

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM

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

In Attendance: Andrew Coates – Town Clerk

1. **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Reverend Grandey

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Hulland

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None..

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Wayne Martin and Stephen Hinchliffe to the meeting in an observation capacity ready to commence their duties as new Councillors in May.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved subject to the amendment being made to Item 7. Cllr Footman abstained as she was not present at that meeting.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present, but the Town Clerk in his absence reported on the following:

- Works on the puddle area opposite Church Walk steps to be actioned soon;
- Church Street to be resurfaced awaiting Contractor;
- Queen Street Closure – Safety Audit has been agreed and DCC are waiting for the traffic order to be completed.
- Mole Ridge Way – Awaiting Contractor to expedite the yellow lines. This is being followed up by the Town Clerk and Cllr Yabsley on a regular basis;
- DCC inspectors recognise the poor condition of the road past Mill on the Mole to the Link Road (A361) and will be patching this road in the near future;
- New Road Junction with East Street – There is a water issue causing these potholes to open up and this is being investigated before anymore patching is undertaken.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

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

a) Cllr Cornelius had today attended a Link Road Conference whereby it was stated that Borners Bridge Junction should be opened up by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June.

Cllr Worden attended a South Molton in Bloom (SMIB) meeting they are tidying up the beds and replanting. They are disappointed at the new signs that the Town Council have purchased, and they will be giving a presentation to the Councillors in May. Cllr Worden also mentioned that the Community Gardens were looking very tidy and that the new shed had been built.

b) Cllr Worden reported on the following:

a. District elections are next week 4<sup>th</sup> May. Two Polling Stations are being used, the Methodist Church and the Amory Centre.

b. Important NDC Planning Committee Meeting to be held tomorrow regarding Baker Estates and the potential non-completion of the distributor link at Gunswell Lane.

c. Barnstaple Pannier Market – Reopening yet to be confirmed but will hopefully reopen in the coming months.

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

The Town Clerk reported that the next two Full Council Meetings will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meeting of the Town Council) and 23<sup>rd</sup> May Full Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.32pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

**TOWN COUNCIL – 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**  
**APPENDIX A**

**TOWN HALL BOILER REPLACEMENT**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the the proposal to appoint Mark Berry to install two new boilers for the Town Hall at the quoted price.