

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2020 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. 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 Rev M Grandey.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:

Cllr King – Personal - Item 11 - Acquaintance of interested purchaser.

Cllr Way – Personal - Item 7 - Lorry Operator in South Molton.

Cllr Kingdon – DPI - Item 7a - Owns land being harvested.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman passed on his thanks to local businesses and individuals who were giving out free school meals during half term in the town.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Due to the amendment on Item 7b two votes were taken. It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes apart from Item 7b (Cllr Footman abstained as she was not present at the previous meeting). It was further RESOLVED to approve the amended Minute Item 7b. For: Cllrs Henderson, Way, Hulland, Kingdon, Cornelius, C Lock, S Lock, Herniman. Against: Cllr Bushell. Abstained: Cllrs Worden, Footman and King

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved, (Cllr Footman abstained as she was not present at the previous meeting).

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley informed Members that £600,000 had been allocated to the DCC Hardship Fund and it was recommended that any people needing financial support should approach NDC in order to apply for funding. Cllr Yabsley informed Members that DCC Highways had prepared a map detailing residential permit parking areas on several streets in South Molton. This was now ready for public consultation.

Cllr Herniman asked Cllr Yabsley if he could investigate the blocked drains in New Road.

7. **LARGE LORRIES AND AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES**

- a. It was RESOLVED that the following points be actioned regarding the large number of tractors and trailers utilising New Road.
- i. The Town Council approaches the Bio Digester Company involved to ascertain whether there could be a reduction in the number of heavy tractors and trailers and that there could be some restrictions on times.
 - ii. That the Town Council also approaches the Contractors who operate the vehicles.
 - iii. Ascertain what the original Planning Management Plan stipulated for traffic movement.
 - iv. That the Town Council would identify the vehicle movements from the weighbridge tickets.
 - v. The Council will investigate the possibility of a 20 mile/hr speed limit.
 - vi. It was mentioned that other areas of South Molton including East Street, Old Alswear Road and Poltimore Road be included in the above action points.
For: Cllrs Henderson, Hulland, Bushell, Worden, Footman, King, Cornelius, C Lock, S Lock and Herniman. Cllrs Way and Kingdon abstained due to their declarations of interest.

- b. It was RESOLVED that the following points be actioned regarding the amount of large Lorries utilising West Street:
- i. That the Council participates in a Data Information Capture of all large Lorries utilising West Street.
 - ii. Review the signage for weight limits in South Molton.
 - iii. That Representatives from the Council would meet with the Police to discuss all the points raised in 7a, b and c in order to formulate a potential strategy going forward.
DCC Cllr Yabsley agreed to review the signage at New Road/Mill Street Junction and the possibility of new signage at Hill Village.
For: Cllrs Henderson, Hulland, Bushell, Worden, Footman, King, Kingdon, Cornelius, C Lock, S Lock and Herniman. Abstained: Cllr Way due his declaration of interest.

- c. There was no resolution on this item as other areas in South Molton were discussed and brought into the resolution in the above Item.

8. **PLANNING WHITE PAPER**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Planning White Paper responses as proposed by the Planning Committee. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cornelius and the Planning Committee for providing the White Paper responses.

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

- a) Nothing to report.
- b) Cllr Worden reported the Hardship Fund had already given monies to schools for families in need NDC had also delivered food themselves. £90,000 is still remaining in the Fund.
Cllr Henderson informed Members that District Council monies have been given to the Community Gardens from the District Councillors Annual Budget. Cllr Worden commented on the tidy state of the public toilets despite all the comments on Facebook but did ask if it was possible to address the issue of water on the floor in the 24hr public toilet. The Town Clerk replied that he had already asked a local Plumber if they could source a bigger basin or reduce the flow of water from the taps to alleviate this problem.

10. TOWN CLERK’S REPORT TO MEMBERS

- Pathfields Business Park Phase 4 - Town Clerk reported that the Contractors were leaving at the end of this week and that only three purchasers of the plots have completed their sales contract to date. There are another six purchasers to complete their contracts within the next month.
- Section 106 Southley Road - Town Clerk reported that it had been suggested that the £66,000 of Section 106 monies be ear marked for the Football Club, BMX Track extension and the Skate Park enhancement.

Cllr King left the meeting due to her declaration of interest.

It was RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business by virtue of relating to legal commercially sensitive matters and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

GARAGE AND STORES ON EAST STREET

It was unanimously RESOLVED that in the first instance a business plan be compiled to include all possible avenues with regard to the store/garage and the potential of developing the site.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Chairman.....

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