

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD MARCH 2021 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 D. Worden

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**

Cllr Way.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Henderson – Personal – Agenda Item 7 – Given monies to SM in Bloom

Cllr Herniman – Personal – Agenda Item 7 – Given monies to SM in Bloom

Cllr Worden – Personal – Agenda Item 7 – Presided at SM in Bloom meetings

The Town Clerk announced that he would permit a blanket Personal Interest for the three NDC Councillors for Agenda Item 8 due to S106 monies being discussed

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed members that there had been a shooting in South Molton that morning and that three people had been shot with an air rifle, although no one was seriously hurt. He also stated that he had an offer from the Police Commissioners Office to undertake a CCTV survey in South Molton which would be brought back to full Council once received.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley DCC reported on the following items:

- Junction at Mole Ridge Way with North Road - the consultation period will run up to the end of April 2021.
- Skanska are no longer the appointed Contractor for DCC.

Cllr S Lock asked that smaller vehicles should be used when unblocking the drains on the smaller streets.

Cllr Mrs C Lock mentioned that the tarmac patching should be done properly in future rather than temporary patching.

Cllr Bushell advised that it was very difficult to get to Barnstaple with all the Link Road Works. Cllr Bushell suggested that there needs to be diverted route

and that the B roads into Barnstaple need to be accessible. Cllr Yabsley said he would investigate further.

Cllr Hulland mentioned the problem with parking on the approach road to the new Industrial Estate Road to Pathfields and it had been suggested that a Cycle Way be implemented on one side of the approach road. The Town Clerk and Cllr Yabsley said they would investigate this proposal.

7. **SOUTH MOLTON IN BLOOM**

Sue Harrison gave a short presentation to Councillors regarding the structure and future activities that the organisation South Molton In Bloom will be undertaking in order to participate in the Britain in Bloom competition this summer. It was suggested that the Town Clerk approach Spirebourne Ltd in order that their yard behind the Recreation Corner be tidied up.

8. **SKATE PARK**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtains the views from the youngsters that use the Skate Park and that together with Verity Hanson they be invited to the next Council meeting so they might express their preferences for the Skate Park.

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

- a) Nothing to report
- b) Nothing to report

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

The Town Clerk had nothing to report. However, Cllr Cornelius asked why the Town Hall clock was not working. The Town Clerk replied that he was aware that the clock was broken and that he had already asked to the clock repairer to investigate when possible.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman.....

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