

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER 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 Mrs. T. King
Cllr Mrs. C. E. Lock Cllr S. W. Lock
Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance: Mr. A. C. Coates – Town Clerk
Mr Andrew Smith – Queen Street Resident

1. **PRAYERS**

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

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Kingdon and Way.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Herniman – Prejudicial – Item 7 – Lives in Queens Street.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley mentioned that he had received the comments from the Town Council regarding the recent residents parking proposal.

7. **QUEEN STREET**

Following a brief presentation from Mr Smith to Councillors regarding his concerns about the traffic flow in Queen Street, it was RESOLVED to recommend to DCC that the traffic flow of through Queen Street be restricted by means of erecting bollards at the South Street End of Queen Street. For: Cllrs Henderson, Worden, King, Cornelius, Bushell and Hulland. Against: Cllrs S Lock and C Lock. Cllr Herniman did not vote due to his prejudicial interest.

8. **GARDEN OF REST**

Cllr Footman joined the meeting at 7.40pm partly through the discussion and therefore did not vote on agenda Item 8.

It was RESOLVED to accept the costings of £2,900 for landscaping and design and £1,900 for the tarmac surfacing of the paths. A decision on the surfacing of the spinal paths running off the central pathway is to be discussed at a later date.

Monuments are to be kept horizontally inlaid in to the turf to allow for easy mowing.

For: Cllrs Henderson, Worden, King, Cornelius, Bushell, S Lock, C Lock and Herniman. Against: Cllr Hulland.

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

- a) Nothing to report.
- b) Cllr Worden informed Councillors the number of staff at NDC with Covid-19 has recently reduced.
Cllr Worden stated that he was disappointed in the delay at appointing a vaccine centre at Barnstaple. Cllr Cornelius asked about the high case rate of Covid-19 in North Devon to which Cllr Worden replied there was no specific reason for the high number of Covid-19 cases.

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

The Town Clerk suggested a budget meeting date of the 19th January 2021. However, it was pointed out that there was a NDC meeting that night, so the Town Clerk said he would provide some alternative dates. The Town Clerk also mentioned that he was pursuing the potential refund of the S106 monies from Borners Bridge from DCC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.01pm

Chairman.....

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