

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON 26<sup>th</sup> November 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 M. F. Way  
 Cllr D. Worden

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

1. **PRAYERS**

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

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nil

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked all the Council staff for such a successful night at the Christmas Lights Switch-on and Fireworks display.

The Chairman also stated that there would be a Swimming Pool meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm in the Assembly Rooms. On this point, Cllr Worden said they were hopeful that the Swimming Pool would obtain Section 106 monies for capital investment.

The Chairman also mentioned that the Olde English Fayre Committee was not continuing this year and that a new committee would be required.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Reverend Grandey thanked everyone for attending the remembrance Sunday service. He also mentioned that on the 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm the church was hosting a "9 Lesson and Candlelit Service" for anyone to attend.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley DCC was not present at the meeting to report any issues.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

ENCLOSED

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

8. **LIFE ON THE VERGE**

Naomi Buck gave a presentation regarding wild flowers on road side verges around South Molton to promote biodiversity. It was unanimously RESOLVED to support the project in principle and that the Town Clerk would encourage support in the town.

9. **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

a) Cllr Kingdon attended the new woodland group committee and reported that they had discussed the Parrotfeather in the woodland pond and would be tackling the problem themselves.

Cllr Mrs C. Lock reported that there would be a Museum management meeting next week.

Cllr Bushell, on behalf of the Arts Destination group, gave thanks to the museum for the postcards exhibition.

- b) NDC Cllr Worden reported that the Sports Network meeting would be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Worden also mentioned that the South Molton Rugby Club and Football Club have both been given Section 106 monies. He further mentioned NDC were purchasing land to plant trees to help the environment and also purchasing properties for the homeless instead of using B&Bs. Cllr Worden mentioned that NDC were short listed for two National Council awards. One was about 'Safe Sleep' and the interagency collaboration providing safety, care and opportunities for rough sleepers. The second was for the work the Environmental Team and Dog Wardens have been doing.

NDC Cllr Bushell reported that he had attended the Climate Change Meeting and raised the matter of requesting residential EV charging points on planning applications. The response given was to refer the matter to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee as this would be the most effective way of implementing the idea.

**10. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- Forthcoming Meetings
  - The final Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December with a Buffet afterwards. All Cllrs and partners are welcome.
  - The Budget meeting will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020, held in the Amory Centre at 7pm.
- Pathfields Business Park Phase 4
  - The Town Clerk reported that the drilling under the A361 had been successfully completed. However, the project has had its difficulties and the Town Clerk reported that he had informed the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of all issues during the course of the project. Detailed budgets to include all delay costs and compensation payments will be circulated, hopefully before Christmas.

**11. COUNCILLOR'S PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Worden reported that Aramis Ltd was trying to secure a position on the Roundabout for a replica Rugby ball. The Town Clerk mentioned that NDC staff were already dealing with this and that he would also contact DCC to help further this project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.46pm

Chairman.....

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