

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 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 Hulland
 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**

Cllr Mrs King.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

2nd August 2021

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. For: Cllrs Way, Cornelius, Herniman, Henderson, Worden and Bushell. Abstained: Cllrs Footman, Hulland, Kingdon, C Lock and S Lock as they were not present at that meeting.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman mentioned that the meeting could be quite lengthy, so he urged Councillors to keep any discussions as brief as possible.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present at the meeting. The Town Clerk did mention that Cllr Yabsley was still chasing the On Street Parking Review.

7. **SOCIAL/AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

After much discussion it was RESOLVED that, in principle Councillors were in agreement with the concept of Social/Affordable housing in South Molton.

Councillors were not totally comfortable with the site proposed which lies outside the South Molton Parish Boundary. It was further RESOLVED that all options and other plots of land be investigated together with costings. For: Cllrs Kingdon, C Lock, S Lock, Henderson, Hulland, Cornelius and Way. Abstained: Cllrs Bushell, Footman and Worden.

8. **CCTV IN SOUTH MOLTON**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtains full costings together with camera positions and a benefit analysis for the consideration of the Full Town Council.

9. **CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON AND FIREWORK DISPLAY**

It was RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks recommendations that the Fireworks be held on Friday 12th November and the Christmas Light Switch-on to be held on Friday 19th November as per the briefing submitted by Mel James, the Events Manager. For: Cllrs Worden, Kingdon, C Lock, Henderson, Footman, Bushell, Hulland, Cornelius and Way. Abstained: Cllrs Herniman and S Lock.

10. **NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN EAST STREET**

The Town Clerk reported to Councillors that he had managed to source another quote for Christmas lights in East Street at a cost of £1,012.00, minimally over the allocated budget. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the East Street Christmas light quote.

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

a) None.

b) Cllr Worden informed Councillors that:

- A new Senior Management Team had been established at North Devon Council.
- A new Committee on the 5th October 2021 would review the new Local Plan
- There would be a Housing Panel Meeting to discuss the present housing crisis.
- The results for the South Molton in Bloom competition would be announced in October.

Cllr Henderson asked if the Town Council had considered adopting the Road Angel Scheme.

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

The Town Clerk reported that he was finding it difficult to obtain another quote for the Town Hall clock repair and if he was not successful he would check with Councillors if it would be acceptable to bring the one quote back to Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman.....

Date.....