

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GARDEN ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr S. Lock
 Cllr M. Cornelius Cllr J Footman
 Cllr P. Henderson Cllr R. Herniman
 Cllr M. Hulland Cllr M. Kingdon
 Cllr Mrs. C. Lock Cllr M. Way
 Cllr. D. Worden

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

1. **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Reverend Grandey

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Henderson – Agenda Item 8 – DPI – Quoted for signs

Cllr Worden – Agenda Item 8 – Personal Interest - Member of SMIB Committee

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved. Cllr Cornelius and Henderson abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

On behalf of Cllr Yabsley, in his absence the Town Clerk informed Councillors of the following:

- a) Church Walk to be resurfaced;
- b) Junction with Station Road and Pathfields to be resurfaced;
- c) New Road/East Street pothole – Cllr Yabsley attempting to obtain a full resurface of that area;

It was suggested that the Town Clerk write to the local MP requesting further monies from Government for the repair of the many potholes in Devon. Cllr Henderson stated that DCC had little or no money left to tackle the problem of potholes.

The Town Clerk read out an email from DCC regarding the closure of the B3226. He reported that there would be a further road closure extension in this area. Cllr Henderson asked that the Town Clerk write to Cllr Yabsley for a more detailed explanation regarding the roundabout problem.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

8. **SOUTH MOLTON IN BLOOM**

Cllr Henderson left the meeting due to his DPI.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks proposal of updating the three entrance signs for the SMIB Gold Award at a cost of £180.00.

Cllr Henderson re-joined the meeting.

9. **KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that a working party consisting of Councillors C Lock, Herniman and Henderson discuss the weekend Coronation events and to include other community based organisations in the working party.

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

- a. Cllr Worden reported that SMIB may not enter the competition this year. He also mentioned the vandalism at the Community Gardens where by the metal shed was rendered irreparable. They are seeking funds to replace the shed.
- b. Cllr Worden reported on the following:
 - I. NDC was not successful in the Leveling Up Bid for Ilfracombe
 - II. Ashford Parish Council collapsed due to Councillor Resignations therefore the District Council appointed three temporary members.
 - III. An information evening was held for those planning to stand for the District Elections in May.
 - IV. The District Council Allowance will increase by 4.0%. NDC still remains one of the lowest Authorities for Councillor Allowances.
 - V. The NDC element of Council Tax will be set at the Full Council Meeting on 22nd February 2023.
 - VI. The Ghanaians from Shama will be coming to the UK in February.

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

The Town Clerk advised the following:

- a) The Town Hall Clock will have the new auto regulator replaced on Thursday, so the clock will always show the correct time.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan – looking into recommencing this after the Local Elections.
- c) A 20 mile/hour speed limit for South Molton will be applied for to DCC.
- d) Social Housing – The Newsletter will be circulated to Councillors this week. The Public Consultation Meeting will be held on the 7th March 2023 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.41pm

Chairman.....

Date.....