be brought for Cllr's decision after costings etc. have been investigated.
- Cllr Kingdon mentioned that Ash Dieback Disease may be present in the Community Woodland and that he would keep members informed of the situation.
- Cllr Mrs Lock said that while on holiday she had seen paper bags being used instead of plastic bags.
- Cllr Worden asked that the Town Clerk write a letter of thanks for a successful Olde English Fayre weekend to the Olde English Fayre Committee.
- The Mayor stated that in light of the recent allegations against Cllrs and officers that, if there were any issues that the Cllrs wish to report then they should come to the Mayor in confidence, and he would deal with the problem accordingly.

48/18 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.

50/18 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....