

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD
REMOTELY ON 23RD JUNE AT 6.00PM

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 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 Cllr Worden as the Mayor's Chaplain was not present.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY
BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman suggested that Agenda Item 7 be discussed after the Approval of Minutes due to some NDC Councillors wishing to attend another meeting. Cllrs agreed to move Item.7.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

25th February 2020

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be Approved.

6. **TOWN COUNCIL MONUMENTS AND ROADS (Agenda Item 7)**

Councillors discussed the issue regarding the past history of famous dignitaries from South Molton and also road names of famous past people. Councillors had carefully considered and researched the history of Hugh Squier. It was RESOLVED that the Council felt no need to change any road names or to take down the statue of Hugh Squire and that no further action will be taken. Regarding the changing of Road Names the Town Clerk reported that a very large majority of people would need to consent for a change to be made. Councillors wished to convey the message that the Council condemns any kind of racism. For: Cllrs Cornelius, Way, Footman, Kingdon, Worden, Bushall, Herniman, Hulland & Henderson. Abstained : Cllrs S Lock & C Lock, as joined the meeting part way through the discussion.

7. **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020**

a) It was unanimously RESOLVED that Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 be approved.

b) It was unanimously RESOLVED that Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 be approved.

8. **WINTER MEETINGS**

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council meetings should continue to be held in the Town Hall. For: Cllrs Way, C Lock, S Lock, Kingdon, Bushall, Hulland & Henderson. Against: Cllrs Cornelius, Footman, Worden & Herniman.

Cllrs Bushall and Worden left the meeting at 6.40pm.

9. **RECYCLING IN AMORY CENTRE CAR PARK**

It was RESOLVED that the recycling facility at the bottom end of the Amory Centre Car Park be withdrawn for a period of six months due the constant misuse of the facility by Commercial Businesses. For: Cllrs Way, S Lock, C Lock, Footman, Kingdon, Hulland & Henderson. Against: Cllrs Cornelius.

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

Town Clerk informed Councillors that Pathfields Business Park Phase 4 will now be completed at the end of July dependant on the weather and that the completion documents have been sent out to all potential Purchasers of the individual plots. Sales Completion date for the plots has been set for the end of June.

Skate Park – Heras fencing has been erected around the skate park due to the most recent Rospa Report indicating two Red Alerts. The Contractor has been informed and the works will be carried out as soon as their furloughed staff are available.

Meeting finished at 7.05pm

Chairman.....

Date.....