

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.00PM

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Present: In the Chair Town Mayor Cllr S. W. Lock  
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr D. J. Goodman  
Cllr M. J. Kingdon Cllr Ms T. Lewis  
Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock Cllr Mrs R. McCool  
Cllr E. J. Moore Cllr M. R. J. Smale  
Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance: Mr M. G. Gingell Town Clerk

150/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Way and White.

151/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

152/14 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY  
BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Nil.

153/14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

154/14 **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Pannier Market Sub-Committee 29 November 2012

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved and the recommendations be adopted. The Clerk reminded members that there had not been a meeting since that date due to lack of business to discuss. The Mayor reported that it had recently been agreed that this Sub-Committee should meet bi-annually. It was RESOLVED that this situation be discussed by the Policy Committee at their next meeting.

155/14 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr M Dean a resident of George Nympton addressed the members on the recent refusal of planning consent by NDC of an Anaerobic Digester at Great Hele Farm which was now going to appeal. Mr Dean referred to the TC Planning Committee's decision to recommend approval in January 2014. Cllr Moore responded with specific reference to the Monitoring Officer at NDC Mr K Miles and Cllr Moore recommended that the Clerk obtains legal advice from him on this subject. A Mr M Tomlin 115 East Street and Ms E Stock 15 The Gavel also addressed the council on the same subject. The Mayor reminded members that the planning application had been submitted and viewed by the TC's Planning Committee before the authority had any knowledge or had been advised that pipes for the proposal were intended to go through land owned by the TC. The

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Clerk advised the Mayor that if any member of the public wished to make representation on this application he has full details of the Planning Inspectorate in his office.

156/14 **PLANNING APPLICATION NO 58050 – DEVELOPMENT OF 172 RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, ROADS, FOOTWAYS, PARKING, LANDSCAPING, DRAINAGE, OPEN SPACE AND PLAY FACILITIES AT LAND OFF NADDER LANE, SOUTH MOLTON**

The Clerk reported that he had received the above major planning application at the end of September 2014 and had forwarded emails to all members to visit his office and view the documents submitted by the developers WainHomes PLC. Due to the nature of this application he had consulted the chair of the Planning Committee and it was agreed that all members should have the opportunity to comment. Members discussed this application fully and it was RESOLVED that at this stage their recommendation was to refuse the application on several issues including road infrastructure and the need to build lifetime homes. Members also request that a meeting with the Lead Planning Officer Ms J Watkins be arranged for members to discuss their concerns direct with her as soon as possible. Following a proposal by Cllr Bushell it was RESOLVED to form a Supplementary Planning Guidance Sub-Committee in order to prepare the necessary document and this committee will have the following appointed members Cllrs Bushell, C. Lock, McCool, Lewis, Worden and the Mayor ex-officio. This sub-committee will convene its first meeting within 4 to 6 weeks and at the request of Cllr Bushell the Clerk will forward the full documentation received from him including the 'Case for Space' report compiled by the RIBA. together with other related reports to the members stated above.

157/14 **YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE**

Members had previously received a report compiled by the RFO/Deputy Town Clerk regarding the above. Members noted the content of this report and the two resolutions required. Following a discussion on the above it was RESOLVED to approve the two resolutions detailed within the report with the sum of £4000 being allocated from the authorities capital monies to aid the project in the first year The Mayor reported on the recent public meeting held on Friday 24 October 2014.

158/14 **DCC – BEECH HOUSE**

At the request of members there was no more to report on the above as a judicial review had been lodged with DCC.

159/14 **DART PARK ALLOTMENTS – BONFIRES/GARDEN WASTE**

This item had been placed on the agenda following the last TC meeting and the Clerk read out an email he had received from NDC regarding the provision of a 1100 litre garden waste bin with a fortnightly charge of £7 per empty. This item had been originally discussed at the request of Cllr Moore who raised concerns with bonfires on this site and complaints received from residents in the near

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vicinity. Much discussion followed and it was RESOLVED that all allotment holders be advised that a waste bin will be provided at no cost to the holders in order to alleviate any further problems with bonfires.

Cllrs Bushell and Lewis voted against this proposal during the voting process thereon.

160/14 **MONTHLY ACTION SHEET**

The Clerk reported that he had attempted to amend the above document as promised but was still not happy with the revised document. He explained that it was just a repeat exercise taken from the minutes of each relevant meeting. Cllr Bushell requested that the flat at No 1 East Street be placed on the next TC agenda for further discussion. He complained that the MAS had not been presented to members for four months but the Clerk stated that the only month it had not been presented was September 2014. It was suggested by Cllr Kingdon that perhaps it would be more useful to have a resume once a month regarding the work carried out by the manual staff and the work planned for the coming month/s. Cllr Moore was pleased to report that the memorial tree had that day been planted in the Community Woodlands as agreed. The tree is local species to Devon called Sorbus Devoniensis and there may be a short service of dedication at 12.30pm on Tuesday 11 November 2014. A suitable plaque will be arranged as soon as possible. Cllr Goodman suggested that perhaps the minutes of each meeting could have a bullet point where the Clerk has been instructed to take the matter further on behalf of members. Cllr Mrs C Lock enquired if meetings had been arranged to review Standing Orders and Care Closer to Home and both the Mayor and Clerk responded. The Clerk will continue with his investigations and report back to members when appropriate. Cllr Bushell raised the issue of Performance Monitoring and the Clerk and the RFO are continuing to make the necessary enquiries and will report to the Staff Committee in due course. Cllr Smale reported that his employers had abandoned Performance Monitoring due to the time it takes to carry out the exercise on a regular basis and is not cost effective.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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