

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD
IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr P. J. Henderson
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius
Cllr Mrs 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

19/19 **PRAYERS**

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

20/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Kingdon and Worden.

21/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:
Cllr Bushell – Personal Interest – Item 9 – NDC Member

22/19 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil

23/19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised by members of the public.

24/19 **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley congratulated all the new Councillors and those that had been re-elected. Various highway issues were raised by Cllr Yabsley including the road closure on the way to Witheridge, North Road street lighting (he is in correspondence with Baker Estates regarding this) and the 40mph speed limit from Aller Cross roundabout.

25/19 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council 30 April 2019

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. 6 For. Cllrs Hulland, Herniman, Henderson and King abstained as they were not in attendance at this meeting.

Town Council 14 May 2019

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

26/19 **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:

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Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot P51 – Mrs Pauline German, 3 Hares Green, South Molton, EX36 4SF

27/19 **BUS ROUTES**

The Town Clerk informed members that the bus stop at the new Honey Farm should be deferred as he had been unable to speak to the Planning Department regarding this matter. Regarding the frequency of buses to Barnstaple It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to North Devon Council, Devon County Council, the Bus Companies and the Local MP asking for a more frequent service to Barnstaple. 8 For 2 Abstained.

28/19 **SPEED LIMIT – ALLER CROSS TO NORTH ROAD**

It was RESOLVED to write to Devon County Council requesting they consider lowering the speed limit on the above road in line with other approach roads into the town.. 8 For 1 Against 1 Abstained.

29/19 **SMTC STRATEGY 2019 – 2023**

The Mayor asked that Councillors email the Town Clerk with any issues the public have raised with them during the election period and subsequently, in order that a strategy can be formulated.

30/19 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) No representatives reported to Council.
- b) Cllrs Bushell and Henderson had no issues to report to members.

31/19 **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:
 The cash machine was still in the process of being agreed by the Planning Department.
 The Town Clerk informed members that Pathfields Business Park Phase 4 was now fully in progress and that he would be initiating a walk around the site with Councillors at a future date.

32/19 **COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION**

Cllr C. Lock mentioned that the Town Hall roof was leaking in the New Assembly Room. The Town Clerk advised that he had already appointed a Contractor assess whether any necessary works are required.
 Cllr Footman informed members that she had received some correspondence regarding Community Larders and asked if the Council could express a statement of interest for this project.

.There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Chairman

Date