

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019 AT 7.00PM

Present:

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

In Attendance: Town Clerk Mr A. C. Coates

169/18 **PRAYERS**

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

170/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Moore.

171/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

172/18 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chairman read out an information briefing regarding 'Purdah' in light of the forthcoming local elections.

173/18 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

174/18 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nil.

175/18 **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not in attendance, however, with the Cllrs approval, the Town Clerk read out an email from the local Police Community Support Officer regarding the recent crimes in South Molton.

Cllr Cornelius informed members that crimes in January had increased compared to the previous month.

Cllr Worden asked that the Town Clerk writes to the police to thank them for their report. He did inform Cllrs that it had been agreed to hold a joint meeting of all parishes to discuss Police matters. Cllr Worden also asked that this request for a meeting be included in the letter.

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176/18 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 P49 – Mr David John Priscott, 2 Alfred Place, North Street, South Molton, EX36 43BB
Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot Q11 – Mrs Tracy Russell, 31 High Squier Avenue, South Molton, EX36 3DR

177/18 REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

- a) Cllr Bushell informed members that the Arts Destination Group were holding an event at the Olde English Fayre. On the 15th April an open meeting will be held by the Arts Destination Group at the George at 6.30pm. All Cllrs are welcome.
Paul Henderson (Editor of South Molton News) informed Cllrs that Shop Local had had a meeting with North Devon Council regarding the rejuvenation of South Molton. NDC had agreed to do a survey on the shopping habits of people visiting and using the shops in South Molton.
Cllr Worden reported that he and the Town Clerk had a meeting with a representative from Quince Honey Farm.
Cllr Foster updated members on the status of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Cllr Goodman had attended the Pip Centre AGM and reported to members that everything was going well at the Centre.
- b) Nothing to report.

Cllr Stephen Lock came into the meeting at 7.15pm.

178/18 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported on the following:
Dog Waste Bins – The Town Clerk reported that the contract with the present contractors will be finishing on the 28th March and as a result SMTC staff will be emptying the bins for the foreseeable future.
Pathfield Business Park 4- New costings have been received from the contractor, and works should commence in the next few weeks.
Cash Machine – The application was submitted to the Planning department last week.

179/18 COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION

Nil.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.24pm.

Chairman

Date