

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON 17th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

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 Mrs. C. E. Lock Cllr S. W. Lock
 Cllr M. F. Way

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

1. **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by the Chairman.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kingdon and Worden.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that the swimming pool petition had commenced in the Pannier Market, asking that the NDC grant be reinstated.

The Chairman also informed Members that there was to be a separate meeting of the three NDC Councillors to establish a way forward with 1610.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

6. **POLICE TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

PC Steve Theobald, responsible for policing in South Molton, reported to Cllrs the crime statistics for South Molton and various other crime issues that have occurred in the town.

Cllr Bushell enquired about the Crime Prevention Panel, and it was suggested that the Town Clerk sends an email to the relevant person requesting a meeting in the future.

Cllr S. Lock left the meeting at 7.20pm.

7. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley DCC was unable to report to members as he was not in attendance. However, the Chairman reported that the Town Clerk and himself had attended a Highways meeting on Monday 16th December, and the following items had been discussed:

- The street lights at North Road will now be completed at the end of January 2020.
- The subsidence on New Road outside J Sainsbury's is scheduled to be completed in the near future.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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ENCLOSED

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

9. **DOCUMENTS 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 216

Mr. Malcolm Gould,
5 Oakhays, South Molton,
EX36 4DB

Exclusive Right of Burial- Plot 217

Mrs. Angela Janet Currie,
6 Kingdon Court, South Molton,
EX36 3DG.

10. SPEED LIMITS IN SOUTH MOLTON

A concerned resident highlighted several issues regarding speeding around the town and it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Council recommend a 20 mile per hour speed limit to be applied in the centre of town, and that also the Council would consult with DCC Highways to establish whether any other areas around the town should be included in the 20 mile/hour limit.

11. REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

- a) Cllr Cornelius reported that he had attended the “One Northern Devon Community” meeting, and he was impressed how they were supporting the individual communities. Cllr Footman reported that she had attended a CCG Public Stakeholder Network meeting where it was mentioned that One Northern Devon had attended to people’s needs in the community and as a result, the NHS had saved money.
- b) The Chairman mentioned the following items which will be up for discussion at a future date following the Highways meeting yesterday.
 - a) Pay and display around South Molton.
 - b) Residential parking in certain streets, East Street and the problem with large vehicles mounting the pavement.
 - c) Additional parking in East Street
 - d) Two-way traffic along the bottom of Southley Road so as to relieve heavy goods vehicles from the sharp turn on to Mill Street when they intend to reach the Market or the Car Park.
 Cllr Bushell mentioned changing the Keep Clear to double yellow lines, however, the mayor said that the law had changed and this would not be possible.

12. TOWN CLERK’S REPORT TO MEMBERS

The Town Clerk had nothing to report.

13. COUNCILLOR’S PARTICIPATION

Cllr C. Lock noted that a resident was struggling to locate the zebra crossing by the post office and that perhaps a sign should be erected detailing where the crossing was located.

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.54pm

Chairman.....

Date.....