

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 25th JANUARY 2022 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

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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllr Henderson abstained as he was not present at the previous meeting.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Lady Arran to the meeting and asked if Councillors would agree to change Items 6 and 7 around, so Lady Arran could leave the meeting early. Councillors agreed to this.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present at the meeting. However, The Town Clerk informed Councillors that:

- The Parking Review had now been completed and the responses from Highways would be circulated to Councillors for further discussion;
- The grass area to the left of North Road before the Old Quince Honey Farm area does belong to DCC and the Town Clerk has asked that DCC cuts this area during the summer months.
- Queen Street proposed closure will hopefully take place this summer after the Consultation Period.

7. **THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY**

Lady Arran, Vice Lord- Lieutenant of Devon gave a presentation to Councillors regarding the Queen's Green Canopy Project and how this could be progressed further in South Molton. Councillors agreed that a good starting point for the Queens Jubilee Green Canopy Project would be the proposed Arboretum in the vicinity of the Attenuation Pond in the Gullacombes Public Open Space Area.

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

- a) None.
- b) Cllr Henderson mentioned the ‘bad reporting in the press’ of Cllr Bushell at the recent North Devon Council Meeting. Cllr Henderson outlined the reason for Cllr Bushell’s objection, namely that the proposed delegated powers to Officers would be excessive. Cllr Henderson also mentioned that he had ‘called in’ the two applications for the Great Hele Bio Digester applications.

9. **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The Town Clerk advised that the Covid-19 vaccine day in the Town Hall had been very successful, with sixty-six persons being vaccinated and that this included people having the vaccination for the first time. The Town Clerk also mentioned that there had been some trouble with people against the vaccination process, but the Police and the Security Guards asked them to leave.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that repairs to the Town Clock had commenced today.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman.....

Date.....