

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr M. Way
 Cllr M. Cornelius Cllr Mrs. J. Footman
 Cllr R. Herniman Cllr. M Hulland
 Cllr S. Lock Cllr 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**

Cllrs Bushell, Henderson, King, Kingdon and Mrs Lock

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman mentioned that next year was the Queens Platinum Jubilee and he asked that Councillors give some thought to possible events to commemorate the Jubilee.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

28th September 2021

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present at the meeting.

7. **TOWN HALL CLOCK REPAIRS**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk request the Cumbria Clock Company to repair the Town Hall clock in the sum of £7,150.00. It was also agreed that the following additional works be included:

- Conversion of the movement to automatic winding for the sum of £4,250.00
- Auto regulator for the sum of £1,180.00.

The Town Clerk did mention that there would be additional costs of £600 per day for the hoist.

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

a) None.

b) Cllr Worden mentioned the following points:

- South Molton in Bloom should be congratulated on winning the "In Bloom Award" and suggested that the Town Clerk write a letter of congratulations to SMIB.
- A strategy meeting was held with the Local Government Association to discuss the priorities for NDC going forward and to

consider the Corporate Strategy.

- A Housing Panel meeting was held which included representatives of Encompass, Estate Agents and other relevant bodies.
- Andrew Austin who worked in the Planning Department at NDC has sadly passed away quite suddenly, all thoughts are with his family at this time.
- Maria Bailey, Head of Planning has now decided to remain in her current role at NDC and has rescinded her resignation.
- There is available £7000 from S106 monies which he suggested could be spent on play equipment for toddlers in Central Park.

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

The Town Clerk reported that the situation with the rats in the Pannier Market has now been resolved as the Contractors have been called in to deal with the problem.

Cllr Cornelius explained to Councillors about Baker Estates and Frog Lane as he and the Town Clerk have been trying to resolve the issue of ownership and the intended removal of one of the hedges.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman.....

Date.....