

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2021 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr M. Way
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius
Cllr Mrs. J. Footman Cllr P. Henderson
Cllr R. Herniman Cllr M. Kingdon
Cllr Mrs. C Lock Cllr S. 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 Reverend Grandey.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

5. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley (DCC) sent his apologies. The Town Clerk reported that Cllr Yabsley was chasing DCC for their comments on SMTC's consultation on parking issues in South Molton.

6. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) It was unanimously RESOLVED that Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 be approved.

b) It was unanimously RESOLVED that Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21 be approved.

7. **CHEMICAL WEED SPRAYING**

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council should engage the Local Community in tidying up their own streets and that this will initially be promoted by means of a Council Newsletter. It was also agreed that the Town Clerk would investigate friendlier weed killers and try non-chemical means of eradicating weeds. Cllr S Lock abstained as he was concerned about health and safety issues for residents while tidying up their streets.

8. **DCC STREET LIGHT PROPOSAL**

Councillors agreed that this item should be deferred until detailed plans have been received from DCC.

9. REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

a) Cllr Lock informed Councillors that he attended a meeting of the Friends of the Community Woodlands. He talked about the various issues brought up at that meeting.

Cllr Cornelius had attended a DALC meeting for larger Councils where one of the items discussed was virtual meetings which they considered to be beneficial for public participation.

Cllr Bushell reported that South Molton in Bloom had shown an interest in working together with the Town Council in order to enhance the Attenuation Pond Area at Gullacombes.

Cllr Worden praised South Molton in Bloom for all their hard work and he mentioned all the plaques that were being placed around the Town. He also mentioned that NDC had their first face to face full Council Meeting and that the venue was not particularly acoustically friendly.

b) Cllr Worden informed Councillors that Maria Bailey had been appointed Head of Planning at NDC.

Cllr Bushell also mentioned that he was looking into various Agricultural Models and would be liaising with Maria Bailey regarding this.

10. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

The Town Clerk reported that he had, on two occasions, emailed 1610 Ltd regarding the offer that South Molton Town Council had made to the swimming pool regarding free public swimming.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.37pm

Chairman.....

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