

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM

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

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**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman asked the Town Clerk to report to Councillors on the information that had been received regarding the swimming pool. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that a date had been set for the re-opening of the swimming pool but he had been asked by 1610 not to publish the actual date at this time. It was noted that it had been difficult to get replies from 1610 in response to several emails.

5. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present at this meeting.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The approval of these minutes was deferred until the next meeting as there was a query on Agenda Item No.8. The Town Clerk stated he would review the tape and bring back the minutes amended if necessary.

7. **GARDEN OF REST**

It was RESOLVED to agree in principle the proposal to create a new garden of Rest for the internment of ashes situated off Mill Street and to obtain full costings and full details for ratification by Full Council. For: Cllrs Henderson, Cornelius, S. Lock, C. Lock, Bushell, Worden, Kingdon, Hulland, King and Herniman. Cllr Way abstained as he joined the meeting part way through the discussion at 7.10pm.

8. **PANNIER MARKET REVIEW**

The Town Clerk reported on the continuing successful operation of the Pannier Market and as resolved at the previous meeting this was brought back for Councillors to review the continuing restriction on Third Party Events being held in the Pannier Market. It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk in

conjunction with the Council Pannier Market staff should decide whether any Third Party Events are to take place . For: Cllrs Henderson, Cornelius, S. Lock, C. Lock, Bushell, Way, Worden, Kingdon, Hulland and King. Abstained: Cllr Herniman.

9. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE WHITE PAPER

Cllr Cornelius gave a short presentation on the contents of the White Paper and after several comments and questions from Councillors it was RESOLVED that Councillor Cornelius together with the Planning Committee formulate a response to the White Paper for the consultation period deadlines of 1st October and 29th October. Councillors did express their concerns as to the adverse effect the White Paper may have on South Molton. For: Cllrs Henderson, Cornelius, S. Lock, C. Lock, Bushell, Way, Worden, Hulland, King and Herniman. Abstained: Cllr Kingdon.

10. REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Worden mentioned that Fran Sendell from the Community Gardens would be retiring from the Committee and the Town Clerk agreed to write a letter to Fran Sendell thanking her for all her hard work over the years and her immense contribution to the local community.

Cllr Henderson asked about Remembrance Sunday and whether there would be a service held this year. The Reverend Michael Grandey replied that any service held would be severely limited in numbers. The Town Clerk added that he had spoken to the Royal British Legion and they were intending only to have limited representatives at the Memorial on the Wednesday 11th November.

Cllr Bushell informed Councillors about the on line monthly events that the Arts Destination Group had organised which had been a great success. There had been several donations made to the Group already. Cllr Cornelius mentioned the online events which included a Classical Music Concert, a flautist, poetry evening and the recent idea of storytelling online into care homes.

Cllr Worden informed Councillors that the Rugby Club had been awarded Section 106 monies.

11. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

The Town Clerk updated Councillors on the Pathfields Phase 4 Project with regard to the finishing date for the main contractor which would be middle of October 2020. The utilities were still to be completed but were all in progress and were being monitored by the project Manager.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12 pm

Chairman.....

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