

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL; SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr Ms J. Footman
 Cllr Miss V. Burnham Cllr S. Hinchliffe
 Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius
 Cllr P. Henderson Cllr R. Herniman
 Cllr Mrs C. Lock Cllr S. Lock
 Cllr W. Martin Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance: Andrew Coates – Town Clerk

1. **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Reverend Grandey

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bishop.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor stated that she was working on a Specific Code of Conduct to be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

25th July 2023

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be approved.

Town Council

8th September 2023

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved. Cllrs Henderson and Bushell abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present. However, certain items were mentioned by the Town Clerk :

Many of the white lines have been re- painted around the Town and the rest are to be done shortly.

The repair of the paving slabs by the Town Council have been put on hold as Wildanet will soon be taking up the pavements to instal Fast Fibre Broadband.

Ms Harman had mentioned to the Town Clerk about the paving slabs in Mill Street, He informed Members that the funding the Town Council received was only for the paving slabs in the middle of the Town. However the Town Clerk had reported those in Mill Street to DCC.

7. **POLICE TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Sergeant Brown reported to Councillors on the low crime rate in South Molton and stated that the police were tackling Anti Social Behaviour and the current Drug problem. Cllr Worden thanked the police for their presence in the Pannier Market on Market Days when they had their own pitch.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

9. **FRIENDS OF SOUTH MOLTON COMMUNITY WOODLAND**

Due to no speaker from the Friends Committee being present, this item agenda was postponed until the next Council Meeting in November.

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

- a) Cllr S. Lock reported on the recent meeting of the Friends of the Woodland:
 Membership is now 16
 Dormice Boxes to be installed in the woodlands.
 Maps of the woodlands to be introduced shortly detailed the paths and areas where the picnic benches are situated.
 The Town Clerk thanked Cllr S Lock for all his hard work in cutting back several paths in the woodlands.
- b) Cllr Worden updated Members on the progress of the Community Land Trust Group.
 Cllr Bushell reported on the NDC policy meeting regarding the lack of dentistry in North Devon. It was suggested that the Town Clerk writes to John Patrinos of NDC supporting the petition for more NHS Dentists.
 Cllr Worden expressed his dismay that NDC were only having a one day presence here in South Molton in the Amory Centre especially as there was no consultation with the Council or the Town Clerk. It was suggested the Town clerk write to Ken Miles of NDC about this.

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

The Town clerk reported that two items of Play Equipment had been taken out of use due to rotting timbers but that one of them would be replaced fairly shortly. The Remembrance Day Services are to be held on Saturday 11th November at 10.45am by the Cemetery Memorial and the Sunday Service would again be held in the Pannier Market.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.52pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

