

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, AMORY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 22ND MARCH 2022 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr M. F. Way
 Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius
 Cllr Ms. J. Footman Cllr P. Henderson
 Cllr R. Herniman Cllr M. J. Kingdon
 Cllr S. W. Lock Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance: Mr. A. C. Coates – Town Clerk

1. **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Michael Grandey.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Lock

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman asked that Agenda Item 7 be deferred to the next meeting as full costings from NDC have not been received.

The Chairman advised that the Queen's Green Canopy Tree Planting in South Molton had been very successful and that he thanked everyone involved especially Lady Arran who spearwww.gov/send-rent-lease-detailsheaded the project.

The Chairman also mentioned that he had attended a fund raising event for The Saunders Good Samaritan Trust on Saturday.

5. **APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved subject to a minor amendment as discussed by the Town Clerk. Cllrs Henderson and Kingdon abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley DCC gave his apologies. The Town Clerk in his absence mentioned the following:

- Officers are progressing the process towards pedestrianisation of Queen Street.
- Highways are looking into the flooding issue at Mill-on-the-Mole.
- Surface repairs at junction with New Alswear Road and Easy Street are to be progressed soon.
- Surface and drains repairs at the bottom of the hill on New Alswear Road are soon to be commenced.

Cllr Bushell asked that the road surface at Parsonage Lane be repaired as soon as possible as had been promised in the past. Cllr Bushell also asked

that the puddle opposite Church steps be considered by Cllr Yabsley, especially in light of the previous reply by DCC.

7. **CCTV IN SOUTH MOLTON**

Deferred until full costings obtained.

8. **FROG LANE**

After a presentation by Cllr Cornelius and Town Clerk it was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtains a full wildlife survey on Frog Lane to present to Baker Estates. Cllr Kingdon abstained.

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

- a) None.
- b) Cllr Worden informed members that NDC were working hard at investigating the Ukrainian situation regarding home placements in Devon. Cllr Worden also mentioned that there would be a consultation period for the "People and Place Project" which runs until 29th April 2022.

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

The Town Clerk had nothing to report.

It was RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business by virtue of relating to legal commercially sensitive matters and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.

It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.31pm

Chairman.....

Date.....