

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 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 M. J. Kingdon
 Cllr Mrs. C. E. Lock Cllr S. W. Lock
 Cllr S. W. Lock 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. Rev Grandey asked for a brief silence for Andrew Slee who sadly passed away on 11th November 2020

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Mrs King

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed members that all meetings are now being recorded. The Chairman requested that Councillors had their mute button on so that the recording does not pick up any extraneous noises.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

27th October 2020

It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes. A small amendment was made to Item 7a)ii to include 'and larger contractors in the area'.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The following points and observations were put to Cllr Jeremy Yabsley by Councillors and he advised he would investigate any comments/suggestions:

Cllr S Lock – Asked why there was no 7.5 tonne weight limit in Nadder Meadow. He also considered that there should be a 3 tonne weight limit in Queen Street.

Cllr Bushell – Commented that the bus stop near the Old Quince Honey Farm was causing a hazard at the zebra crossing. Cllr Yabsley replied that the position of the zebra crossing has been checked and that it does comply with the regulations. However, DCC are going to check that the lights are bright enough.

Cllr Hulland – Commented that a bus had parked on the zebra crossing zigzag which had blocked the street view.

Cllr Cornelius – Commented that the citing of the bus stop was now in the wrong position and that the Town Council Planning Committee had stated that

when the development was completed, there would be driveways on to North Road that would infringe on the Zigzag part of the crossing.

Cllr Cornelius – Commented that along Mole Ridge Way the single yellow lines were not enforceable as signs had not yet been erected. Also, vans were parked on the pavements and the bollards had not yet been installed at entrance of the Gullacombes Estate.

Cllr Bushell – Asked when a proper road surface would be laid at the top of Parsonage Lane off North Street. Cllr Yabsley replied that there were insufficient funds to complete this at the moment.

7. **SOUTH MOLTON RESIDENTS PARKING PROPOSAL**

Councillors discussed the Residents Parking Proposal and a report detailing all Councillors questions and comments would be circulated and approved by Councillors before being officially sent to DCC as part of the consultation process.

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

a) Nothing to report.

b) Cllr Worden reported on the following items of interest:

- Some North Devon Council Staff had contracted Covid-19 along with a Councillor, as a result staff have had to self-isolate which could lead to delays in collecting refuse and recycling.
- At a remote meeting with the Greater South West Council Leaders it was advised that no decision had yet been made by the Government as to which ‘Tier’ Devon would be placed into. There was also concern expressed about hospital capacities during the pandemic.
- NDC will be helping with the vaccination centre which will be situated in Barnstaple.
- Two grants are available for businesses during the Lockdown – this also includes a Discretionary Grant.
- Universal Credit Claim in North Devon is 1 in 7 for range of 16 - 64 year olds.

9. **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman.....

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