

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD
IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 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. Hlland 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

67/19 **PRAYERS**

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

68/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nil.

69/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

70/19 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked all the Town Council staff who helped in making the Rugby Ball event such a successful day.

71/19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two residents from lower East Street mentioned the traffic problems caused by large agricultural machinery driving on the pavement and potentially causing a risk of injury. The Mayor reported that he had already spoken to Cllr Yabsley regarding these issues and that he and the Town Clerk would follow up on this. Another resident asked how the Town Council was dealing with the Emergency Climate issues. Cllr Worden replied that North Devon Council have created an Action Plan concerning the climate emergency which will soon filter down to the Parish and Town Councils.

72/19 **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not in attendance.

73/19 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

23 July 2019

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

Town Council (Extra-ordinary)

30 July 2019

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllrs S. Lock and Worden abstained as they were not in attendance at this meeting.

74/19 **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 P53 – Mrs Rosemary Bertram, Montrose, George Nympton Road, South Molton.
Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot Q14 – Mr Robert Walker, 2 The Old Farmhouse, South Cockerham, Hacche Lane, South Molton, EX36 3EH

75/19 **PLANNING APPLICATION NO 70467 – SPIREBOURNE LIMITED (LAND OFF SOUTHLEY ROAD)**

It was RESOLVED to accept the full recommendation of the Planning Committee as previously circulated in the agenda. 11 For 1 Abstained.

76/19 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Bushell mentioned that the Arts Destination Group was still in the process of obtaining Charity Status.
- b) Cllr Worden informed members that the Parish Forum held by North Devon Council was well attended and that there would be another meeting regarding planning issues at some time in the future.
Cllr Worden also mentioned that NDC were looking into the waste collections as there had been too many missed collections recently.
Cllr Worden also mentioned that NDC had now adopted their Corporate Plan.

77/19 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

- Cash Machine – Town Clerk reported that there had been over 6000 transactions within the first month.
- Disabled Access around South Molton – The Town Clerk reported that, due to the Facebook posts over the weekend regarding disability access problems in South Molton, the Mayor has had a meeting with a disabled resident this week concerning these issues. The Mayor and Town Clerk have agreed to do a town survey with the lady concerned. In the meantime the Town Clerk has agreed that Town Council staff commence re-bedding the paving slabs outside her property in East Street.
- Pathfields Business Park Phase 4 – The Town Clerk reported that most of the issues regarding storm drainage are being resolved and there will be an informal meeting with the Project Co-ordinator next week.
- Land off North Road – The Town Clerk reported there would be an informal meeting with the Solicitor and Surveyor next Monday to discuss the ways forward with the potential Expert Determination Process.

78/19 **COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Cornelius mentioned that the tree that was chopped down by DCC on the pavement opposite the Coaching Inn is actually alive.

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The problems with 5G were mentioned and the Mayor stated that the Town Clerk was following the lead from Glastonbury Town Council regarding this.

Cllr Worden said that people in South Street were parking on the Keep Clear signs by the street entrances. He suggested that there should be a double continual white line there.

The Mayor mentioned that he had attended a meeting at the Primary School regarding recycling and he would be pursuing this further.

It was also mentioned about battery recycling and it was suggested that there should be a recycle point in the Pannier Market. The Town Clerk pointed out that there were already battery recycling points at the Amory Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Chairman

Date