

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON 28TH JULY 2020 AT 7.00PM

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

None

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that the South Molton Lions Club had disbanded.

5. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley informed members of various Highway issues that were to be dealt with by DCC .This included North Road and the junction at North Road soon to be opened. Cllr Worden mentioned the bollards at the bottom of Parsonage Lane and Cllr Yabsley replied that this was a Planning Consideration. Cllr Yabsley asked that all Highways issues be emailed to him so that he could inform the relevant officers at DCC.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Extra-Ordinary Town Council

3rd June 2020

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllrs Bushell and Kingdon abstained as they were not in attendance at that meeting.

Town Council

23rd June 2020

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

7. **PANNIER MARKET AND THIRD PARTY EVENTS REVIEW**

- a) It was RESOLVED that the Coffee Stall in the Pannier Market reopens on 1st August as a takeaway only for a trial period of two weeks. For: Cllrs King, Hulland, Way, S Lock, Mrs C Lock, Herniman, Cornelius, Worden & Bushell. Against: Cllrs Kingdon and Henderson.
- b) An Amendment was proposed and seconded stating the Town Council should review on a monthly basis the Town Clerks recommendation that no Third Party Event should take place in the Pannier Market/Town Hall until the New Year at the earliest. It was also agreed that this should be considered at a meeting in August 2020 if it was deemed necessary. Full Council Meetings are not usually held in August. For:

Cllrs King, Hulland, Way, S Lock, Mrs C Lock, Henderson, Kingdon, Cornelius, Worden & Bushell. Against: Cllr Herniman. A vote was then taken on the Substantive Motion incorporating the amendment and it was RESOLVED to accept the Substantive Motion. For: Cllrs King, Hulland, Henderson, Way, S Lock, Mrs C Lock, Kingdon, Worden & Bushell. Against: Cllrs Cornelius and Herniman.

8. **PICNIC BENCHES ON ENHANCEMENT**

It was RESOLVED that the proposal by Cllr King to site the picnic benches on the enhancement in the Square for public use be refused. In favour of Refusal: Cllrs Hulland, Bushell, Mr C Lock, S Lock, Way, Herniman, Henderson, Kingdon, Worden & Cornelius. Against Refusal: Cllr King.

9. **BBC CUTS IN DEVON CORNWALL**

It was RESOLVED to send a letter to the Director of the BBC deploring the recently announced cuts to the BBC in Devon and Cornwall which would have the effect of concentrating regional reporting and investigative journalism. For: Cllrs King, Hulland, Way, S Lock, Mrs C Lock, Kingdon, Worden, Bushell and Cornelius. Abstained: Cllrs Herniman and Henderson.

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

Cllr Bushell informed Councillors that North Devon Council had voted to appoint a Council Representative to the Arts Destination Group. Cllr Bushell did declare a Prejudicial interest as he was the Chairman/Trustee of the Arts Destination Group.

Cllr Worden thanked Cllr Henderson for suggesting that he be appointed the Arts Group NDC Representative. Cllr Worden also said that the last virtual poetry reading organised by the Arts Destination Group was a great success and at least fifty people attended.

Cllr Cornelius mentioned that he had attended the virtual DALC (Devon Association of Local Councils) meeting.

Cllr Way left the meeting at 8.21pm.

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

The Town Clerk read out an email from the 1610 stating that there were no certain dates as to when the South Molton swimming pool would re-open.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26pm

Chairman.....

Date.....